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GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Revisions to 2014 Uniform Data System (UDS) Report Instructions

The final Calendar Year 2014 UDS Manual was approved and released by the **Bureau of Primary Health Care** in January 2015. **Please note there are two changes in the manual that supersede instructions provided at the UDS training hosted by TACHC in December 2014.**

Funding Opportunity from Direct Relief and BD

BD Helping Build Healthy Communities is a multi-year initiative that expands access and improves care for underserved and vulnerable populations throughout the US. The initiative, funded by BD and implemented together with Direct Relief and NACHC, provides awards to community health centers to

support innovative approaches to the delivery of primary and preventive health care to underserved and vulnerable populations related to diabetes prevention, treatment, or related comorbidities.

Up to seven (7) Awards of \$100,000 each will be made in 2015 for prevention and treatment programs for patients with diabetes. Funds should be used to enhance the program for which the Award is based. Awardees must be present at the NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) conference in Orlando, FL in August 2015 to receive the Award.

Please Respond to National Health Center Capital Needs Assessment Survey

Capital Link, a national, non-profit organization that has worked with hundreds of health centers and Primary Care Associations over the past 15 years to plan capital projects, finance growth and identify ways to improve performance, is conducting a national capital needs survey. All Texas health centers are strongly encouraged to respond to the survey to provide a comprehensive picture of capital needs to expand our capacity to serve our patients and communities.

Take the on-line survey. For more information, contact Capital Link's Mark Lurtz, Senior Director of Marketing & Project Consulting, 636-244-3082.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

New OC³ Medical Home Transformation Learning Year Begins April 1st

Do you want your center to transform into a patient-centered medical home? Do you want to improve the health outcomes of your patients? Are you interested in increasing your staff and provider productivity? Do you want to improve patient and staff satisfaction at your center? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then TACHC has an exciting learning opportunity to help transform your center and improve your operational and clinical efficiencies. **The 2015 – 2016 OC3 Medical Home Transformation Learning Year will be starting April 1, 2015 and TACHC is now accepting applications from interested health centers.** TACHC is providing a 3-Tier option for the OC3 Learning Year so you can customize your individual center's learning needs. Please be aware that time and space is limited, so don't delay. If you are interested or would like additional information, please call 512-329-5959 or email **Verne LaGrega**, Clinical Care Coordinator.

Veteran Health Services: What Health Centers Need to Know

NACHC is pleased to present the Veteran Health Services: What Health Centers Need to Know webinar, Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. CST. Under new legislation, health centers are rapidly becoming a significant part of the Veterans Administrations push into the private sector to meet the

health care needs of our nation's Veterans. [Click here to register.](#)

POLICY

TACHC Bills of the Week

More Coverage Expansion bills have been filed! Find a synopsis [HERE](#). Contact [Shelby Massey](#) with questions.

This week's highlighted bill also includes the only must-pass bill of the state legislative session- the budget. **The House and Senate have released their base budgets**, and TACHC has summarized the elements relevant to health centers [HERE](#). Contact [Shelby Massey](#) with questions.

GROUP PURCHASING

HRSA's OPA Recertification is in Process

A reminder that your health center's Authorizing Official (AO), usually the center's CEO, should have already received an email from HRSA with a username and password to start the recertification process. Note that the AO has till 3/11/15 to finish the recertification process, but it is highly recommended to not wait till the last minute. **HRSA has some reminders that they want health centers to know about during this recertification process.** Questions? Contact [Lynn Ford](#).

R&R

Congratulations to Asian American Health Coalition for a New Hire!

Dr. Touadrous a TACHC referral accepted an offer for the OBGYN Position with Asian American Health Coalition.

TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

- PracticeMatch (Career Fair in Dallas 2/11/15)

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.

NEWS

Happy TACHCiversary to **Anita Mitchell** (15 years), **Nancy Gilliam** (2 years) and **Britt Kushner** (1 year)!

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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