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*Patient Exam at Cactus Health Services
Sanderson, TX*

[TACHC UDS Training -December 6th in Austin, TX](#)

The Uniform Data System (UDS) training is a full day program covering the preparation of the 2011 UDS Report. The training addresses each of the tables, including a discussion of the changes that have been made and the definitions necessary to complete the reports. Because additional clinical measures have been added and because problems with reporting these tables persist, tables 6B and 7 will be covered in greater detail than others. Please note that all clinical tables will be addressed in the afternoon with the hope that more clinical staff may be able to attend a half day training. This training is aimed at those responsible for gathering and reporting the data elements included in the UDS report, as well as management and clinical staff who need to understand the definitions and concepts used. This year’s training will be held at the Westin Austin at The Domain. The room block at The Domain has been filled; however, you may still make reservations at the prevailing rate pending the hotel’s availability by calling 1-800-228-3000. Also attached for convenience is a list of alternate hotels in the area (*Northwest Austin Hotels.doc*). To register for this event, click [HERE](#).

[December 16th CPI Webcast: Your CPI Program and 2012 Annual Review Plan](#)

This session will begin with a review by TACHC staff of how a center Compliance and

Performance Improvement (CPI) Program should be structured, offer recommendations regarding health center Annual Plans for CPI Reviews for the coming year, introduce the HRSA Division of Financial Integrity as an example of an outside entity that might review the health center, and remind centers how a robust CPI Program can help a center either prevent or respond to such an external audit. The Director of the Division of Financial Integrity will then present how to ensure financial integrity at a health center, in particular what the HRSA Division of Financial Integrity expects of a health center compliance program. The presenter will also share what items may cause the Division to conduct an audit and how a health center can be prepared to respond to such an audit.

Information regarding all upcoming events hosted by TACHC can be found [HERE](#).

CMS Healthcare Innovation Challenge: This month the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation announced the Healthcare Innovation Challenge, which will award a total of \$1 billion in grants to "applicants who will implement the most compelling new ideas to deliver better health, improved care and lower costs to people enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP, particularly those with the highest health care needs." To apply for this funding, you must submit a letter of intent by December 19th, 2011. For more information and application instructions, click [HERE](#).

1. AHRQ Offers TACHC Members FREE Webinar on “Comparative Effectiveness Research on Type 2 Diabetes Treatments”: On Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 12:00 p.m. (Central), National Association of Free Clinics and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will offer a free Webinar on applying diabetes comparative effectiveness research to diabetes care with underserved populations and explore the value of shared decision making around treatment options. The presenters will identify resources and best practices to help you and your patients improve shared decision making, as well as describe how to address low health literacy and cultural communication barriers among patients with type 2 diabetes. Participants are eligible to receive 1 FREE CME/CE credit, and there is no fee for attending. To register, click [HERE](#).

2. Seasonal Flu Materials for Refugees: The materials are designed to improve knowledge of seasonal flu in refugee populations; thus they are written in eleven (11) different native languages of refugee populations commonly resettled in the United States. They are tailored for low literacy populations by using minimal text and using visual cues to portray seasonal flu information. Titles include “Flu and You”, “Cleaning to Prevent Flu”, Talking to Children about Flu” and “If Your Child Gets Sick with the Flu”. For more information, click [HERE](#).

3. TDSHS & TX/OK AIDS Education & Training Center Present “Fundamentals of HIV Treatment & Disease Management for the Non-HIV Specialist Provider”: This FREE one day event will be held at The Doubletree Suites by Hilton Austin, December 19, 2011. The training (offering 6.0 CEs) is geared towards non-HIV specialist providers to help meet the needs of the HIV population by tapping into currently existing medical practices, as well as established medical homes for HIV patients. This training is intended for not only medical providers, but also those often involved in the treatment planning of HIV patients, such as social workers, registered sanitarians, and certified health education specialists. Click [HERE](#) to register; pre-registration is required and must be completed by **December 13th at 5 pm**. Seating is limited to only 80 participants, so register soon!

