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**REGISTRATION OPEN & AGENDA POSTED! TACHC 33rd Annual Conference, Oct. 16-19, Frisco, TX**

It's here! The agenda is posted and registration is open for the **TACHC 33rd Annual Conference, Meeting the Quadruple Aim**. The conference is October 16-19 at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa with pre-conference sessions and board & committee meetings October 15-16. Special hotel room rates available until September 26. [Click here to reserve rooms now.](#)



**PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION: Group Visits, October 16, 8:30am-4:30pm**

Are you searching for a creative solution to lower costs, increase access and quality of care, and improve staff satisfaction? Attend the **Group Visits Pre-Annual Conference Session!** Group medical care is an innovative model that does all of this through empowering patients and building community. Due to its emphasis on self-efficacy and peer-to-peer education, group medical visits are particularly well-suited to chronic disease management as well as wellness and preventive visits. In this training, a team of providers

with experience providing group care at health centers in Texas will teach teams of providers and clinical staff the basics of group medical care, from billing to effective group facilitation. For more information contact [Sharad Kohli](#).

### **Webinar: Navigating the Housing Arena from Public to Supportive Housing**

The webinar hosted by the HRSA NCA grantee Community Health Partners for Sustainability is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 from 12:30-1:30pm CST and will focus on the intersection and identification of key stakeholders in the health and housing arena and their role in public and supportive housing and continuity of care. (The webinar will cover different types of public housing and housing for people experiencing homelessness, with a focus on how FQHCs are involved; how to identify and engage local partners in the housing arena to assist with capturing the demographics of their patient population, in particular counting homeless and public housing residents on the UDS Report; and share case studies of FQHCs engaged in supportive housing programs.) [Register here](#).

## **GOVERNANCE & FINANCE**

### **THHSC & TDSHS Announce School Health Program Request for Applications**

Texas Health & Human Services Commission and Texas Department of State Health Services are soliciting applications from existing School-Based Healthcare Centers (SBHC) for Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Funds to expand the delivery of comprehensive primary and preventive health care services to a school-age population that has limited access to healthcare. **Proposals due September 30, 2016. [More Information & Application](#).**

### **CMS Releases Draft 2018 Essential Community Providers (ECP) List**

FQHCs have ***until October 13, 2016*** to submit an online petition for inclusion on the final HHS ECP list for the 2018 benefit year. Centers should review the [draft list of Essential Community Providers](#) to ensure they are listed and the information is accurate. Qualified Health Plans use the Final ECP List to determine who to include in their provider network. Contact TACHC's [Ramona Whittington](#) for more information.

### **Service Area Competition Funding Opportunity Announcement**

BPHC released the FY 2017 SAC funding opportunity announcement for service areas with a May 1, 2017 project period start date. Applications are due to Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, November 7, 2016 and in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. For technical assistance materials, please visit the [SAC Technical Assistance website](#) or contact TACHC Health Center Support Coordinator [Corinne Medina](#).

## **POLICY**

### **More Health Texas Women Information**

HHSC has posted a variety of educational material on the new Health Texas Women program.

- [New website](#)
- [Updated provider resources, including a Texas LARC Toolkit](#)
- [Webinar](#)
- [Downloadable posters and info cards in Spanish and English](#)

## **CLINICAL**

### **Summer's Over, Which Means the Start of Flu Season!**

We're still waiting to hear from the Adult Safety Net program about re-opening enrollment for new ASN sites and will let you know when we have an update. Meanwhile, October 1 is Texas Influenza Awareness Day and DSHS has updated <http://www.texasflu.org/> with local, state and national resources. If you'd like to order health promotion materials about the flu vaccine and other immunizations, you can do so using the [Immunize Texas Order Form](#). They even have coloring books.

### **Expanding the Role of Community Health Workers – Promoting Resiliency**

[Día de la Mujer Latina will be hosting a conference](#) in Houston, September 30 to celebrate and recognize the work of promotoras and community health workers. Email [txpchw2011@gmail.com](mailto:txpchw2011@gmail.com) by

September 27 to register. The cost is \$40, and lunch and beverages will be provided. Sessions will be in both Spanish and English, and there will be a surprise visitor from the White House who will present the President's Letter of recognition.

## **NEWS**

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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