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## Health Center Leaders, Staff Energized at TACHC 2019 Policy & Issues Forum

On Tuesday, January 29, more than 100 health center leaders from over 40 health centers across the state joined TACHC in the Texas Capitol to advocate for community health centers. This year, health center leaders advocated for budgetary issues, including:

- Ensuring adequate funding for Medicaid and CHIP caseload growth and the Healthy Texas Women program
- Addressing critical workforce needs through improving the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program and restoring adequate funding to the Family Practice Residency Program
- Establishing a value-based reimbursement demonstration project for FQHCs, passing a rider to study a payment enhancement in Medicaid and CHIP for trauma-informed care, as well as improving continuity of coverage in Medicaid and CHIP and ensuring health centers can be paid for telemedicine and telehealth services.

Health center executives, staff, and board members conducted nearly 120 legislative visits to educate members of the Texas legislature and staff about health center priorities for 2019. This year's P&I was a strong lesson in the power of relationships! Health center board members were able to secure meetings with legislators who had never before taken a meeting with health centers. Staff established personal connections based on interests and educational backgrounds, and advocates were able to find new possible sponsors and champions for health center legislative priorities. We even found a newly elected legislator who is a former health center patient!

TACHC would like to thank everyone who participated in the P&I this year—especially the first-time attendees. Health center advocacy will not continue without continued leadership development. TACHC would also like to issue a special thanks to Legacy Community Health Services, HOPE Clinic (Asian American Health Coalition), and AccessHealth, for arranging jam-packed schedules and covering additional legislative meetings on Tuesday, and for generally going above and beyond to make sure as many legislators as possible heard from community health center advocates.

If you haven't already, please fill out your [legislative visit report](#) form and [conference evaluation](#). If you'd like to get more involved in legislative advocacy in Austin or at your health center this session, email TACHC Civic Engagement Director [Courtney Weaver](#).

**See the P&I photo slideshows here:**

- [Monday Sessions](#)
- [Tuesday Breakfast Session & Legislative Visits to the Capitol](#)



## 2019 TACHC Membership Directory is in the Mail

With the input of our members and the help of some stellar TACHC staff, the [2019 Membership Directory](#) has been completed and is [available online now!](#) Hard copies (one per center) have been sent out to member centers that were unable to attend last week's P&I Forum.

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## ★ ★ ★ Happy TACHCiversary! ★ ★ ★

### Happy TACHCiversary to the following:

Anita Mitchell since February 7, 2000; Nancy Gilliam since February 4, 2013; and Britt Kushner since February 24, 2014. Thank you for your commitment to TACHC.

# FEBRUARY

## is American Heart Month

### February is American Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease. The good news is that heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for people to make healthier choices.

Make a difference in your community: [Use this toolkit](#) to spread the word about strategies for preventing heart disease and encourage people to live heart healthy lives.

### Upcoming Events



## Communications for Advocacy: *Using Earned Media to Advocate for Your Issue*

Sign up Now for the FREE TACHC Webcast • February 15 • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### Communications for Advocacy: *Using earned media to advocate for your issue*

February 15, 9:00-10:00 a.m. • [Register](#)

Join Peter Clark, Communications Director, Texans Care for Children, for TACHC's complimentary webcast, "Communications for Advocacy: Using earned media to advocate for your issue."

### Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell, LLP Compliance Manual & FTCA Training Discount Tempe, Arizona, February 19-21, 2019

Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell, LLP will be hosting a back-to-back training on February 19th – 21st, 2019 in Tempe, Arizona. The two in-person trainings are [De-Mystifying the Compliance Manual & Its Impact on the Program Requirements](#) and [An In-Depth Look at the Federal Tort Claims Act \(FTCA\)](#). TACHC members will be offered a discount for these trainings at the [Early Bird rate](#) by entering coupon code "TACHC19EB" for an individual training, or by entering coupon code "TACHC19DOUBLE" for both trainings, upon checkout. All attendees will need to create an account on the Feldesman Tucker learning [website here](#) or at [learning.ftlf.com](#), in order to register. [Attached is a one-page guide](#) how to create an account if anyone needs assistance. If TACHC members have issues or questions registering for the trainings or creating an account, they may contact [Kristie Marshall](#) or by calling 855.200.3822.

### Health Management Associates Webinar "Military Competency Among Health Care

### **Providers: Best Practices for Screening, Treating and Coordinating Care of Veterans"**

Military competency is required to understand the unique health care needs of Veterans and the significant challenges they pose for providers. HMA's webinar scheduled for Thursday, February 28 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CST will outline best practices for providers hoping to achieve military cultural health competency and offer a variety of hand-on strategies for immediately improving care to Veteran patients. Executives and clinicians involved in primary or behavioral health practices and health centers staff working directly with screening patients should attend. [Details and Registration](#)

### **National LGBT Health Education Center Conference Set for March 22-24 in Boston**

The HRSA NCA grantee is hosting the conference "Advancing Excellence in Sexual and Gender Minority Health" which will be held at the Boston Seaport Hotel in Boston, MA from March 22, 2019 – March 24, 2019. The conference is appropriate for all members of health care teams, including physicians, behavioral health care providers, physician assistance, nurses, and other staff. For more information or to register, please visit the [conference website](#).

