



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[TACHC Clinical Conference, April 7-9, South Padre Island](#)

The conference is for all FQHC clinical staff including medical practitioners, nurses,

dentists, pharmacists and behavioral health providers. This year's theme, "Bringing the Office of the Future into Today," will look at where we are heading in health care and how we can start applying some of these concepts right now. Topics are likely to include integrative team-based care, the use of promotoras and leveraging technology to improve care. Additionally, embedded within the conference will be specific skills-based workshops on self-care, group medical visits, and other topics TBA. The agenda, which is being finalized, is sure to be informative and engaging.

More information.

NCFH 2016 Annual Migrant Health Scholarship Accepting Applications

National Center for Farmworker Health **announces it is accepting applications for 2016 Migrant Health Scholarships** awarded to individuals pursuing a college degree and employed by a Community/Migrant Health Center funded through the PHS 330(g) program. Applicants should be clinical, administrative or support staff members who desire to further their education in a curriculum relevant to migrant health. Nine scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded. **Application information.** Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the 2016 National Farmworker Health Conference, held in Portland, OR in May. Deadline to apply is Friday, March 18. Contact **Janie Favre** for more information.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

UDS is Coming

It's that time of year again! All FQHCs are required to complete their HRSA UDS Reporting by February 15, 2016. If you have any questions about your reporting, please contact TACHC at **billingcoding@tachc.org**. Shortly after February 15, you will receive an email from Nancy Gilliam requesting a copy of your submitted report with instructions on how to download your report. Please get your report submitted to her as soon as you can after receiving the email. TACHC uses this information as we prepare materials for the legislative visits that are part of NACHC's Policy and Issues conference in March.

Webinar Part 2: Assessing How Outreach Increases Revenue & Avoids Costs

Part 2 of the Health Outreach Partners webinar is Thursday, February 11, 2016, 1:00-2:00pm CT. The focus will be increasing revenue and avoiding costs. While intended for health center administrators and outreach program coordinators, we encourage participation of all those interested in understanding the financial benefits of outreach. **Register here.**

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Zika Virus Resources

We're learning more about Zika virus and would like to share this useful collection of information from the **Galveston County Health District**, which includes information

on preventing mosquito bites and limiting mosquito populations. In addition, you can access the **CDC travel advisory** for a full list of the countries involved. More information for providers is available **at this link**. TACHC will continue to monitor developments and share information with you. If you have any questions, please email **Lily Mitchell**.

Upcoming PCMH Events in Houston and Online

On February 5th at the Westin Galleria, NCQA is hosting a free workshop to discuss the most recent evidence-based approaches to screening, treatment and referral in primary care for six disease states: depression, diabetes, dyslipidemia, Hepatitis C virus, obesity and urinary incontinence. This workshop is for practices that have achieved NCQA PCMH Recognition. NCQA will also host an online technical assistance training on Thursday, February 11th, to address questions related to PCMH 2014 standards, the application and survey process. Register by sending an email to **pcmh-grip@ncqa.org**.

CHW Certification and CHW Instructor Certification Classes

Two online classes, one for Community Health Workers (CHWs) and one for aspiring CHW Instructors, will be offered through the National CHW Training Center at Texas A&M. Course completion allows CHWs and instructors to apply for DSHS certification. The classes will cover the eight core competencies of CHWs: teaching, communication, advocacy, service coordination, interpersonal skills, capacity building, organizational skills and knowledge base. For more information about CHWs, please contact TACHC clinical care coordinator **Christina Brito-Tigerina**.

We Want to Hear about Your Centers Integrated Health Care Experiences

TACHC and the Mental Health America of Greater Houston (MHA Houston) are coordinating a collaborative systems-change initiative focused on integrated health care (IHC) – specifically, on financing IHC and preparing medical and behavioral health providers for IHC. As part of the initiative's information-gathering and research process, MHA Houston has developed a survey to collect input from statewide stakeholders. They'd like survey responses by the end of January, though they will continue to accept responses afterwards. They have agreed to share with TACHC the results of integration at TACHCs Member Centers. **Click Here to Answer the Short Behavioral Health Integration Survey**. If you have questions, please contact **Alejandra Posada**.

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Annual Recertification Postponed

HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) has **postponed the Annual Recertification** till further notice for FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes. OPA has not yet determined a new start date. The Authorizing Official (AO) will receive an email with a username and password once recertification begins again later. At this time,

there is no update on when recertification will happen. **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE QUARTERLY REGISTRATION WINDOWS.**

Now is still a good time to:

1. Check the OPA database and make certain ALL clinic address information is current and correct.
2. Check the OPA database and make certain the “Contact Info” name and email is correct. The AO (not the Primary Contact) listed is the person/email that will be getting login details for recertification.

If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

OUTREACH

CMS and TACHC Outreach and Enrollment Update

The **latest CMS snapshot** of total Marketplace enrollment in Texas as of November 1- January 23, 2016 is 1.17 million. Certified Application Counselors (CACs) using the TACHC online reporting tool reported over 34,000 assists since the start of open enrollment November 1, 2015. Open enrollment ends THIS Sunday, January 31, 2016.

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Webinar: Asthma Awareness for CHWs, 2/11/16, 12-1pm CT

Nearly 26 million Americans have asthma, and it is the most common chronic disorder in children. Environmental factors, especially poor indoor air quality, can play a key role in the development of asthma. By becoming aware of these factors, Community Health Workers can help individuals prevent asthma triggers at home, school and work. **Click Here to Register**. For more information contact Maria Bustamante at 1-855-451-8878.

NEWS

Welcome to TACHC new clinical care coordinator **Christina Brito-Tigerina!**

TACHC is hiring a Paralegal and a Policy & Research Coordinator.

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