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NEWS



National Health Center Week Starts This Weekend!

It's here! The goal of National Health Center Week is to create public awareness of Health Center programs – the work you do – and how you do it. Here are some last minute tips via [podcast from NACHC](#). A significant number of TACHC staff will be visiting health centers this week, and we look forward to helping you celebrate National Health Center Week. Questions? Email TACHC's [Courtney Weaver](#). If you have events planned for your centers, be sure to post them on www.healthcenterweek.org. Also, make sure to send us photos of your events!



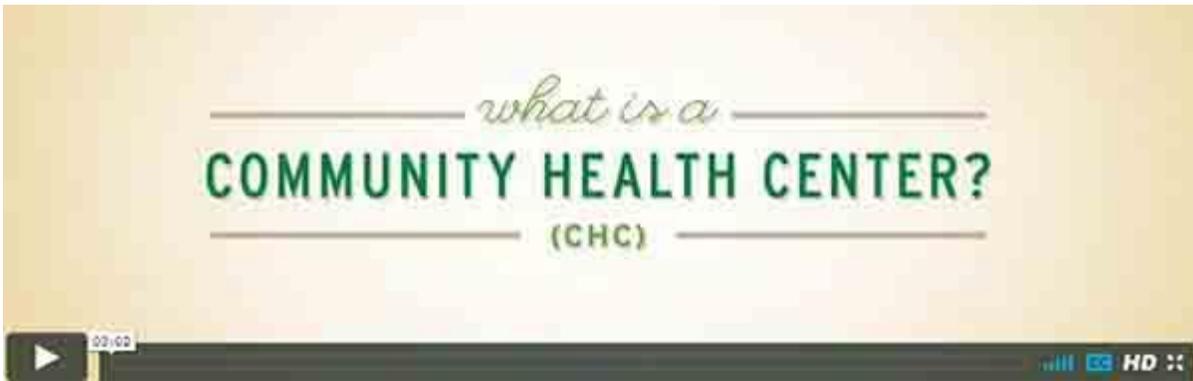
Registration Now Open! TACHC Annual Conference • October 29-November 1, 2017 La Cantera Resort & Spa • San Antonio, Texas

TACHC Welcomes Triangle Area Network

TACHC welcomes our newest member, Triangle Area Network, based out of Beaumont. Their Executive Director, Dena Gray Hughes (pictured at right), has already attended some TACHC events and is "really excited to be a part of such a great organization." Find out more about Triangle Area Network [here](#).



New TACHC Resource: What is a Community Health Center? Video



We are proud to share the Texas version of the “What is a Community Health Center?” video. Created with help from the Hawaii Association of Community Health Centers, this short video is a brief explanation of community health centers and the services they provide the community. Note: Anyone can share or embed this video for community outreach. Only TACHC members have the ability to download of the video, and should have received an email with the video links allowing them to do so.

- [What is a Community Health Center? \(English\)](#)
- [What is a Community Health Center? \(Spanish\)](#)

TACHC members in need of the download link please contact TACHC Communications Director [Brom Hoban](#)

Health Centers Recognized for PCMH

Community Health Development, Inc. has received notification of its Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) re-certification. “Two of our three sites— Our Health/*Nuestro Centro de Salud in Uvalde* and Rolling Hills Health in Leakey are now at PCMH level 3. Canyon Health Center in Camp Wood missed getting level 3 by 1.1 points and is still at level 2. Our staff has done an amazing job and we are so proud of them!” said CEO Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson.

Wellness Pointe-Longview Pediatrics Hits PCMH Level: 2

Wellness Pointe-Longview Pediatrics has successfully been granted recognition for PCMH Level: 2

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wrap Methodology Training Set for August 18 in Austin

A Wrap Methodology Training conference will take place August 18, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at The Capitol. The training is intended to answer any final questions, clarify contracting, and any last-minute procedures before centers begin testing their claim submissions. Please plan to be present, as it is impossible to answer individual questions in the short time-frame that we have. Two people from each center are invited to this meeting. Also invited are representatives from the Commission and the Plans. [Click here to register.](#)

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POLICY

Special Session Update

Special Session began on July 18 and will end on August 18. [SB 20](#) reauthorizes the Texas Medical Board (the state agency that licenses doctors in Texas) until 2019. This bill passed the Senate on July 20 and was sent to the House. The House passed the bill on August 11 and it will now be sent to the Governor for final approval. TACHC anticipates that it will be signed into law quickly.

Following the Special Session, TACHC will be releasing an 85th Legislative Session Wrap Up summary. For

more information on these bills, please contact TACHC Director of Policy & External Communications, [Mimi Garcia](#).

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GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Need a Letter of Support from TACHC?

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

Does Your Center Need a Nurse Advice Line?

If you haven't heard, TACHC recently began offering a Nurse Advice Line through the Group Purchasing program. Following Schmitt-Thompson support protocols, a registered nurse, licensed in the state of Texas, will triage callers when your center doors are closed. This after-hours support service is helping centers significantly alleviate their on-call provider schedules. For some, the nurse advice line is replacing it completely. The service is available 24/7/365, and includes free translation services and unlimited calls. If you would like additional information, please contact [Corinne Medina](#) or [Nancy Gilliam](#).

