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### **NEWS**

**Jump Start Your Planning for National Health Center Week!**

How is your planning going for National Health Center Week? If you need a jump start to get some ideas going for events, we've got just the thing for you. [Here's a short video full of ideas!](#) If you've already got your center's events planned, be sure to post them on [www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org) and email TACHC's [Courtney Weaver](#) with the details. **CLICK ON THE IMAGE BELOW TO WATCH THE NHCW PLANNING VIDEO!**



### **We Want to Tell Your Success Stories for National Health Center Week**

As we head toward National Health Center Week, we want to tell your story! Stories resonate with people, and are one of the most compelling ways to communicate. We are seeking anecdotes and success stories that highlight the quality care that you provide every day. We want to hear your success stories that highlight integrated services, care coordination, and excellent clinical outcomes. Stories that include patient names and pictures are the best, but make sure to get patient consent before sending personal information. However, we would love to hear anonymous stories as well. Please help TACHC to educate policymakers about the outstanding work that you are doing and email [Brom Hoban](#) or [Corinne Medina](#) with your best stories!

### **TACHC Welcomes Jaeson T. Fournier, DC, to CommUnityCare**

TACHC welcomes Jaeson T. Fournier, DC, who joined CommUnityCare Health Centers on June 5 as CEO. Prior to joining CommUnityCare, Fournier served as CEO for West Side Community Health Services (WSCHS) in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was responsible for the daily operations of WSCHS - Minnesota's largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Dr. Fournier brings vast financial experience and interpretation of data for the improvement of service delivery, operation efficiency, and effectiveness. [Read the story here.](#)



## Spotlight on: Henry Salas, CEO, Community Health Centers of South Central Texas

Henry Salas, Chief Executive Officer for Community Health Centers of South Central Texas is not one to brag about his accomplishments. But accomplished he is.

A Vietnam veteran, Salas learned valuable life lessons as a young soldier serving his country. In 1966, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the Army and trained as a paratrooper. [Read the full story here.](#)



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Register for the Upcoming Oral Health Metrics Convening and ROHDEO

The annual Texas Oral Health Metrics Summit is convening in Austin, TX on June 28 and 29. A Basic Screening Survey standardization session will be conducted on June 28 with the Metrics Summit featuring state and national speakers following on June 29. The standardization session will include how to collect clinical data and data for ROHDEO. [Click Here](#) to learn more about the Metrics Summit and register. If your organization is interested in contributing to the Repository of Oral Health Data Evaluation and Outcomes (ROHDEO), you can register your organization using the link below. ROHDEO Staff are available any time to discuss your program's participation in ROHDEO and how you can collect and submit your data. Please feel free to reach out via phone (210-567-3661) or email ([rodeo@uthscsa.edu](mailto:rodeo@uthscsa.edu)).

#### CEO Institute Set for June 29 in Austin

The purpose of the CEO Development Training would be to provide training, resources and support to help new CEOs, or existing CEOs that would like a refresher, successfully lead a health center in the ever changing healthcare environment. The training would assist CEOs to understand the fiduciary role of the CEO, understand key health center financial measures, identify and utilize key strategies to ensure a productive CEO/Board working relationship, identify appropriate data to guide strategic decision-making and identify key strategies to achieve high performance at the health center. The training will also provide a face-to-face networking opportunity for the CEOs in order to strengthen peer relationships. [View the details here.](#)

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## GROUP PURCHASING

### Henry Schein Dental Offering

Henry Schein Dental has identified a large selection of commonly used items that are great quality and aggressively priced: the Quality Value (QV) Product Listing. These items are already coded to TACHC members for easy access. Included in the QV listing, a new vendor is offering special pricing for their preventative and restorative items for TACHC members: Voco. [A flyer outlining the new offering is HERE.](#)

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## POLICY

### Special Session Set for July 18

On June 6, Governor Abbott called a special session, set to start on July 18, to address [20 issues](#) that were not resolved during the regular session. TACHC will be monitoring legislation to reauthorize the Texas Medical Board, the state agency that licenses and oversees our state's doctors. Another item on the list is a bill that would extend the state's Task Force on Maternal Mortality and Morbidity until 2023. The task force is responsible for studying and providing the state with recommendations on how to curb the rate of mothers dying less than a year after giving birth. Task force members have expressed that they need more time to study causes of deaths among women. For now, we turn our attention to Congress, where the Senate could vote on the American Healthcare Act as early as the week of June 19. Please continue to stay involved as we work through this special session and many important issues at the federal level. For any immediate questions, contact [Mary Allen](#).

