



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**32nd Annual Conference: New detailed conference agenda!**

**REGISTER TODAY!** Westin Galleria Hotel is SOLD OUT. **Overflow hotel is Westin Oaks Galleria located at 5011 Westheimer at Post Oak. Group rates good through Monday, October 12.** Call the StarGroup reservations line directly (1-888-627-8514) by Monday, October 12, 2015 and reference the group,

TACHC's Annual Conference, in order to receive the group rate over the contracted event dates. **You may also use this direct link**. The group hotel rate is \$159/Queen and Self-Parking is complimentary.

### **Pre-Conference Workshops**

#### **Empowering Your Patients through Group Medical Care**

**8:30 am-5:00 pm, Sunday, October 25th**, limited to 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.). Discounted rate for registering two or more participants per health center. Click **HERE** to register and for more information. Contact **Sharad Kohli** with questions.

#### **RCHN Chronicles Workshop: Developing Your Health Center History**

**3 pm-5 pm, Sunday, October 25th**. Join TACHC & RCHN for a demo of the newly redesigned CHronicCles ([www.chcchronicles.org](http://www.chcchronicles.org)) 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, 2015**. Email **Andrea Abel** to sign up.

#### **CHC Board Governance Fundamentals**

**5:00 pm-8:00 pm, Sunday, October 25th**. 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 Board members who missed a recent TACHC Board training. Network and hear each other's' questions/ideas on Board roles and responsibilities and how each center Board operationalizes those. Contact **Cecile Carson** for more information. Register **HERE**. \*Registration cost is separate from Annual Conference.

#### **OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast: Health Center Compensation & Benefits**

**Register for the CPI Webcast** (Oct. 16th 9am-11am CT) for 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. Contact **Marcia Falloure** at TACHC with any questions.

## **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.

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast: Health Center Compensation and Benefits**

**See Upcoming Events**

### **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**.

### **ViP's Improving Patient Management During Flu Season Webcast**

This webcast will address traditional and recent advancements in rapid Influenza testing, managing CHC patients with Influenza Like Illness (ILI), approaches for rapid diagnosis and timely treatment, advantages and disadvantages of rapid immunoassay versus molecular methods, wireless surveillance across CHC lab networks and more. To register for the Thursday, Oct 22nd, noon-1pm CT webcast, click **HERE**.

## **POLICY**

### **1115 Transformation Waiver Renewal Update**

On September 30, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) submitted its application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a 5-year extension of Texas' 1115 Transformation Waiver. **See TACHC's summary of the proposal here.**

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **340B Manufacturer Refund**

Information from HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) regarding the recalculation of Zydus Pharmaceuticals 340B ceiling price. The recalculation may impact a refund for your health center. **The details are available at this link.**

## **OUTREACH**

### **Get Ready for Nov 3rd Elections NOW!**

TACHC has palm cards in **Spanish** and **English** to help provide patients more information about how to participate in the November 3rd election. Contact **Andrea Abel** ASAP if you'd like some of these cards to share with patients.

## **R&R**

**OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast: Health Center Compensation and Benefits**

**See Upcoming Events**

## **NEWS**

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