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OUTREACH



The banner features the 'mytexas myhealth' logo on the left, with 'mytexas' in pink and 'myhealth' in green. To the right, the text reads 'REGISTER NOW!' in bold, followed by 'TACHC Outreach and Enrollment 2017 Conference' in a smaller font. Below this is the slogan 'Together Towards Tomorrow.' in a blue script font. At the bottom, it says 'September 27-28 | Bee Cave, TX' in green and pink text.

TACHC Outreach & Enrollment Annual Conference – Register Now!

Please join us September 27-28, 2017 at the Sonesta Bee Cave - Austin Hotel for the 5th TACHC Outreach & Enrollment Conference: My Texas My Health. Together Towards Tomorrow. The conference will focus on the latest health care policies at both the federal and state levels and what that means for outreach and enrollment activities in health centers, including messages and strategies to respond to any changes. Breakout sessions will highlight an updated session on immigration issues, outreach to Veterans, programs available for women's health and an improved lesson on selecting and comparing Marketplace health plans. There will be opportunities for peer learning and networking for sharing best practices as well. All health center outreach and enrollment staff and supervisors are invited to attend. [Register here](#). Contact [Sonia Lara](#) or [RexAnn Shotwell](#) for more information.

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Medicaid Coverage and Financing of MAT, Current Status, and Promising Practices Webinar

This webinar Hosted by SAMHSA, set for Thursday, Aug. 17, 2:30 -4:00 PM will cover a forthcoming update to the 2014 SAMHSA report on Medicaid Coverage and Financing of Medications to Treat Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders. [Register here](#)

Implementing Substance Abuse Services in Health Center Settings Webinar

This interactive webinar, hosted by SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions, will address

challenges related to the integration of substance abuse and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services in primary care settings. Thursday, Aug. 17, 1:00 to 2:30 PM. [Register here](#). Providers from Cherokee Health Systems and Yakima Neighborhood Health Services (HRSA-funded health centers that are Substance Abuse Service Expansion awardees) will share insights on issues critical to the successful implementation of substance abuse services. For example, workflows for start-up of MAT services, managing complex patients, MAT financing options, addressing stigma, and opioid prescribing protocols.

August is Immunization Awareness Month

Flu season will be here soon! Prepare your organization's flu shot campaign now. We encourage health centers to advise patients to receive all recommended vaccinations. Adult vaccination rates are low. The CDC's [Standards for Adult Immunization Practice](#) provide a helpful framework to ensure full immunization for adults. Most adults are familiar with annual influenza immunization, which may create a convenient opportunity to assess their vaccination status in general. Public and private insurance plans usually cover common vaccinations that adults need without requiring a co-payment. Look for 2017-2018 CDC influenza season resources to become available in the near future. In the meantime, see the CDC's [information about recommended vaccinations](#) and read its recent update, "[Influenza Activity in the United States During the 2016–17 Season and Composition of the 2017–18 Influenza Vaccine](#)."



Centering®

Centering Group Care Trainings & Virtual Information Seminars

Group medical visits are a reimbursable model that fits in the space between fee-for-service and value-based payment. Federally Qualified Health Centers nationwide are increasingly using group visits to increase access to care, improve patient health outcomes, reduce emergency room utilization, and increase patient and provider satisfaction. Group medical visits allow for more education, self-management and peer support when compared to traditional one-on-one visits while still being supportive of cash flow.

Centering© is a particular model of group care developed by the [Centering Healthcare Institute \(CHI\)](#), a national non-profit that provides training and implementation support for practice sites. Centering is well established nationwide, with nearly 500 practice sites across the country, including over 100 in FQHCs. The visit schedule and content follow nationally recognized guidelines and there are numerous publications that show that the models reduce costs to the health system, improve health outcomes, and reduce health disparities.

CHI offers facilitation training that can be adapted to multiple models of group medical visits including: CenteringPregnancy® (group prenatal care), CenteringParenting® (well-child care for the first two years of life), and other patient care groups (diabetes, hypertension, pain management, etc.). TACHC and CHI are partnering to bring specific trainings to members who are curious to learn more about Centering facilitated group care, implementation options, and how group medical visits can fit within their practice and organization.

- [Centering Virtual Information Seminar](#)
- [Part 1: September 7, 2017 12:00 - 2:00 PM CT](#)
- [Part 2: September 14, 2017 12:00 - 2:00 PM CT](#)
- [Part 3: September 21, 2017 12:00 - 2:00 PM CT](#)

Basic Facilitation Workshop October 28-29, 2017

(This workshop is prior to Annual Conference at CommuniCare Health Centers in San Antonio. For more information and to register, contact [Ana Sierra](#).

March of Dimes Grant Opportunity

If you plan on implementing CenteringPregnancy, an opportunity to offset some of the costs may exist through the **2018 March of Dimes Texas Community Grant funding**. March of Dimes Texas is accepting Letters of Intent (LOI) by **August 25, 2017** as a first step in requesting 2018 grant funding. They will be reviewed by the Texas March of Dimes Maternal & Child Health Committee, who will select applicants to submit a full proposal by September 11, 2017. Full proposals will be due October 20, 2017. If Texas FQHCs are planning on participating in the above trainings and implementing CenteringPregnancy, March of Dimes is encouraging them to submit a Letter of Intent, specifically **highlighting that the costs for implementation are significantly reduced due the partnership of TACHC and CHI**.

If you have general grant questions, please contact [Amy Johnson-Rubio](#) with the March of Dimes. For questions on how this can specifically relate to Centering, please contact [Ana Sierra](#).

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 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!](#)**

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 Wrap Editor [Brom Hoban](#).

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