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TACHC Policy and Issues Forum a Success!

The 85th Texas legislative session is beginning to gather momentum, and community health center leaders and staff from around the state convened in Austin on January 30-31 for the TACHC Policy and Issues Forum to make their voices heard.

Health center CEOs, Board Members and other high level staff learned about TACHC's legislative agenda for the 85th legislative session, and attended sessions over the two-day period covering information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers. They also prepared to conduct legislative visits, and on January 31, met with legislators at the Capitol, engaging policymakers on the health center legislative agenda.



TACHCiversaries

This month at TACHC, so many of our staff are celebrating anniversaries. Thank you so much Anita Mitchell (17 years), Paul Christie (1 year), Britt Kushner (3 years), Dr. Sharad Kohli (2 years) and Nancy Gilliam (4 years) for your dedication and service!

TACHC Welcomes New Staff!

TACHC welcomes new Communications Director, [Brom Hoban](#)!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC HIT Summit!

[The TACHC HIT Summit](#) is March 1-3, 2017 at the Airport Hilton in Austin, TX. The summit is open to all members and all are encouraged to attend. HCCN members, as part of the grant, are authorized for up to 4 people from your center to receive up to \$150 for travel and \$150 for lodging for each member as part of attendance. The final day of the summit is set aside for EHR training on the two most member utilized EHRs; NextGen and eCW. For more information please review the draft agenda on the TACHC Events Page. Please contact [Rick Pena](#) with any questions.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Changes to Refugee Medical Assistance Program

Refugee patients received a letter from Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) stating that their HHS issued Medicaid expired 2/1/2017. With Texas HHS no longer receiving federal funding to assist refugees, The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) is taking over the program. [Andrew Merville](#) is the Texas representative for the USCRI. Please note this new assistance program **WILL NOT HAVE MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**. Therefore, whether referring out or coming to appointments, the refugees will need to coordinate their own rides. This new program will assist with unlimited prescriptions through the

Magellan RX Program.

This program began 2/1/2017. Should health centers need assistance to expedite the credentialing, the contact for Unified Administrators-Point Comfort is [Brandi Peyton](#) 1-317-210-2010, x402.

UDS Report: Timeline and Resources

Health centers can access the Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) to report Uniform Data System (UDS) data for calendar year 2016. All HRSA-supported health centers are required to submit complete and accurate UDS reports by February 15. Upon successful submission, your UDS Report will be assigned to a UDS Reviewer who will work with you through March to finalize your data submission. No changes will be permitted to the UDS report after March 31. It is very important that UDS reports are submitted on time and that the data is verified as accurate. The 2016 [UDS Manual and other resources](#) are available to help you complete your report. The manual includes an introduction to the UDS, instructions for completing each of the tables and information on how to submit the UDS through HRSA's EHBs. For additional support, email [UDS Help](#) or contact via Phone: 1-866-UDS-HELP (1-866-837-4357).

Using Uniform Data System (UDS) Data and Reports for Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement

The UDS technical assistance webcast on January 11 provided detailed information on how health center data stakeholders can access standard UDS reports and interpret and leverage data for tracking performance and quality improvement efforts. In addition, participants explored how to use the UDS audit report and reviewed the process to submit an accurate UDS report. Access the webcast recording [Here](#) and access the UDS resources page [Here](#).

POLICY

Federally Mandated Provider Enrollment for Federally Qualified Health Centers Frequently Asked Questions

Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) has released a list of [frequently asked questions](#) regarding federally mandated provider enrollment in Medicaid for FQHCs. This document clarifies several of the issues health centers faced last year during the Medicaid enrollment process. Please reference the PDF as you continue with new enrollment/re-enrollment. For more information, please contact TACHC's Policy & Research Associate [Mary Allen](#).

CLINICAL

The Texas Repository of Oral Health Data for Evaluation and Outcomes (ROHDEO) Landing Page Goes Live

ROHDEO is a statewide database of oral health indicators contributed by community dental programs in Texas. Data includes demographics, access to oral health care and clinical oral health indicators aggregated by age group and county. Basic Screening Survey (BSS) data is collected by community programs and annually contributed to ROHDEO. The goal of ROHDEO is to promote collaboration among oral health stakeholders through standardized data collection across the state of Texas. [Click Here](#) to learn more about ROHDEO, how to access data and how to contribute.

New PrEP CME Activity Added

HealthHIV announces the updated and expanded professional development course: HIV Primary Care Training and Certificate Program. The FREE online program, comprised of five, self-paced staged courses, has been designed to meet the educational needs of primary care providers and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of individuals at-risk for or infected with HIV. Each activity ranges between .75 and 1.0 credit hours and is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. [Click Here](#) for more information.

National Network of Oral Health Access (NNOHA) new Dental Dashboard

The Dental Dashboard is an interactive resource that allows users to monitor a set of 15 measures through an online data collection tool and a chart presentation tool. Dashboards give a quick status update for key measures and allow health center leadership to monitor factors that affect quality and drive performance. Regularly seeing the data for an organization makes it much easier to respond quickly to areas of concern, or to change courses of action. [Click Here](#) for more information.

HHS White Paper: Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women

The HHS Office of Women's Health report examines prevention, treatment, and recovery issues for women who misuse, have use disorders, and/or overdose on opioids. It establishes a baseline level of understanding of how unique aspects of the opioid epidemic impact women across age, race, geography, and income levels. Access this report [Here](#).

IT

Free HITEQ Webcast

Join HITEQ on **February 21 at 2:00pm CST** for an overview of why data monitoring is important and what we mean when we talk about it. Participants will discuss considerations prior to taking on data monitoring including data validation, transparency and committed resources. Finally, the session will share case studies from organizations that are currently engaging in various types of data monitoring, including organizations that are using population health management systems and other software solutions.

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Annual Re-certification

It is that time of year again.....Annual 340B Re-certification for health centers to maintain their eligibility for 340B pricing! HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) conducted a webcast on January 18 outlining the re-certification process. Though there is not a significant difference between this year and last year's re-certification, members are encouraged to review important [key points from this webcast](#). We also encourage you to keep an eye out for the webcast recording, available soon on the [OPA website](#).

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