



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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Editor's Note: TACHC is transitioning to new newsletter software. TACHC will send out this week's Wrap using both tools. You should receive the same content twice but in different formats. If you do not receive the Wrap in the new format or notice any other disruption in receiving the Wrap, please email tachc@tachc.org. Thank you for your patience.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[OC³ CPI Webcast: Importance of Self-care in Providing Care Part 1, March 11, 9-11am](#)

In this webcast, Dr. Ben Brown will discuss the importance of self-care, will help participants determine where they stand on the resiliency/burnout spectrum, and help them develop and successfully implement a personalized wellness plan that will allow them to find joy in their work. **Click here to register.**

NACHC & CDC Zika Teleforum, February 24, 11am-12pm CT

NACHC is hosting a TeleForum to be held on **February 24, 11am-12pm CT**. A CDC expert will discuss specific aspects of Zika including diagnosis, treatment and potential vaccines; the global and U.S. status of the disease; and resources available through the CDC. TACHC will discuss our efforts to provide information to and engage with health centers. Pat Klase, Chief Nursing Officer from Su Clinica, will share information from what her center has implemented on the front line. **Dial in: 1-877-229-8493; Use code 15035 to connect.**

Registration Open! TACHC Clinical Conference, April 7-9, South Padre Island

Geared toward all FQHC clinical staff including medical practitioners, nurses, dentists and behavioral health providers, this year's theme is Bringing the Office of the Future into Today. The conference will look at where we are heading in health care and how we can start applying some of these concepts right now. Topics will 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, oral health and a Clinical Directors' track. **More information and to register.**

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

March 1 Deadline for 2016 TACHC Membership Dues

The notice for the 2016 TACHC membership dues was emailed to each Executive Director in early January. Full or partial payment (as per TACHC Payment Policy), is due to TACHC by 3/1/16. If you have any questions about the dues payment process, please contact **Lynn Ford** or **Danielle Ramos**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

TACHC OC3 Medical Home Transformation Learning Year Begins April 2016

Do you want your center to transform into a patient-centered medical home? Do you want to improve the health outcomes of your patients? Are you interested in increasing your staff and provider productivity? Do you want to improve patient and staff satisfaction at your center? **TACHC is now accepting applications for the 2016 – 2017 OC3 Medical Home Transformation Learning Year.** TACHC is providing a 3-Tier option for the OC3 Learning Year to customize individual center's learning needs. If you are interested or would like additional information, contact **TACHC Clinical Care Coordinator Verne LaGrega**. Completed applications and participation agreements are **due by April 1, 2016**. Please be aware that time and

space are limited, so don't delay.

Zika Update

TACHC continues to monitor evolving information regarding the Zika virus. Provided is some additional information in our attempt to keep you informed with the latest updates:

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has **general information about the disease** including the latest on modes of transmission.
- The CDC recommends special precautions for **pregnant women and women who are trying to become pregnant**. The most up-to-date guidelines include recommendations on serologic testing and ultrasounds for pregnant women who have tested positive or have inconclusive tests.
- The virus can be spread through sexual contact, so it is important that patients and their partners **reduce risk of infection**.
- Discuss travel. Ask all pregnant women about recent travel and about recent or planned travel by their sexual partners. Please visit this link for anyone living in or **traveling to an area** where Zika virus is found. They could be at risk for infection.
- Providers should report suspected Zika virus cases to their **regional or local health department** to facilitate diagnosis and mitigate the risk of local transmission. For positive screenings, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and serologic testing in Texas is referred to CDC.

TACHC is working with Chief Medical Officers and staff at health centers statewide to gather information including where CHCs are in their efforts regarding the Zika virus. Early responses range from **health centers developing written protocols** to active monitoring and utilization of CDC resources regarding the Zika virus. We will keep you up-to-date with further information as it becomes available.

Free Clinical Substance Use Consultation & Resources Available

The Clinician Consultation Center at UC San Francisco offers a free Substance Use Warmline for healthcare providers at 855-300-3595. Consultation is available Monday through Friday, 9am and 5pm CT from addiction medicine-certified physicians, clinical pharmacists and nurses with special expertise in pharmacotherapy options for opioid use. Voicemail is available 24-hours a day.

More information here.

Free Workshop: Joint Commission Accreditation & PCMH Certification, March 19, Washington, D.C.

This workshop held during the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum provides the nuts and bolts needed to understand the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) certification option and Ambulatory Care Accreditation. If you are unable to attend, you can schedule a one-on-one meeting with Lon Berkeley during the P&I to discuss any aspect of accreditation or PCMH certification by contacting **Delia Constanzo**, 630-792-5011. Pre-registration is recommended due to limited space

available. [Click Here to Pre-Register.](#)

POLICY

NACHC P&I Texas Delegation

NACHC P&I is less than a month away. Is your health center attending? If not, please communicate that information immediately to **TACHC Communications Director Andrea Abel**. Andrea is coordinating the Texas delegation this year. Are you a lead health center for your Member of Congress (MOC)? Now is the time to coordinate with other health centers in the MOC's district and set up your meeting. Please share scheduled meetings with **Andrea Abel** as soon as you have them confirmed. Thank you!

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Annual Recertification is Here

HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) annual recertification process that was previously postponed is back for FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes. [In order to maintain eligibility for 340B pricing, recertification must occur during the 6 week window of 2/12-3/9. Do not wait till the last minute!!](#) The Authorizing Official (AO) should already have received an email with a username and password. **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE QUARTERLY REGISTRATION WINDOWS.**

You can listen to a previously recorded webinar about the 2016 recertification process on the **OPA website**, it has excellent tips and best practices to help make this process smooth. The OPA Database Guide for Recertification is also available on the **TACHC website**. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

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