



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[32nd TACHC Annual Conference](#)

Early-Bird registration ends Thursday, October 8th

Westin Galleria Hotel is **SOLD OUT**. **Overflow hotel is Westin Oaks Galleria** located at 5011 Westheimer at Post Oak. The group hotel rate is \$159/Queen and Self-Parking is complimentary. Call the StarGroup reservations line directly (1-888-627-8514) by Friday, October 2, 2015 reference the group, TACHC's Annual Conference, in order to receive the group rate over the contracted event dates **Or, reserve rooms online.**

RCHN Chronicles Workshop: Developing Your Health Center History

Join TACHC & RCHN for a workshop **3pm-5pm, Sunday, October 25** prior to TACHC Annual Conference for a demonstration of the newly redesigned **CHroniCles** and **create your own profile documenting your health center's unique community health center story**. There is no charge for the workshop, but participation is limited to staff from 10 health centers. TACHC will work with participating health centers to prepare content prior to the session. **Registration deadline: October 15. Email Andrea Abel to sign up your health center for the workshop.**

OC³ CPI Webcast: Health Center Compensation and Benefits

This month's CPI Webcast will present the results of the TACHC Salary and Benefits Survey of Texas health center executives, providers and clinical support staff along with state and national benchmarks. The **October 16th 9am-11am CT** webcast will offer conclusions and recommendations. Information will be shared again at the TACHC Annual Conference in October.

If already registered for this webcast series, you are all set for the Oct. 16 webcast. For centers that completed the survey but had not yet registered, TACHC will include one line free of charge per center for the Oct. 16 webcast when you register **HERE**. For centers that did not participate in the survey or want extra phone lines into the webcast, you may register **HERE** at a 50% discount from the original registration charge for this webcast series. Contact **Marcia Falloure** at TACHC with any questions.

New Markets Tax Credit Readiness Program

See Governance and Finance

Community Health Center Board Governance Fundamentals

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Empowering Your Patients through Group Medical Care

See Clinical Affairs

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

New Markets Tax Credit Readiness Program

Capital Link is sponsoring a 2-part webinar designed to better inform interested health centers about the **New Markets Tax Credit** process and assist with preliminary readiness activities. The webinars are for health center staff and board members on October 13 and 20, 1pm-2pm CT. To participate, contact Capital Link's **Mark Lurtz**, 636-244-3082.

CHC Board Governance Fundamentals

Sunday, October 25, 5pm-8pm. This is a refresher for health center Board members who have completed TACHC's more detailed on-site Board training and a solid foundation for new health center Board members who missed a TACHC Board training in the past few years. TACHC's Associate General Counsel will present an overview of legal requirements for members of health center Boards of Directors. TACHC's Community Development Specialist will present best practices in monitoring compliance and improving performance. Network and hear each other's' questions/ideas on Board roles and responsibilities and how each center Board operationalizes those. For more information, contact **Cecile Carson**. Register **HERE**. *Registration cost is separate from Annual Conference.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

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Empowering Your Patients through Group Medical Care

This interactive training will be **8:30 am–5:00 pm, Sunday, October 25th** before TACHC Annual Conference and will be capped at 40 participants. Learn about group medical care, which can improve quality and outcomes, eliminate barriers to care, and potentially reduce health care spending. We recommend health centers send a minimum of two participants, including one clinical provider and one care-team member (i.e. MA, health educator, CHW, etc.) who would co-facilitate and/or coordinate groups. There is a discounted rate for registering two or more participants per health center. Click **HERE** to register and for more information. Contact **Sharad Kohli** with questions.

ICD-10 Readiness Email Series and Listserv

ICD-10 has arrived! For the next few months TACHC will be monitoring common ICD-10 issues that crop up in FQHCs. We have created a listserv called **ICD10@tachc.org** that you can use to ask questions and get answers from your colleagues at health centers across the state. If you would like to be on this listserv, please email **Britt Kushner**. If you would like to view the resource information provided in our ICD-10 Readiness email series, you can access it **HERE**.

Million Hearts: Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model Request for Applications

CMS has extended the application deadline for the **Million Hearts CVD Risk Reduction Model** test. Currently, providers are paid to meet specific blood pressure, cholesterol or other targets for their patients as a group. The Million Hearts model will use a data-driven, widely accepted predictive modeling approach to generate personalized risk scores and modification plans for patients. Providers will be paid for reducing the absolute risk for heart disease or stroke among their high-risk patients. **Letters of Intent and applications to participate in the model are due by 11:59 pm ET on Thursday, October 8, 2015.**

October: Domestic Violence Awareness & Breast Cancer Awareness

The HHS Office of Women's Health developed a **fact sheet about health providers' role in screening and counseling for Interpersonal & Domestic Violence**. For more information on preventive health services for women, including those to detect breast cancer, visit **Healthcare.gov**.

GROUP PURCHASING

Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window is Here!

October 1-15 is the window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing. This is also the window if you want to add a new retail pharmacy to contract with for pharmacy services ("bill to/ship to"). When registering in this window of time, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective January 1st.

The registration process occurs electronically via the OPA website. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing till it is listed in the EHB. It is critical for any and all clinic sites that are listed in the EHB to also be listed in the database in order for patients seen at the clinic sites to fill their prescriptions with 340B. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

TACHC Endorses 340Basics for Pharmacy Administrative Services

TACHC recommends using 340Basics if your health center wants to either start or expand its contracts with retail pharmacies by registering during the upcoming window. The OPA registration window is here (10/1-15). TACHC and 340Basics partner together for a pharmacy administrative service that is efficient and cost-effective for both the health center and the patients. 340Basics can help find retail pharmacies to contract with if needed. If your health center is interested in using the TACHC/340Basics program, please contact **Lynn Ford** sooner than later to take advantage of the quickly approaching registration window. For more

information about the program: www.340Basics.com/340Better.

R&R

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TACHC R&R Center Site Visit!

The R&R team is looking forward to meeting with the team at **Central Care on October 13th!** Interested in scheduling a site visit with the R&R staff to discuss recruitment & retention needs? Please contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

NEWS

Congratulations to **CommuniCare Chief Revenue Officer Quiara Sherrard** who recently was recognized by the **San Antonio Business Journal** as one of eight C-level executives who are leading their businesses and organizations to new heights.

Happy TACHCiversary to José Camacho (**31 years**)!

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