



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cover Texas Now Advocacy Day March 12th**

TACHC and health centers around the state are joining with the Cover Texas Now coalition to fight to close the coverage gap and insure more Texans. We are coming together with other advocacy groups around the state March 12th for a rally and lobby visits in Austin. We need your support and attendance in Austin to close the gap and show our support for community health centers and the important role they play in our communities.

For more information on Cover Texas Now Advocacy Day, [click here!](#) To register for the event, [click here](#) or contact [Courtney Weaver](#) for more information.

### **TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast Series: Improving Performance, Ensuring FTCA Coverage**

March 20: Part 1, HRSA LCDR Shayna Wilborn will present on the important benefits and requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act malpractice coverage for Federally Qualified Health Centers and sharing some lessons learned from the 2014 re-deeming applications.

April 17: Part 2, TACHC Associate General Counsel Cecile Carson will present data from the homework survey from Part 1 of this series, offering recommendations for problem areas and opportunities for performance improvement.

[Click here to see webcast agendas and register for the series.](#) Submit any FTCA questions you would like answered on the webcasts to [Cecile Carson](#) at TACHC.

## **GOVERNANCE and FINANCE**

### **Deadline March 9th: Funding Opportunity from Direct Relief and BD**

**BD Helping Build Healthy Communities** is a multi-year initiative that expands access and improves care for underserved and vulnerable populations throughout the US. The initiative, funded by BD and implemented together with Direct Relief and NACHC, provides awards to community health centers to support innovative approaches to the delivery of primary and preventive health care to underserved and vulnerable populations related to diabetes prevention, treatment, or related comorbidities.

Up to seven (7) Awards of \$100,000 each will be made in 2015 for prevention and treatment programs for patients with diabetes **Deadline to apply is March 9th.** Funds should be used to enhance the program for which the Award is based. Awardees must be present at the NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) conference in Orlando, FL in August 2015 to receive the Award.

## CLINICAL AFFAIRS

### New OC<sup>3</sup> Medical Home Transformation Learning Year Begins April 1st

*The 2015 – 2016 OC<sup>3</sup> Medical Home Transformation Learning Year starts April 1, 2015, and TACHC is now accepting applications from interested health centers.* TACHC is providing a 3-Tier option for the OC<sup>3</sup> Learning Year to customize your individual center's learning needs. Time and space are limited, so don't delay. To apply or for more information, contact **Verne LaGrega**, Clinical Care Coordinator.

### National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Site Application cycle opens 3-31-15

The 2015 **National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Site Application cycle** opens on Tuesday, March 31 for healthcare sites that have never been approved as an NHSC site. Currently there are more than 9,200 NHSC clinicians and more than 15,000 NHSC-approved health care sites providing healthcare in urban, rural, and frontier areas located throughout the country. When the cycle opens on March 31st, facilities will submit an NHSC Site Application through the **Bureau of Health Workforce Program Portal**. There are several resources potential NHSC site applicants may find helpful: **2014 NHSC's Site Reference Guide**. The 2015 Site Reference Guide will be made available on March 31st, **NHSC Site Eligibility Requirements, NHSC Site Applicant Checklist**, All **auto-approved sites**, including FQHCs, FQHC Look-Alikes, American Indian Health Facilities, and Federal Prisons, do not need to apply but must contact their **regional representatives** directly to have their site added to the NHSC system of record.

### Save-the-Date: Healthy People 2020 Mental Health Webinar

Join the Healthy People 2020 webinar Thursday, March 19, 11:00am – noon, CT for a discussion focused on activities and interventions related to mental health disorders. Through four presentations focusing on data, communication efforts and effective implementation strategies at the state level, presenters will explore the importance of mental health and the progress being made to address this public health issue. **Click Here To view more information and register for the webinar.**

## POLICY

### Texas Capitol Update

Have you signed up yet to visit your representative and senator at the Capitol this session? Your conversations and relationships matter. To arrange a visit, contact **Shelby Massey**.

## GROUP PURCHASING

## 340B Recertification Deadline Next Week

Your health center's Authorizing Official (AO), usually the center's CEO, should have received an email from HRSA with a username and password to start the recertification process. Note that the AO has till 3/11/15 to finish the recertification process. **RECERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR TO MAINTAIN 340B ELIGIBILITY!**

In my conversations with HRSA that they want to remind the health centers that during this recertification process:

1. Make certain that **each and every clinic site** of the health center that is listed in the EHB is listed in the OPA database, even if they do not have a pharmacy located at that clinic site. This includes mobile clinics as well.
2. When actually going through the recertification process, be careful to make certain all the clinic addresses match the EHB. Do not rush the process and click through assuming that the addresses are correct.
3. Make certain addresses in the database are an EXACT match to the EHB. If '2nd floor' is part of the address, make certain that detail is listed in the OPA database.

If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**. The best of luck!

## Henry Schein's Worry-Free Flu Vaccine Offering

Once again, Henry Schein, medical (TACHC endorsed distributor), is offering their 2015/16 Worry-Free Influenza Vaccine Program. **The offer expires 3/31/15. Click [HERE](#) for details about the vaccines offered and how to order.**

## Henry Schein's Dental Essentials Line

Henry Schein dental has a new cost effective line of disposable and barrier items called "Essentials" providing high quality for all "Essential" needs - from 2 x 2's to gloves. **Click [HERE for a brochure](#)**, and contact your Henry Schein representative for more information.

## R&R

### TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

CareerMD Job Fair (San Antonio 3/06/15)

PracticeLink Job Fair (Houston 3/18/15)

USAFP Job Fair (Virginia 3/18/15-3/20-15)

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? Complete the **TACHC online position profile**. Contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

## IT

### **HCCN Members, Schedule Your 1 on 1 Training Today!**

Please contact **Todd Radloff** to schedule your HCCN reporting system training session. Email or call for details.

### **Password Strength Tool**

Use this easy, **safe tool to check your password strength**.

### **ICD9 <--> ICD10 Relation Tool**

Use this tool to assist you in finding the **correct ICD10 code set**.

## NEWS

Happy TACHCiversary this month to **Sandra Thompson** (3 years), **Lynn Silver** (2 years) and **Olga Rodriguez** (1 year)!

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel**.

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