



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

32nd Annual Conference Oct 25-28: **New detailed conference agenda posted!**

Don't miss out on pre-conference workshops.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Empowering Your Patients through Group Medical Care

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 25th before TACHC Annual

Conference, 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

Join TACHC & RCHN for a workshop demo of the newly redesigned CHroniCles (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 extended: October 20, 2015. Email **Andrea Abel** to sign up. **Workshop is 3pm-5pm, Sunday, October 25 prior to TACHC Annual Conference.**

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Behavioral Health Summit, November 19-20, San Antonio

Call the Menger Hotel at 210-223-1328 by October 25th to receive the group rate of \$129/night. **More information.**

SAVE THE DATE! UDS Training, December 3, Austin

Make your discounted group reservation of \$135/night by Wednesday, November

11, 2015 [HERE](#) or at 800-347-0330. [More information.](#)

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

AHA Hypertension Control Funding Opportunity

American Heart Association has \$500,000 available for non-profit healthcare entities in Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming to implement AHA's evidence-based High Blood Pressure Algorithm. The target goal for this RFP is for the healthcare systems to drive a minimum hypertension control rate of 70% and the healthcare system which achieves the highest control rate will receive an additional \$10,000 bonus award. The maximum amount for an individual grant is \$100,000. **Applications** must be submitted online no later than November 3, 2015 at 4:00 PM CST. For more information, contact AHA's **Brion Oaks**, 512-338-2478.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

AHA Hypertension Control Funding Opportunity

See Governance & Finance

Don't miss clinical events at TACHC Annual Conference

We're looking forward to seeing you at TACHC's Annual Conference in a few short weeks where we'll be presenting a number of clinical topics, including sessions on patient loyalty and how clinicians can become involved with advocacy efforts. We're lucky to have Chief Nim Kidd of the Texas Division of Emergency Management joining us to speak about emergency preparedness. You can even join us on Sunday, October 25th for a pre-conference:

Empowering Your Patients through Group Medical Care, which we've planned based on feedback and requests from clinicians.

TACHC's Behavioral Health Summit in San Antonio, November 19-20th

In collaboration with the Texas Council of Community Centers and the Department of State Health Services' Division for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, we will be hosting a **Behavioral Health Summit** November 19-20, 2015 at the Historic Menger Hotel in downtown San Antonio. There will be ample time for networking with FQHC and local mental health authority (LMHA) attendees, as well as informative presentations covering a host of behavioral health topics including integration of services, culturally-informed care, pain and substance abuse and trauma-informed care.

Health Outcomes thru Violence Prevention: Promising Strategies from CHCs

Futures Without Violence is hosting this webinar from 1:30-2:30pm CT on October 21st to highlight a new initiative to improve health outcomes through violence prevention in health centers that are designated as patient centered

medical homes. **View more information and register for this webinar.**

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.**

NEWS

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