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## GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

### 2017 Health Center Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition Quality Awards

Health centers that have PCMH recognition by July 1 may be eligible to receive the 2017 Health Center PCMH Recognition Quality Award.

[View the table of health centers](#) with valid PCMH recognition status and the number of sites with PCMH recognition. If your health center's PCMH recognition information is accurate, no action is needed. If it is not, or if you have questions pertaining to your health center's PCMH recognition information, please [email the HRSA BPHC Quality Division](#) with subject line "2017 Health Center PCMH Quality Awards." Be sure to include documentation of PCMH recognition (for each site, if applicable) on or before Friday July 7.

### 2018 UDS Program Assistance Letter Released

HRSA has released the [new PAL](#) to highlight proposed changes to the UDS for calendar year 2018. The proposed changes include updates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid electronic-specified clinical quality measures, and an expanded telehealth question. The reporting changes detailed in the PAL will be used for reporting data beginning January 1, 2019 and the forthcoming 2018 UDS Manual will include additional details regarding these changes.

### UDS Help

- **UDS Content** such as what data should be included in your UDS report: [Email](#) or call: 1-866-UDS-HELP (1-866-837-4357)
- **UDS Electronic Reporting System:** [Email](#) or dial: 1-877-974-BPHC (2742)

### FTCA PAL 2017-03: CY 2018 Application Requirements for Coverage

FTCA PAL 2017-03 contains the instructions for health centers submitting an FTCA application requesting initial deeming; or an annual FTCA redeeming application for deeming coverage for CY 2018 (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018). The EHB system will **begin accepting deeming applications on June 23**. Applications are due **on or before July 24, 2017** in order to be eligible to be deemed for the entirety of CY 2018 without a gap in coverage.

In order to be deemed or redeemed for the upcoming calendar year, applicants must demonstrate via their

FTCA deeming application that they meet FTCA requirements for risk management, claims management, QI/QA, and credentialing and privileging. The [FTCA deeming application](#) and [associated attachments](#) have been updated to reflect these aligned requirements.

### **FTCA Webcast Now Available on HRSA Website**

A [webcast](#) regarding FTCA CY 2018 deeming applications was broadcast on Monday, June 5, 2017. The FTCA [webcast is now available for viewing here](#) on the HRSA website. You will be prompted to fill out a form with your name and organization prior to viewing the webcast.

### **Meet HRSA's After-hours Requirement, Save Money and Increase Continuity of Care for Your Patients**

The nurse advice line, TACHC's newest service offered through group purchasing, went live in early March. This after-hours support service allows patients to speak to registered nurses that will follow triage protocols and be directed to appropriate care options. Reduce the number of patients being unnecessarily sent to the ER when they cannot reach your center and meet HRSA's after-hours requirement with ease. The flat monthly rate is based on unduplicated UDS patient counts, not call volume. There are no additional fees for translation services and the number of calls is unlimited. Unlike other advice lines, you can *encourage* your patients to utilize this service when your center doors are closed and ultimately provide more continuity of care. For more information, please contact [Corinne Medina](#) or [Nancy Gilliam](#).

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## **CLINICAL**

### **Adult and Childhood Vaccine Webinar Resources**

The Department of State Health Services is excited to present three recorded webinars from The Immunization Partnership on promoting immunizations and immunization requirements. These webinars cover adult and childhood vaccines, as well as how to address parents' concerns about vaccines. You can view all three of them at [this link](#). For more information contact Linc Allen, Public Information Team Lead, Immunization Unit, Texas Department of State Health Services, (512) 776-6266 or go to [Texas Immunizations](#).

