



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Civic Engagement Webinar: Storytelling and Effective Advocacy

Please join us for the upcoming **civic engagement webinar on storytelling and effective advocacy** from 12-1pm CT, Tuesday, April 21st. Join us to learn and refine telling your story and advocating for your health center. All staff, board members, and patients are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact

Courtney for webinar access information and to RSVP.

Save the Date: Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition Webcast Series Part 4

TACHC is hosting a Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition webcast series from January through June 2015. **Webcast Series Part 4 is April 30th, 12pm-1pm CST.** Marilyn Masick, M.Ed., CPC, CCP will walk through the most common ICD-9 codes for FQHC providers, crosswalk them to ICD-10 and discuss the associated documentation needs to aid in making the transition to ICD-10 a smooth one for the medical staff at your centers. Each webcast will be recorded and made available for you to share with your medical staff who are not able to attend the live sessions. Each will also include a post-test to ensure your medical staff has learned the key items from the lessons. For more information, please contact **Britt Kushner**.

* We recommend you view the previous webinars in this series prior to watching the upcoming one.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act: What Health Centers Need to Know Resources

National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has produced a fact sheet, toolkit, and webinar on the Veterans Choice Program. **Access the archived NACHC webinar and resources that provide a detailed overview of how health centers can become providers under the VCP.** You will have to log in with your NACHC username and password to access the webinar and resource materials. The resource materials can be accessed by clicking on "view details" underneath the description of the archived webinar and then clicking "launch" underneath each handout. **Get more information on the Veterans Choice Program (VCP).** If you have any trouble viewing the archived webcast or accessing the materials, please contact **Sonia Lara** for assistance.

HRSA 2015 National Health Service Corp (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 7:30pm, ET. This webinar will be held on **Thursday, April 30, 2015: 11:00pm – 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.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Gulf Coast Regional Colorectal Cancer Screening Project

This week, TACHC sent a letter to the UT School of Public Health in support of their grant application for a project to increase colorectal cancer screening in

health centers. This initiative, in collaboration with M.D. Anderson, the American Cancer Society, and the Department of State Health Services, is being led by Dr. Maria Fernandez who has collected letters of support from many of your centers. In conversations with TACHC, Dr. Fernandez outlined her long-term plans to expand the geographic impact of the project to improve colorectal cancer screening rates throughout Texas. If you have questions about this project, please contact **Lily Mitchell** or **Dr. Fernandez**.

POLICY

Bill of the Week

Senate Bill 760 by Chairman Schwertner aims to improve provider access in Medicaid Managed Care. **Go here for a full summary of the bill.** Contact **Shelby Massey** with questions.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We Fixed the Cliff! Thank You All for Participating in Call-in Day

Thank you and congratulations to all the health centers that made phone calls and collected letters in support of fixing the national health center funding cliff. Thanks to your hard work, Congress funded health centers for another two years. A special congratulations goes out to Community Health Development, Inc., Atascosa Health Center, Community Health Centers of South Central Texas, Inc., South Texas Rural Health Services, Inc., United Medical Centers and Vida y Salud Health Systems, Inc., who together made 199 phone calls in two days from area code 830. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and participation. Contact **Courtney** if you want to know how many calls came from your area code! (Note: We only have data on the number of calls made through the NACHC Advocacy Hotline. If you made calls directly to a House or Senate office, this data is unfortunately not reflected.)

GROUP PURCHASING

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** for 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**.

IT

Don't get hooked! Avoiding Phishing Scams

Internet criminals love to use legitimate-looking "Phishing" emails to trick even

savvy users into revealing highly valuable personal data. **Stay out of hot water by visiting the SEC's super guide.**

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

Congress Fixes Health Center Funding Cliff!!

This week, the Senate passed a bill and the President signed into law legislation which includes a two year health center funding extension as well as providing continued funding for the National Health Service Corps and Teaching Health Centers. Next step is to thank your Member of Congress for supporting your health center. The House passed the same bill on March 26th. We will send out more information shortly on ways to thank your Member of Congress. Or, contact TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel** for more information.

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