



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[CFO Data Driven Decision Making, January 12-13, San Antonio](#)

For more information and to register. To receive special group rate at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade, **please make reservation by December 14.** This training is designed for those who have some knowledge and context of a community health center finance department program and the typical day to day decisions that are made by finance department personnel. It is optimum to have a minimum of 6 months experience in order to get the most out of the training, but all are welcome.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

[Budget Period Progress Report \(BPR\) Non-Competing Continuation \(NCC\) Submission Schedule](#)

On Monday, November 30, 2015, BPHC released the FY 2016 BPR NCC application (HRSA-H80-16-008) for grantees with a June 1, 2016 budget period start date. Health centers should check their most recent Notice of Award (NoA) for project period and budget period details. BPR submissions for June 1, 2016 starts are due in HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by 4:00pm, CT on Friday, January 22, 2016. **Instructions and technical assistance materials are available on the BPR technical assistance website.**

[HRSA FY 2015 New Access Points Implementation](#)

Health centers that received a NAP award in August 2015 are approaching the 120-day implementation deadline to verify all proposed sites as open and operational. If a NAP site's implementation will occur past the December 9th deadline, BPHC will follow a progressive action process which provides additional time to meet the requirement. Please contact the center's assigned BPHC Project Officer for guidance if the center will not meet the initial 120-day NAP deadline. ***For more information about NAP site implementation and progressive action see the NAP implementation presentation that was e-mailed to all August NAP award recipients on August 30, 2015.***

[Service Area Competition \(SAC\) Application Deadline Reminder for May 1, 2016 Starts](#)

Applications in response to the FY 2016 SAC FOA (HRSA-16-007) for service areas with a May 1, 2016 project start date are due to **grants.gov** by 10:59pm, CT on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 and in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHB) by 4:00pm, CT on Thursday, December 17, 2015. **Technical assistance materials are available on the SAC Technical Assistance web site.**

[HRSA Oral Health Service Expansion Grant Funding Available](#)

This HRSA Oral Health Service expansion funding is available to applicants from

existing Health Center Program award recipients funded under section 330(e), (g), (h) and/or (i) of the Public Health Service Act. HRSA expects to award 285 grants totaling \$100,000,000. The deadline to apply is January 19, 2016. **More information available here.**

Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach & Enrollment Funding

CMS announced a **funding opportunity to support efforts to reach out to families with children eligible for Medicaid and CHIP** to help get them covered and stay covered for as long as they qualify. Approximately 30 cooperative agreement awards will range in size from \$250,000 to \$1 million over a two-year period. Health centers are eligible to apply. **More information.**

To apply go to **grants.gov** and search for Funding Opportunity Number: CMS-1Z0-16-001 or CFDA Number: 93.767. Proposals are due January 20, 2016. Contact **CMS_TA@grantreview.org** with additional questions.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Acudetox Training January 22-24, 2016 in Las Cruces, NM

Many who attended the Behavioral Health Summit last month learned about Acudetox for addiction prevention and treatment providers. This training is geared towards physicians, RNs, social workers, LPCs, LCDCs and psychologists who work with patients with alcoholism, substance abuse and chemical dependency (including tobacco). Acudetox is meant to be an adjunct to traditional behavioral health care and has been shown to be effective in numerous studies. For more information, **click here** or contact **Ryan Bemis**, DOM, MAOM.

Substance Abuse Treatment: Specific Needs of Women Publication

SAMHSA released a publication to help providers with offering treatment to adult women with substance use disorders. This publication provides gender-specific research and best practices, such as common patterns on initiation of substance use among women and specific treatment issues and strategies. **View the Publication.**

Webcast: Ryan White HIV/AIDS AETC Program Clinical CARE Conference

From Tuesday, December 15 to Thursday, December 17, 2015, a technical conference webcast will be available to provide state-of-the-art research, care and treatment updates as well as an unique learning opportunity afforded by the collective collaboration of the HIV practitioner community. **View more information and register for this webcast. View the preliminary agenda. More information.**

Military Cultural Training for Health Care Professionals

SAMSHA research shows that if a service member or veteran does not feel understood by their health care provider, they are less likely to pursue treatment or adhere to treatment recommendations. To help increase understanding of military culture and veteran nuances, the U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs created a free training “Military Culture: Core Competencies for Health Care Professionals.” **View more information on this training.** For questions, contact **Chris Adams**.

POLICY

TACHC Comments on Proposed Healthy Texas Women & Family Planning Benefit Packages

TACHC recently submitted comments recommending both that the Healthy Texas Women program cover chronic conditions diagnosed through the program and that HHSC not limit the number of visits women can receive at an FQHC. Additionally, TACHC supported HHSC’s proposal to add prenatal services to the Family Planning program. **The full comments can be found here. TACHC’s recommended revisions to the rules can be found here.** For more information, contact **Olga Rodriguez**.

GROUP PURCHASING

American Hospital Association’s 340B Video

The American Hospital Association has developed a brief video on why to protect the 340B drug pricing program. **Click here to watch the video.**

R&R

Congratulations North Central Texas CHC & El Centro de Corazon New Hires!

We’d like to welcome Ms. Ning Huang a TACHC referral who accepted an offer for the Family Nurse Practitioner position with North Central Texas CHC and Ms. Paulina Putman also a TACHC referral who accepted an offer for the Chief Financial Officer position with El Centro de Corazon!

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.

IT

TACHC Database Developer Position

TACHC is hiring a Database Developer. **View more information or apply.**

NEWS

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