



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[32nd Annual Conference: Weather Updates](#)

**New detailed conference agenda posted!** Don't miss out on pre-conference workshops.

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

8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Sunday, October 25th. 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**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Sunday, October 25th. Join TACHC & RCHN for a workshop demo of the newly redesigned CHroniCles ([www.chcchronicles.org](http://www.chcchronicles.org)) and create your own profile documenting your health center's unique community health center story. Contact **Andrea Abel** for more information.

### **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.

### **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 next week 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.

### **The Essentials of a Successful Opt-Out HIV Screening Program**

The Primary Care Development Corporation will present a webinar on October 29th at 11am CST on the topic of opt-out HIV screening programs. This screening strategy was first recommended by the CDC in 2006 and has been shown to decrease stigma around the disease as well as increase testing rates and diagnosis. Click **HERE** to register.

### **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.

### **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**.

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **Agreement with Best Buy**

Centers who are enrolled with the ViP Program - the TACHC endorsed purchasing program with NACHC - there is now a Best Buy contract with competitive pricing on more than 150,000 items available to access. There is **more information at this**

**link.** If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

### **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**

### **Warning: Deceptive Health Insurance Websites**

With OE3 just around the corner, be on the lookout for *websites made to look like healthcare.gov*. These websites have been brought to our attention this week: **ObamaCarePlan2015.org** & **Obamacare.com**.

## **NEWS**

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel**.

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