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IT'S HERE! JOIN US AT THE TACHC 34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE!



TACHC 34th Annual Conference • October 29–November 1, 2017 • La Cantera Resort & Spa • San Antonio, Texas

If you have not yet registered, please Register ONSITE at La Cantera Resort & Spa



TACHC Launches Mobile App

TACHC is pleased to announce that we now have a mobile app available in both the Apple and Android app stores. The app is intended to be used year-round. The current focus is on the agenda and materials for TACHC Annual Conference, however, we will be updating the app on an ongoing basis, and adding other events in the near future. Please install the TACHC mobile app on your phone and/or tablet, and try out the various features.

- **Just search for TACHC in your App store**
- When installed, be sure to “Allow Notifications”
- Always a good idea to make sure your iOS/Android software is up-to-date

Funding Cliff Update: Continue Taking Action for the CHIME Act

Please ask your Members of Congress to sign on to the CHIME Act – [S. 1899](#) in the Senate and [HR 3770](#) in the House. The CHIME Act lays out a 5 year extension to Health Center funding. Support efforts to fix the cliff by [sending your Members of Congress a message asking them to co-sponsor the CHIME Act](#).

Additionally, we encourage the use of NACHC’s [social media tools](#) available on the Health Center Advocacy Network’s website. For more information visit: hcadvocacy.org/makethecase.

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Pictured Above; Congressman Conaway and staff, Jim Farley, Board of Directors and Sherry Hill, CEO.

Congressman Mike Conaway Visits the De Leon AccelHealth Clinic

Congressman Mike Conaway and his staff made a visit to the De Leon AccelHealth Clinic. This visit provided an opportunity for the Congressman to connect with AccelHealth patients, staff and board members and hear about the current issues and changes that could affect Community Health Centers. [Read the full story here.](#)



Pictured above: Centro San Vicente staff members

Centro San Vicente Receives “Level 3” Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition
NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home™ standards emphasize enhanced care through patient-clinician

partnership.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) announced that Centro San Vicente is now a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), the highest obtainable recognition. The PCMH is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. According to the NCQA, "medical homes" develop ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Moreover, each patient's care is overseen by a clinician-led care teams that coordinates treatment across the health care system. The Level 3 distinction, which is valid for three years, demonstrates Centro San Vicente's ability to meet the program's key elements. Chief Operations Officer Christina Paz, DNP said that recent efforts to obtain recognition will improve patient care. New and improved clinic systems, she added, will help to maintain happier staff as well as happier patients.

"This new recognition will help to attract new patients to our health centers," Dr. Paz said. "These efforts also more closely align where health care and payers are headed, with our organization having a greater potential to see higher future reimbursements through the delivery of improved clinical services."

Centro San Vicente's Chief Operations Officer Christina Paz, DNP said special thanks needs to be given to Rosa Bolanos who was instrumental in this entire effort. Others who also need to be recognized are Rebecca Rider, Dr. C. Beltran, and Daniel Del Toro for providing unaccounted for time needed on reporting. Melissa Aguirre, Esther Armendariz, Annie Alvarez, Clara Castellon, Cynthia Acosta, and Lisa Hernandez were agreeable in changes made in their work area to allow this recognition to happen. She added that all these individuals worked to ensure procedure change, training, and necessary documentation was provided to NCQA for review.

Harvey Disaster Relief Grant Applications: UPDATE

The first checks from the Harvey Donation Fund have gone out to eligible applications to help with unexpected and unfunded costs CHC staff had due to flooding, wind damage, loss of power, evacuation and loss of income in their households. TACHC received 250 applications from staff living in the Harvey affected counties and employed by 15 different health centers, the vast majority of which are eligible for this funding. We have been able to fund the first 16 at up to \$1000 a piece. TACHC will continue to work to fund eligible applications in first come, first served order if further funds are donated for this purpose.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[UDS Training on December 7 at the Hilton Austin Airport, 9515 Hotel Drive, in Austin.](#)

GROUP PURCHASING

HRSA/OPA's New Information System is Live

The registration component of the 340B Office of Pharmacy Affairs Information System (OPAIS) is now available for all stakeholder use at (<https://340bopais.hrsa.gov>).

The registration component of the 340B OPAIS enhances the functionality and security of the system for both manufacturers and covered entities. The system also increases the integrity and effective use of 340B stakeholder information.

