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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## **TACHC OC<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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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