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UPCOMING EVENTS

[OC3 CPI Webcast: Improving Access & Care For LGBT Patients Part 2](#)

Register Now! You can attend Part 2 on February 20th without attending Part 1. Many health centers may serve LGBT patients but do not know it. This webcast offers health centers an introduction to the LGBT population, including definitions and concepts, the disparities they experience, and the importance of addressing their health care needs. Learn from our guest experts how to end the invisibility of these patients by implementing methods to identify them, customizing your services, creating a welcoming environment, and providing culturally-sensitive care.

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. **Deadline to apply is March 9th.** Awardees must be present at the NACHC Community Health Institute (CHI) conference in Orlando, FL in August 2015 to receive the Award.

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 patient health outcomes? Are you interested in increasing staff and provider productivity? Do you want to improve patient and staff satisfaction? If you answered “yes” to any of these, 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 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.

Disaster Preparedness for Texans

Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Floods and Wildfires – What every Texas should know. These and other disasters frequently occur in Texas. Now is the time to prepare yourself and your family for any emergency. It’s too late to plan once a storm approaches. Follow the easy suggestions at **Ready or Not?** or **¿Estás Listo?**

POLICY

TACHC Bill of the Week

Senator Jane Nelson, chair of the Senate Finance Committee, filed a bill to greatly expand primary care residency programs in the state. **Read a synopsis of the bill 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**.

OUTREACH

Community Partner Program

All Community Partners must now display the "Know Your Rights" poster provided by the HHSC Civil Rights Office in both English and Spanish near computers that Community Partner clients use to access **www.YourTexasBenefits.com**. Community Partners have been asked to print and begin displaying these posters as soon as possible.

Here are links to PDF files of these posters, which Community Partners can download and print on standard letter-size (8.5 x 11 inches) paper:

- **"Know Your Rights" poster in English**
- **"Know Your Rights" poster in Spanish**

These posters can also be accessed at the **HHSC Civil Rights Office's webpage.**

NEWS

Congratulations **Healing Hands Ministries** for receiving Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance!

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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