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UPCOMING EVENTS
TACHC OC³ CPI Webcast Series: Improving Performance, Ensuring FTCA Coverage
March 20: Part 1, HRSA LCDR Shayna Wilborn will present on the important benefits and requirements of the Federal Tort Claims Act malpractice coverage for Federally Qualified Health Centers and sharing some lessons learned from the 2014 re-deeming applications.

April 17: Part 2, TACHC Associate General Counsel Cecile Carson will present data from the homework survey from Part 1 of this series, offering recommendations for problem areas and opportunities for performance improvement.

Click here to see webcast agendas and register for the series. Submit any FTCA questions you would like answered on the webcasts to Cecile Carson at TACHC.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE
TACHC Membership Dues Deadline March 1, 2015
The notice for the 2015 TACHC membership dues was emailed to each Executive Director in early January. Full or partial payment (as per Payment Policy), is due to TACHC by 3/1/15. If you have any questions about the dues payment process, please contact Lynn Ford or Danielle Ramos.

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.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS
NHSC Loan Repayment Program Accepting Applications
The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is now accepting applications for its Loan Repayment Program which helps primary care providers pay off student loans while serving in communities with limited access to health care. The NHSC loan repayment and scholarship programs have enabled thousands of health care professionals to pursue their dreams of serving in primary care while eliminating most, if not all, of their qualifying educational debt. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this important program, Apply Today!

New OC³ Medical Home Transformation Learning Year Begins
April 1st
The 2015 – 2016 OC³ Medical Home Transformation Learning Year starts 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 to
customize your individual center’s learning needs. Time and space is limited, so don’t delay. To apply or for more information, contact Verne LaGrega, Clinical Care Coordinator.

POLICY
Texas Capitol Update
It’s been a busy week at the Capitol! TACHC members have been testifying at the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees’ budget hearings on health and human services. Thanks to Sherry Hill from Cross Timbers Health Clinics, Inc., Liz Trevino from North Texas Area Community Health Centers, Inc., Carol Edwards from AccessHealth, and County Judge Byron Ryder, Board Members from Brazos Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. for representing health centers so well! You can find their written testimony here. Contact Shelby Massey with questions.

GROUP PURCHASING
Henry Schein’s Dental Essentials Line
Henry Schein dental has a new cost effective line of disposable and barrier items, called Essentials, providing high quality for all Essential needs; from 2 x 2’s to gloves. Click HERE for a brochure, and contact your Henry Schein representative for more information.

OUTREACH
Voter Registration and TACHC Outreach Cards
Elections are over, for now, but voter registration is a year-round activity. Is your health center collecting TACHC Outreach Cards? If so, please send them to TACHC at the end of each month. Need more cards or want to start conducting voter registration at your health center? Contact Andrea Abel with questions or for more cards.

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.

R&R
Congratulations to Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic for a New Hire!
Mr. Jeff Chawenson a TACHC referral accepted an offer for the Chief Financial Officer Position with Los Barrios.

TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

- UNTHSC PA Job Fair (Fort Worth 2/27/15)

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
Please help us welcome TACHC’s new Director of Clinical Affairs Sharad Kohli, MD!

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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