1. TACHC 340Better Pharmacy Program Announces Kirby Lester Contract: The TACHC 340Better pharmacy program is pleased to announce a contract available to the members with Kirby Lester for their pharmacy dispensing technology. For 40 years, Kirby Lester has helped 40,000 pharmacy customers improve their efficiency, speed up their workflow, and prevent dispensing errors. Kirby Lester’s full lineup includes:

- The only compact, affordable robotic dispenser (KL60)
- The world’s best-selling tablet counters (KL15e and KL1)

- The most unique combination counting-and-verification devices (KL20 and KL30)
The Kirby Lester devices are accurate, reliable, simple and affordable for *every shape and size of 340B pharmacies* – whether the daily volume is high or low, Kirby Lester has a system to fit your health center’s needs. For more information you can contact either Lynn Ford at the TACHC office at lford@tachc.org or Dave Johnson at Kirby Lester at (847) 984.3437 or djohnson@kirbylester.com. There is also more information about the Kirby Lester products at www.kirbylester.com.

2. TACHC Purchasing Group Partnerships Update: TACHC’s partnership with NACHC’s business development affiliate, Community Health Ventures, began promoting the Value in Purchasing (ViP) to members in the fall of 2011. ViP is the only national group purchasing program for medical supplies endorsed by both NACHC and TACHC. With over 1,000 different contracts, ViP can meet most health center’s supply needs whether they be medical or office supplies or capital equipment. TACHC recently announced the addition of Physician Sales and Service (PSS) to the ViP program. José Camacho said, “Adding PSS to our existing portfolio further strengthens our purchasing program and provides our Texas health centers with yet another vendor from whom they can purchase needed medical supplies. Not only will PSS honor ViP’s discounts on supplies for our centers, but in PSS they now have a partner who specializes in serving the primary care clinical market. It is truly a win for our health centers.” The ViP Program is simple, user friendly and in most cases, health centers will start experiencing savings and value immediately. There are no membership fees to join and no contractual obligations. The program requires minimum implementation and streamlines the ordering process to save time. Unlike other group purchasing programs, the ViP Program supports the mission of America’s Health Centers and works to leverage their collective buying power for better pricing. You are encouraged to call for a free cost savings analysis at (888) 299-0324 or by visiting: <http://www.valueinpurchasing.com/TACHC.html>. You can also contact Lynn Ford at the TACHC office at lford@tachc.org or (512) 329-5959 with any questions.

HRSA Releases New Start Web Guide: HRSA recently announced the release of their New Start Web Guide. This online guide, designed for both new and veteran Bureau of Primary Health Care Grantees, "helps assess the status and quality of operations, improve programmatic performance, and get the answers to a wide variety of site visit questions all in one place." For more information, visit the guide by clicking [HERE](#). For health centers grantees who have been open for several years or more, HRSA has released a site visit guide, which can provide information and assistance as you prepare for a site visit from HRSA staff. For more information, visit the site visit guide by clicking [HERE](#).

- 1. TACHCiversaries:** Join TACHC in celebrating 1 year of working with Community Health Centers for Ashley Foster!
- 2. TACHC Holiday Closures:** The TACHC offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays this **December 23rd, 26th, 30th, & January 2nd**.
- 3. TACHC Member News:** To learn what your fellow health centers are involved in, click [HERE](#) for news coverage. We also encourage you to post your news, questions and comments to each other on the TACHC members listserv (members@tachc.org), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.

If you would like to be removed from this mailing, please send a message to ccarson@tachc.org, and we will remove your name from our list as soon as possible.

Northwest Austin Hotels

1. Aloft Austin at The Domain
<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/aloft-hotels/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3240>
Phone: (512) 491-0777
2. Fairfield Inn & Suites Northwest
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/auspb-fairfield-inn-and-suites-austin-northwest/>
Phone: (512) 527-0734
3. Springhill Suites Northwest
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/aussn-springhill-suites-austin-northwest-arboretum/>
Phone: (512) 349-0444
4. Homewood Suites Northwest
http://homewoodsuites1.hilton.com/en_US/hw/hotel/AUSSLHW-Homewood-Suites-by-Hilton-Austin-Arboretum-NW-Texas/index.do
Phone: (512) 349-9966
5. Hampton Inn Northwest
<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml;jsessionid=SGUU33GG3VT20CSGBJC32EQ?ctyho=cn=AUSNWHX>
Phone: (512) 349-9898
6. La Quinta Inn & Suites Austin Mopac North
<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?propId=937>
Phone: (512) 832-2121
7. Embassy Suites- Arboretum
http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/AUSESES-Embassy-Suites-Austin-Arboretum-Texas/index.do
Phone: (512) 372-8771
8. Hyatt Place Arboretum
<http://austinarboretum.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/index.jsp>
Phone: (512) 231-8491