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UPCOMING EVENTS

Do you have NCQA PCMH Recognition? Webcast: December 14, 12pm-1pm CST

Join us for a special **OC3 webcast to address the new NCQA PCMH 2017 standards and application process** on December 14, 12pm-1pm CST. Caitlin Feller, M.P.P., Director of Clinical Strategy at Community Health Solutions, Inc. will lead this presentation. Ms. Feller is an NCQA PCMH Certified Content Expert and will discuss key issues for health centers currently recognized in the NCQA PCMH program and those considering seeking PCMH recognition through NCQA. Important deadlines, considerations for different levels of recognition and changes to the application process will be part of this presentation. For more information, please contact TACHC's **Verne LaGrega**.

REGISTER NOW! TACHC Policy & Issues Forum, January 30-31, Austin

Building strong relationships with elected officials is key to the long-term well-being of your health center. Learn the latest on upcoming policy issues and effective advocacy tools. Then, join us to meet with your members of the Texas Legislature for Texas Health Center Day at the Capitol. *Board members are encouraged to attend.* **More information and to register for the forum.** To make Omni Austin hotel

reservations at the group rate of \$199/night, please call 1-800- 843-6664. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 6th at 5:00 PM. Contact [Mary Allen](#) with questions.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Join the Party! Request a Health Information Agreement & Launch New Nurse Triage Service

Envolve is a nurse advice line for health center patients to use after hours that more than a dozen TACHC members have expressed interest in. These centers will be part of a cohort that is set to go live with their new system March 1, 2017. You can sign up too! Please feel free to contact TACHC's [Nancy Gilliam](#) or [Corinne Medina](#) with any questions. Ready to start the process now? You can also contact Nancy or Corinne to request a Health Information Agreement and begin the process.

Letter of Support Requests

If you would like to request a Letter of Support from TACHC, please email TACHC's [Corinne Medina](#) along with the project abstract. Once the request and abstract have been received, please allow 2-3 business days for turnaround.

POLICY

New Version of 21st Century Cures Act

A new, more robust version of the [21st Century Cures Act](#) was voted on by the House of Representatives. A [comprehensive summary](#) is available to help walk through each section of the legislation, three of which are major changes that benefit community health centers.

Governors to Play Active Role in Healthcare Reform

Governors from both parties will be on the front lines of healthcare reform next year. We may see a dramatic overhaul of President Obama's signature policy and state leaders are positioning themselves to have a key voice in the potential rewrite. [Read full article here.](#)

CLINICAL

Webcast: Discover HIV Navigation Services: A New Model for Patient Navigation

[On December 15, 2016 \(11am CST\)](#) the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will host a 90 minute webcast to discuss HIV Navigation Services (HNS) framework for health care providers working in clinical settings to optimize the health outcomes of people living with HIV or at high-risk of acquiring HIV.

Webcast: Zika: How Can We Protect Latino Communities in the United States?

[On December 14, 2016 \(12pm CST\)](#) the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will host a webcast for Latino-serving community based organizations and individuals, and will cover basic information on the current outbreak situation, transmission and effects of the disease. Note that this webcast will be in English and the content is the same as what was presented on the September 20th webcast in Spanish. This webcast is not intended for clinicians or healthcare providers.

Webcast: Overview of the CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule

Interested in learning more about the new CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule for Medicare and the Medicaid providers? This webcast, held on [December 14 at 1pm](#) CST, provides an overview of this new rule and an outline of what health centers need to know in order to be in compliance with the new requirements.

Baylor University is Offering a Primary Care Integrated Behavioral Health Program

The goal of this weekend training program (beginning spring 2017) is to equip social workers and psychologists to provide quality behavioral services within the primary care setting. The instructors represent the fields of clinical social work, clinical psychology, and family medicine. Each instructor is actively involved in integrated primary care delivered within a community health center that includes a family medicine residency program. [Click here for more information.](#)

OUTREACH

UPDATE: 2017 Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment

Since Open Enrollment began on November 1, over 2.1 million people nationwide selected a plan using

the [Healthcare.gov](#) platform, including over half a million new consumers and 1.6 million consumers renewing coverage. Despite the recent changes to our political landscape, CACs must continue to educate and inform consumers about affordable health insurance options and help them enroll in a plan that best meets their needs. Remind consumers to enroll in a Marketplace health plan by December 15, 2016 for coverage that begins on January 1, 2017. (Open enrollment ends on January 31, 2017). For questions contact [RexAnn Shotwell](#).

IT

Let's Go Phishing

Lately there has been an increase seen across the US regarding [phishing scams](#) both by email and/or telephone. It is important we advise our staff of such situations. Social Engineering is often used against us. For instance; what would you do if you received an email from your CEO asking to arrange for payment to a particular business you never heard of before? Do you just make the payment or do you confirm with your CEO? Often our websites and social media are used to develop these scams. [Awareness, education and proper action](#) are the best way to safeguard against this. Report all suspicious activity of this nature to your designated security officer.

NEWS

TACHC welcomes new Paralegal [Alfredo Garcia!](#)

TACHC is pleased to announce its [standing and advisory committee members for 2016-2017](#). A big THANK YOU goes out to the appointed health center staff for willing to serve. We look forward to your engagement this coming year.

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!](#)

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 Health Center Support Coordinator [Corinne Medina](#).

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