What You Should Do in Preparation for Accessing 340B OPAIS:

1. Review the 340B OPAIS Educational Resource page for "What's New" Information, Recorded Webinars, Recorded Educational Series, 340B OPAIS FAQ's, and 340B OPAIS Public User Guides ([340B OPAIS Public User Guide](#))
2. Create a 340B User Account ([Create a User Account](#))
3. Log In and Manage your 340B OPAIS records
4. Be aware that previously saved 340B Database links will not function Contact [Lynn Ford](#) for more information

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OUTREACH

Election Day is Coming. Early Voting Runs Through November 3, 2017

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 is an important statewide election for Texas Constitutional Amendments. Remember, during early voting you can vote at any location close to where you live or work as long as it's in your county of residence. Polls are open for Election Day Tuesday November 7, 2017. If you need help finding your poll, use our state's [poll finder](#) or call your local election office.



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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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Centering®

Centering Group Medical Visit Trainings

[Basic Facilitation Workshop](#) October 28-29, 2017

The Basic Facilitation Workshop will be held at CommuniCare Health Centers in San Antonio prior to the start of the Annual Conference.

How to Participate:

- **Health centers interested in implementing Centering groups must complete the [Readiness Assessment from the CHI website](#).**
- **Space for the Basic Facilitation Training is limited; therefore health centers will need to [complete the BFT registration form](#).** Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis and approval will be determined based on the results of the readiness assessment and whether the health center is registered/attends all three parts of the Virtual Information Seminar.

- For any questions, please contact [Ana Sierra](#).

The Centering Healthcare Institute (CHI) Implementation Grants Available

CHI has launched an aggressive plan to expand access to the centering model of group health care in communities where group care can have the greatest impact. With this expansion, CHI has developed a program offering technical assistance and implementation services to 130 eligible sites – primarily in health centers – eliminating the financial barrier to those in resource-limited communities. CHI will award these grants in several waves over two years beginning in Jan. 2018. [Learn more and see application information.](#)

Webinar – Shared Principles of Primary Care

On November 2, 2017 2pm to 3pm (CST) please join Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) for the [Shared Principles of Primary Care](#) webcast. Shared principles of primary care is a powerful framework that charts a new chapter for advanced primary care. The Principles were developed through a multi-stakeholder collaborative effort, with leadership from the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative and Family Medicine for America's Health, as well as input from organizations that span all aspects of healthcare including consumers and payers. These principles include seven important attributes of advanced primary care: person and family centered, continuous, comprehensive and equitable, team based and collaborative, coordinated and integrated, accessible, and high value. To date, over 240 organizations have signed on to these Principles that advance a new vision of primary care. This webinar will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the rationale behind the Principles and why they matter in today's rapidly changing healthcare environment. [To Register: Click here](#)

New Clinical Directors Training

Oklahoma Primary Care Association (OKPCA) is excited to partner with NACHC to host the New Clinical Directors Training in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma December 8-9, 2017. While the content of this training is designed for *new* Clinical/Medical Directors, it is open to *ALL* Clinical/Medical Directors. For more information about the training, please visit [OKPCA's website](#). There is a limited number of seats available. [REGISTER.](#)

2017 Uniform Data System (UDS) Manual Re-Released

HRSA has released the [508-compliant, formatted version of the UDS manual](#). While the format varies, the content matches the version of the manual released on Aug. 31. The 2017 manual describes the annual UDS reporting requirements for all health centers that receive federal award funds (grantees), as well as for look-alikes under the Health Center Program. Health center personnel use the manual—a comprehensive guide to the framework of UDS reporting requirements, including data submissions on patients, operations, and clinical performance—as a reference when preparing their center's UDS report. The 2017 UDS Manual is available on the UDS Resources page. Access the [2017 Clinical Performance Requirements Crosswalk](#) and [Program Assistance Letter](#) 2017-02 for more information on changes to the 2017 UDS that will be reported by Health Center Program grantees and look-alikes by Feb. 15, 2018.

Accessing and Using the HITEQ UDS Clinical Analysis Dashboard

The webinar will discuss and demonstrate the newly developed web-accessible dashboards for the HITEQ UDS Clinical Quality Analyses. The dashboards contain a variety of visual and data views of the information reported in the UDS across time and across measures, providing both individual and network organization levels of content, including comparison to other groups of health centers. The information presented will be specific to the organization that is logged in and content will vary based on the type of organization. The webinar will cover accessing the dashboards, the content available, manipulating the views, interpreting the results, and where to find additional tools and resources based on the information found. [Click Here to Register](#)

Hurricane Harvey Information for Providers

Texas Health and Human Services has shared and updated the [Hurricane Harvey Information for Providers FAQ](#). Additional resources can also be found [here](#).
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Assessment of Health Professionals

With the support of HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care, the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved is

fielding a short assessment to gather information on health centers' current experiences with health professions training activities in order to identify potential areas for resources, training, and technical assistance. This assessment takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and should be completed by all health centers regardless of whether or not they are currently training health professions students or residents. Please preview the questions and complete the [assessment online](#). Contact [Allison Abayasekara](#) VP, Training & Programs. Phone: 703-562-8820

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!](#)

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