



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OC³ CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans at FQHCs Part 1, July 24, 9am-11am CT

The Veteran's Choice law which passed in November 2014 allows military veterans to see non-VA providers if the patient is more than 30 miles away from a VA Center, or if the waiting time is more than 30 days. This has increased the number of veterans seen in FQHCs. This **two-part CPI Webcast** geared towards clinicians and behavioral health staff will discuss military cultural competency, focus on the most common clinical and behavioral health issues faced by veterans and highlight effective treatment options for these conditions. Register for the webcast. For more information contact **Sharad Kohli**.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

HRSA Policy on Same Sex Marriages

In light of the recent U.S Supreme Court decision to uphold same-sex marriages, TACHC sought and received HRSA policy related to same-sex marriages. Please review this very important **excerpt from an email provided by NACHC Director of Regulatory Affairs, Colleen Meiman**. For questions or additional information, please contact **Daniel Diaz**.

HHSC Rules on Presumptive Eligibility for Qualified Entities

HHSC final rules on Presumptive Eligibility allow Community Health Centers to become Qualified Entities (QEs). As a QE, health centers can determine if their eligible pregnant patients can obtain short-term Medicaid the same day they receive services while HHSC processes their application for regular Medicaid. Find more information on **HHSC presumptive eligibility rules**. To learn how to become a Qualified Entity, please click on **Become a QH/QE**. For more information on PE in Texas, **visit the new website**. For any other questions, please contact **Sonia Lara**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

SAMHSA-HRSA Webcast on Trauma-Informed Care

You're invited to join a **webcast about trauma-informed care specifically in primary care clinics** on Wednesday, July 28, from 1-2:30pm CT. This session is designed to help you take practical steps to improve your care for people who live with lasting adverse mental and physical health effects from physically or emotionally harmful, or even life-threatening, experiences.

BPHC-HRSA Webcast: Healthy People 2020 and Social Determinants of Health

On Thursday, **July 23, from 11am-12pm CT**, HRSA and BPHC will offer a

webcast about social determinants of health, especially housing security. As health centers strive to meet the needs of patients and communities, an understanding of the social factors that influence health and disease can be profoundly useful in your daily practice.

Registration Now Open for DSHS's Immunization Conference

The Texas Immunization Conference will be held in Austin on November 18-20 this year. If you're interested in attending or even presenting the results of an immunization-related project, please **find more information at this link**.

See Group Purchasing for GSK and Novartis Transaction and Menveo Available on DSHS's Adult Safety Net

POLICY

New TACHC/TAFP Report Links Medicaid Waiver & Coverage Gap in Texas

TACHC and the Texas Academy of Family Physicians this week released a new report that links the Medicaid waiver renewal to the coverage gap in Texas. Find the full report, ***Uncompensated Care and the Coverage Gap: The Role of the 1115 Transformation Waiver in Texas***, on the TACHC website. For more information, contact **Shelby Massey**.

3 Weeks Til National Health Center Week

NHCW check list: 1) **Post your events** to the NHCW website; 2) Invite your elected officials, including state representatives and senators and your **Members of Congress**. Need more info? Contact **Andrea** or **Shelby**.

GROUP PURCHASING

GSK and Novartis Transaction

In case you have not heard, **GSK has acquired the Novartis** vaccine line. What this means to the health center is that the Novartis vaccines will now be manufactured by GSK (Menveo, RabAvert and flu vaccine).

Menveo Available on DSHS's Adult Safety Net

If your health center is purchasing the Menveo vaccine, you may have noticed that the price has increased noticeably recently. Please be aware for your adult uninsured patients that Menveo is now available on the **DSHS Adult Safety Net program**.

R&R

Congratulations Atascosa Health Center, Inc. for a New Hire!

Dr. Abigail Sellers a TACHC referral accepted an offer for the Dentist position

with Atascosa!

TACHC Upcoming Recruiting Events:

AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residence & Medical Students, July 30 – Aug. 1 in Kansas!

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.

TACHC R&R Center Site Visits!

TACHC's R&R team looks forward to meeting with Ellis County Coalition for Health Options dba Hope Clinic, Foremost Family Health Centers & Lone Star Circle of Care to sit down with staff and discuss recruitment and retention needs.

Interested in scheduling a site visit with the R&R staff? Please contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

NEWS

TACHC is hiring a **Database Developer!**

Happy Belated TACHCiversary to **Lily Mitchell** (one year)!

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