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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Modeling a Successful Finance Department, July 18-19, Austin

Join **TACHC and BKD for this 2-day training** which will focus on the components of a health center financial program with detailed discussions regarding internal controls, segregation of duties, managing aspects of significant financial areas, and financial statement processes that should be in place to help the organization prepare for its internal and external reporting requirements. We will address these items in a practical, detailed manner by working through questions and case studies to help paint a “360 degree” picture of the roles and responsibilities of health center financial staff. **Make hotel reservations by 5:00 PM on June 30th** by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI. The group rate is \$129/single and \$139/double. For questions contact **Daniel Diaz**.

#### GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

##### Performance Measures – Not Just for Clinical Use!

If you thought that quality and performance measures were just something for clinical staff to think about, think again! **CMS has provided an actionable list of performance measures for ICD-10 use**, which can help you identify and address issues related to productivity, reimbursements and claims submissions. Quality improvement starts with measurement, no matter what department you work in. Please contact **Britt Kushner** if you have questions or ideas about ICD-10 progress.

## **Up to \$35,000 in Supplemental PCMH Funding Available from HRSA**

Health centers that received initial Health Center Program operational grant funding in FY 2012 through April 1, 2016 are eligible to apply for supplemental funding to improve quality of care and patients' and providers' experience of care through the PCMH health care delivery model. Through this **one-time supplemental funding opportunity**, HRSA will award approximately \$10 million to support eligible health centers to achieve, expand, and/or optimize PCMH recognition, with eligible health centers able to request up to \$35,000 in supplemental funds. **Applications are due by May 31 at 5:00pm EST.**

## **Capital Link National Capital Needs Assessment**

Capital Link is updating its annual national capital needs assessment, with support from HRSA. **By answering just five easy and quick questions**, your health center will help inform the development of new capital financing programs and technical assistance services for health centers nationwide. Even if your center does not have facility expansion plans in the near future, your participation is still important. For questions contact **Mark Lurtz** or **Jonathan Chapman**.

## **POLICY**

### **Important HHSC Program Change News: HHSC Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Programs**

This week, HHSC pulled down the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) support services RFP and moved towards an open enrollment application for HTW and the Family Planning (FP) program. TACHC views the agency news as a positive step to reduce administrative complexities of participating in these programs. Nothing has changed for those FQHCs who have already re-certified as HTW providers in the TMHP system. If you only want to continue to participate in HTW FFS (for FQHCs-PPS rate) program, you do not need to do anything else except confirm that you have re-certified as a TWHP provider in the past year. If you already submitted a procurement response to the HTW support services RFP, your application will be sent to the Women's Health Team at HHSC to assess your current request. If you did not submit a proposal, the open enrollment will allow you to request these funds during the open enrollment period. The HTW support services and the FP open enrollment application will be posted in about 2 weeks. Contractors will have 30 days to submit an application from the date of posting. The contract effective date is still July 1, 2016. Contact TACHC Policy & Research Association **Mary Allen** for more information.

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **2016 HHS Cross-Systems Summit: Equity in Texas, August 16-17, San Marcos, TX**

The HHS Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities will host a two-day summit this summer to highlight the legacy of equity work in Texas. The summit will be in San Marcos, TX on August 16-17. **Register for the summit at this link.**

### **Webinar: HRSA Office of Regional Operations Addressing Behavioral Health Needs of Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Patients**

HRSA's Office of Regional Operations is hosting this 90-minute webinar **Monday, June 13, 1:00–2:30 p.m. CST** which aims to build competency to address the behavioral health needs of transgender and gender non-conforming patients in a culturally-appropriate manner. The online program will feature promising practices of HRSA grantees. Additionally, the HHS Office for Civil Rights will discuss the proposed nondiscrimination rule under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. **Register Here.**

### **Meeting the Primary Care Needs of the LGBT Population, June 13, Bay City, MI**

The Michigan Primary Care Association is hosting the Summit on Monday, June 13, 2016, 7:30AM to 4:30PM EST in Bay City, Michigan. All current and future direct care providers including clinicians, nurses, nurse care managers, dentists, pharmacists, etc. are encouraged to attend this trail-blazing and ground-breaking conference. National participation is encouraged and all are welcome to attend this one-day learning experience to better normalize and integrate LGBT health in primary care settings. **Register Here.** For more information, contact **Lindsey Naeyaert** or at 517-827-0874.

## **R&R**

### **Congratulations for THREE New Hires This Week!**

We'd like to welcome Dr. Starr Mayen a TACHC referral who accepted an offer for the Dentist position with CentroMed, Dr. Tanseem Abouelseoud who accepted an offer for the Family Medicine position with EI

Centro de Corazon and Leanne Haverkost, FNP who accepted a position at Heart of Texas Community Health Center.

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**

Congratulations to [Brownsville Community Health Center](#) and [Nuestra Clinica del Valle](#)! Their work on Hepatitis C virus infection awareness in partnership with UT Health Science Center at San Antonio was recognized earlier this week with [a reception at the White House](#)!

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? [Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!](#)

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