



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Start Planning NOW: Fix the Cliff Advocacy Call-In Day, Thursday, March 19**

Thousands of Health Center Advocates will be storming Capitol Hill on March 19 to deliver the Health Center message to Congress during the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum. If you're not coming to Washington for Hill Day, **YOU** have an advocacy job to do back home! Start planning for the Call-In Day (3/19) **NOW** to help amplify the Health Center message that Advocates will be delivering on Capitol Hill - we need thousands of Advocates back home to make calls to urge Congress to ACT to fix the Cliff. YOU can help make their message even stronger that day by planning now to call your Congressional offices and raising your voice for your Health Center. **Click here** for a brief sample script, video and all of the information you need to help you get prepared to call Congress. If you have questions, email us at [\*\*grassroots@nachc.com\*\*](mailto:grassroots@nachc.com).

## **New Educational Materials on Health Insurance Literacy**

Be sure to attend TACHC's Outreach & Enrollment CAC webcast on Wednesday, March 25 from 2:30-4:00pm CT. Be the first to see new bilingual health insurance literacy tip sheets to educate patients and consumers about the Marketplace and using their health insurance. Our contractor, PHASSE2 Consulting, will review the tip sheets. No registration required. CACs will receive the link and any materials through the CAC listserv the day before the webcast, if not earlier. Contact **Sonia Lara** for questions.

## **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.

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **TACHC Booster Session: Special Motivational Interviewing Workshop**

The session will be held at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock on Friday April 10th, 2015 from 8:45am to 12:30pm. (Breakfast starts at 7:30am) Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a person-centered approach to communication and counseling intended to elicit and strengthen intrinsic motivation for positive health behavior

change. It is effective at building a relationship between clinical staff and patient with a focus on shared-decision making. It has been shown to outperform traditional advice giving in the treatment of a broad range of behavioral problems and diseases. Join us for this interactive workshop where you will learn more about MI and be given ample opportunity to practice the skills which can help support your patients make and sustain healthy behavior changes. For more information contact TACHC's **Lily Mitchell**. [Click Here for More Information and to Register](#).

### **National Health Service Corps Site Application Cycle Opens 3-31-15**

The 2015 **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, 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 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), 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: Aligning Forces for Quality Webinar**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is hosting this webinar on **Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 1:00pm-2:00pm, ET** to highlight the **Aligning Forces for Quality Patient Engagement Toolkit** for health care organizations interested in establishing provider-patient partnerships to improve care. [Click Here](#) for more information and to register for the webinar and [Click Here](#) to view all BPHC technical assistance resources.

## **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**

### **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.

## **OUTREACH**

### **New Forms for Community Partners to Complete**

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Enterprise is taking steps to better protect its confidential information. As a part of this effort, all Community Partners must now sign a Data Use Agreement (DUA) and complete an HHS Enterprise Information Security Contractor/Third Party Initial Inquiry (Initial Inquiry) form.

All Partners recently received an e-mail from the CPP team with these documents attached. **They must be completed and returned to HHSC CPP staff via secure e-mail by Tuesday, March 24, 2015.** Please contact **RexAnn Shotwell** for more information about these forms.

## **R&R**

### **TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities**

PracticeLink Job Fair (Houston 3/18/15)

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

UNTHSC Job Fair (Fort Worth 3/26/2015)

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**

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

## **NEWS**

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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