



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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Patterson!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 13th: National Call-In Day to Fix the Health Center Funding Cliff!

We are half way to fixing the funding cliff. Sen. John Cornyn signed onto the letter to leadership supporting health centers. Sen. Ted Cruz did not. Sen. Cruz needs to hear from health center supporters across our state. **Monday, April 13th is national call-in day. Please call 1-866-456-3949, press 2 to speak with Sen. Cruz's office, and ask him to vote yes on HR 2 to support health centers and continue providing much needed healthcare to all Texans.** Need a flyer to share with your health center or a sample script? Contact **TACHC civic engagement director Courtney Weaver.**

TACHC OC³ CPI Webcast: Improving Performance, Ensuring FTCA Coverage

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

HRSA 2015 NHSC Site Application Technical Assistance Webinar

The 2015 **National Health Service Corps (NHSC) New Site application cycle** is now open for eligible health care sites and **will close on June 2, 2015 at 6:30pm, CT. This webinar will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015: 11:00am – 12:30pm, CT** and will provide more information on how to become a NHSC Site. **View the webinar the day of the session.** Connect to the audio line using 1-888-996-4919: Participant Passcode: 8392355.

CY2016 Requirements for FTCA Health Center Medical Malpractice Coverage

HRSA has issued **Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2015-03** to describe the process for Health Center Program grantees to submit initial and redeeming Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) deeming applications for Calendar Year (CY) 2016. Applications are **due by Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 10:59pm, CT.** Technical Assistance (TA) Webcasts will be held on April 2 (Risk Management) , April 8 (Credentialing), and April 9 (Professional Liability) from 1:00pm – 2:30pm, CT. **View more information on this PAL and TA Webcasts.**

POLICY

State Legislative Update

The state legislative session has kicked into high gear with the House passing their version of the state budget for the next two years. **Click [HERE](#) for more info.**

GROUP PURCHASING

HRSA's OPA Registration Window

A reminder that the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) window to register new clinic sites and new contracted retail pharmacies is now open and will close 4/15/15. When the health center registers during this April window, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective July 1st. The next window to register will be July 1-15.

Special Offer from Clarity Diagnostics

Clarity Diagnostics, a supplier of point of care testing, has a very special offer for TACHC members. For a limited time, TACHC members can request a free box of Clarity's HCG tests to try. **Fill out the electronic form and select the type of test you want to try (dip strip or cassette test). Click [HERE](#) or more information on Clarity Diagnostics and their product line. Click [HERE](#) for TACHC member contract pricing.** Clarity's products are available by calling 877-722-6339 or by emailing sales@claritydiagnostics.com. If you have any other questions, you can contact **Lynn Ford**.

OUTREACH

10 Essential Services for CHWs in Public Health Webinar

This **Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN)** webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 12:00pm – 1:00pm, CT and is targeted to Spanish speaking CHWs. The presentation will highlight ten Essential Public Health Services and examples of real life experiences of CHWs in the community. This webinar will be conducted in Spanish only. **Presentation materials will be available in English on MCN's webpage.** View more information and register for the webinar. **Questions?**

R&R

Congratulations for New Hires!

Dr. Vo a TACHC referral accepted an offer for the Family Medicine position with **Regence Health Network**, and we welcome Mr. Paul Begnoche also a TACHC referral as accepting the CEO position with **Ellis County Coalition for Health Options dba Hope Clinic!**

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

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

Congratulations **AccessHealth** for receiving **NCQA PCMH Level 3 Recognition** for your Richmond Center!

Welcome to **new Community Healthcare Center CEO Allen Patterson** who started March 30th.

Happy **TACHCiversary** to Daniel Diaz (22 years!), Albert Alvarez (7 years), Marcia Falloure (4 years), Danielle Ramos (2 years) and Ramona Whittington (1 year).

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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