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OE Quarterly Webinar: Getting the Most Out of In the Loop

Join us Tuesday March 22, 11:00am-12:00pm CT for our next Outreach & Enrollment quarterly webinar, no registration required. Health center OE staff will learn more about online community In the Loop where enrollment assisters across the nation interact with each other, troubleshoot problems and learn and share best practices, successes and lessons learned. [More information on the webinar](#). Contact [Sonia Lara](#) with questions.

Clinical Events

We're looking forward to two upcoming clinical events. On March 11th, 9-11am CT, we'll have Part 1 of our CPI webcast on [The Importance of Self-Care in Providing Care](#). April 7-9th, the [TACHC Clinical Conference](#) will be in beautiful South Padre Island. The hotel block pricing expires after Monday of next week, so reserve your room now.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Just When You Thought UDS Was Over...

... HRSA has released a [Program Assistance Letter \(PAL\)](#) that includes proposed changes for the next round of UDS reporting. These changes won't be finalized until the UDS Manual is released, but this PAL will help you anticipate the types of data you may need to report on.

Medicaid Provider Management Enrollment System Survey

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) seeks feedback on functionalities and process improvements for a new online Provider Management and Enrollment System (PMES) to ease the administrative burdens of Medicaid enrollment and re-enrollment. PMES will allow Medicaid providers and providers participating in other state-funded programs to submit an enrollment or re-enrollment application through one centralized portal. [Respond to the survey.](#)

POLICY

Action Needed ASAP: Congressional Health Center Appropriations Letters

Please reach out ASAP to your Representative and Senators **urging them to co-sign the House Bilrakis-Green Health Center Appropriations letter and the Senate Wicker-Stabenow Health Center Appropriations letter supporting continued funding for Health Center Programs.** [NACHC has more information on their website.](#) Please report Members of Congress who sign or commit to sign to federalaffairs@nachc.org or aabel@tachc.org. **EVERY** health center needs to contact the Members of Congress!

HHSC's Development of Women's Health Programs

The Women's Health Advisory Committee met at HHSC Monday, February 29th to review the proposed rules for the Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program. TACHC will update members once HHSC has announced the Request for Proposals. In addition, TACHC will provide comments to HHSC on behalf of Texas CHCs before the May 1, 2016 deadline. For more information, contact [TACHC Policy & Advocacy Coordinator Erin Van Landingham.](#)

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

New Zika Resources

There is a [new website for Zika in Texas](#) created by the Texas Department of State Health Services. [TDSHS also announced](#) ramped up Zika efforts, including lab testing at the state's public health lab in Austin, birth defects surveillance and local public health outreach.

In addition, last week NACHC hosted a teleforum about the Zika virus, which included input from TACHC members and staff and Su Clinica. If you weren't able to join that event, the [transcript is now available online.](#) You can also find more resources through this [NACHC blog post.](#)

Last chance: National Acupuncture Detox Association Protocol Training in Austin, March 11-13

We were pleased to have Claudia Voyles, LAc at our Behavioral Health Summit last fall to teach about Acudetox for addiction prevention and treatment providers. She is teaching a full training in the NADA protocol next month at the AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine in Austin. This training is geared towards physicians, RNs, social workers, LPCs, LCDCs and psychologists who work with patients with alcoholism, substance abuse and chemical dependency (including tobacco). Acudetox is meant to be an adjunct to traditional behavioral health care and has been shown to be effective in numerous studies. For more information, [please click this link.](#)

Now Available: Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring Training

[More information about ECRI's trainings.](#)

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](#).

R&R

Congratulations Community Action Corporation of South Texas!

Congratulations to Community Action Corporation of South Texas on their placement of **Dr. Alan Rodriquez, Jr., DDS** and to Community Healthcare Center for the hiring of Nurse Practitioners Min Lee and Karlou Cartwright.

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 **Healing Hands Ministries** for receiving their FQHC Look-Alike designation this week!

TACHC welcomes new **Policy & Advocacy Coordinator Erin Van Lanningham!**

Happy TACHCiversary to Sandra Thompson (4 years) and Olga Rodriguez (2 years).

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