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### **HIT- Clinical Conference Speaker Highlight: Dr. Andrew Schroeder, Direct Relief**

**SAVE THE DATE** to join us at the TACHC HIT- Clinical Conference April 25-27th and hear more from Dr. Andrew Schroeder at his session "Social Media, Crisis Mapping, Data Coordination & Disaster Response Deep Dive." Dr. Schroeder's work focuses on the use of spatial and digital mapping for humanitarian relief and global health. His work has been cited in publications ranging from The Lancet and the International Journal of Cancer to Fast Company, Business Week, and the New York Times. For Dr. Schroeder's recent work with health centers, [please visit this link](#). For more information on the TACHC HIT- Clinical Conference, [please visit here](#).

## **Group Purchasing**

### **New LabCorp Agreement**

A new TACHC/LabCorp Agreement has been emailed to your health center executive. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, please return a signed agreement and required forms to TACHC. If you did not receive a new contract or if you have questions contact [Kathryn Barnes](#). [Read the press release here](#).

## **Government & Finance**

### **2019 TACHC Membership Dues Deadline**

A notice for the 2019 TACHC membership dues was emailed to each Executive Director on January 7. Full or partial payment (as per Payment Policy), must be received by TACHC by 3/1/19; postmarked payments are not acceptable. If you have any questions about the dues payment process, please contact [RexAnn Shotwell](#).

## **Clinical**



**HEALTH CENTER  
RESOURCE  
CLEARINGHOUSE**

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### **New Resource Center from HRSA and the National Association of Community Health Centers**

HRSA and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), a HRSA-funded NCA, developed the [Health Center Resource Clearinghouse](#), which provides an up-to-date selection of high-

quality TA resources relevant to health centers. We created the Clearinghouse to collect, in a single location, all the great resources our TA partners create, including on these priority topics:

- Diabetes
- Behavioral health/SUD
- Special and vulnerable populations
- Health IT/data
- Finance
- Workforce

The site is searchable by keyword, topic area, type of resource, and other search fields. You can submit resources and promising practices to be considered for the site. You also can ask questions about resources and get connected with our TA partners.

### **Oral Health Integration in Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder**

**February 7, 12:00 p.m-1:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)**

This course will provide an overview of the opioid crisis focusing on the oral manifestations of substance use disorder, the integration of oral health services in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs and dental treatment considerations for patients enrolled in MAT programs.

### **Addiction and Pain Summit**

**February 15-17 at AT&T Center /UT Austin • [Details](#)**

To combat the growing addiction epidemic that has resulted from opioid prescriptions for pain management, building partnerships and collaborations is critical. The Texas Society of Addiction Medicine, Texas Health Institute and Superior HealthPlan have joined forces to host a summit that addresses the state of the science in pain management and actions that can be taken to respond to the crisis.

**Registration Special:** Register for the full conference AND book your room at the AT&T Center and receive a discounted registration rate of \$175.00 (A savings of \$75.00 off the full registration rate of \$250.00). When registering for the conference online use the code HOTEL-SPECIAL in the discount code field.

- [Hotel Reservation](#)
- [Summit Registration](#)

### **Laying the Foundation for Obesity Assessment and Management: An Introduction to the AAP Obesity Prevention, Assessment, and Treatment Algorithm**

**March 7 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CST (Hosted by HRSA) • [Join the webcast the day of the session](#)**

Call-in: 888-399-8606 • Passcode: 6921792

### **Cherokee Health systems: Primary Behavioral Health Integrated Care & Addiction Training Academy**

**March 7, 2019 - Friday, March 8, 2019 (8:30 AM - 3:30 PM) • 2018 Western Avenue in Knoxville, Tennessee 37921 • [Details](#)**

### **Texas Annual Primary Care Consortium 7th Annual Summit**

**Save the Date: June 20-21, 2019 • [Details](#)**

**Location: Renaissance Austin Hotel Austin, TX**

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## **[Recruitment & Retention](#)**

**Houston Methodist Family Medicine Residency Program**

TACHC R&R staff will be visiting Houston Methodist's Family Medicine Residency program on February 6th, 2019. If your center has any openings and would like them marketed to these health professionals, please visit [tachc.org/position](http://tachc.org/position) and fill out a position profile by Tuesday, February 5th at 12:00 p.m. Once this profile is completed, your job opportunity will be posted on the TACHC website along with other external sources. If you have any questions feel free to reach [Jonathan Davis](#) or call 512-329-5959.



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