### **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Health Center Toolkit**

HRSA collaborated with federal partners and Futures Without Violence to conduct a two-year pilot study with 10 health centers and their social service partners on identifying strategies to address IPV in the primary care setting. These efforts led to the creation of a [virtual toolkit on integrating IPV education](#) into health centers. Through five essential steps, health centers and social service partners can build partnerships, adopt evidence-based interventions, promote patient education around IPV, and enhance practice policies, procedures, and capacities to improve long-term health and safety outcomes for women and their families.

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources**

[COCA's Emergency Preparedness and Response](#) webpage contains information on scheduled and on-demand emergency preparedness and response training resources offered by CDC, other federal agencies, and COCA partners.

### **COCA Digest- CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity**

In this issue: COCA's News and Announcements, CDC Emergency Response (Zika), COCA Partner Resources, Public Health Preparedness, **Natural Disasters and Severe Weather**, and much more. Please view the [COCA Digest in web form here](#).

### **CMS Rule Surveyor Interpretative Guidance Released!**

The highly anticipated Surveyor Interpretative Guidance has been posted for the CMS rule for emergency preparedness. The downloadable [guidance](#) can be found on the CMS page under downloads (bottom of page) along with a surveyor tool.

### **Opioid Addiction Treatment ECHO**

The ECHO Institute, the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and addiction specialists across the country launched the Opioid Addiction Treatment ECHO in January 2017. This teleECHO program provides training in opioid addiction treatment at no cost, delivered right to your clinic, with a variety of bi-weekly schedules to

choose from. It serves HRSA-funded health centers, with a special focus on those that received the HRSA Substance Abuse Service Expansion awards. Using simple videoconferencing technology, healthcare teams connect to a community of learners which offers: Free CME/CEU/CNE; opportunities to present actual patient cases, in a de-identified format, and receive specialty input; addiction treatment training, including management of naloxone/buprenorphine and injectable naltrexone; and a certificate of training completion from Project ECHO and the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Furthermore, participation counts toward the education credits needed by NPs and PAs to obtain the buprenorphine waiver. For more information, visit the website at <http://echo.unm.edu/opioid> or email [opioidECHO@salud.unm.edu](mailto:opioidECHO@salud.unm.edu).

### **Integrated Care Web-Based Meeting**

The HHS Federal Partners Integrated Care Meeting: "State of the Art: Research, Models, Promising Practices and Sustaining Integrated Care", will be held June 22 - 23. This two-day web-based meeting, co-sponsored by HRSA and SAMHSA, will highlight models of integrated care, key findings from the research community, examples of diverse grantee practices regarding service delivery, presentations by HHS agencies, and a wide range of resources to support efforts to build integrated systems of care. [Register for the Integrated Care meeting.](#)

### **IM4Us Conference and Functional Medicine Training**

The [Integrative Medicine for the Underserved \(IM4Us\)](#) Annual Conference will be in Chicago **August 24-26**. The theme is "*Equity and Healing: Integrative Approaches to Bridging Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in Health Care.*" There will be presentations and workshops on trauma/ACEs, integration of services, chronic pain, group visits, and health equity as a whole.

Additionally, IM4Us has partnered with the [Institute for Functional Medicine \(IFM\)](#) to offer scholarships to IFM trainings for providers working in underserved settings. Functional medicine is an approach to medicine that emphasizes identifying and addressing root causes and is therefore ideal for treating chronic disease in low-resource settings. For information about [the conference](#). For more information about [functional medicine and the scholarships](#).

### **IHS and CDC to Host Zika Provider Update June 29, 2017**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Division of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention in partnership with CDC subject matter experts will hold a Clinical Rounds Zika provider update from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM CST on Thursday, June 29. This event is planned to help participants maintain and increase their understanding of transmission and the current domestic and international situation, especially in Indian country; presentation, diagnosis, management and prevention of Zika virus infection; and implications for pregnant women. [Registration required.](#)

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## **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

### **Would You Like us to Help You Recruit?**

**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.**

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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Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Wrap Editor [Brom Hoban](#).

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