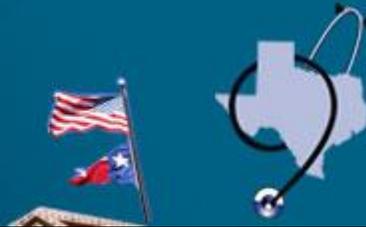




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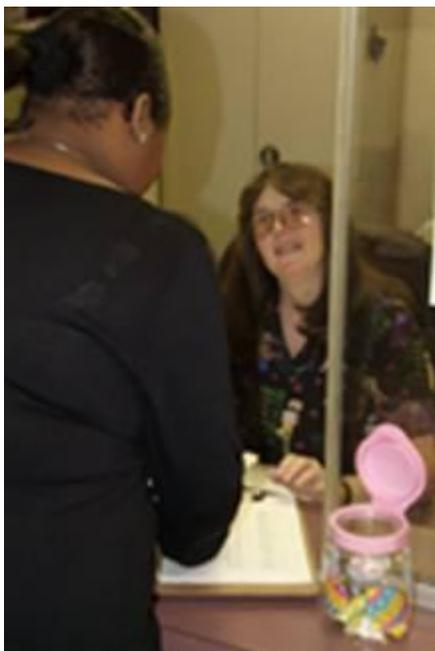
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## Upcoming Events

### [TACHC March CPI Webcast Training: ICD-10 Update](#)

March 16, 2012, 9:00am to 11:00am CST

In this session, the presenter, Robert Skeffington of PMG, Inc., will give a brief review of ICD-10 and its implementation guidelines, including updates to the current implementation timeline for the 5010 IT platform for ICD-10; share most important code changes for centers between ICD9 vs. ICD10; present potential challenges and their solutions for center IT, finance and clinical departments during and following conversion to ICD-10; follow an example of a set of ICD-9 codes through a typical center and how they affect different departments, then follow that same set in ICD-10; detail cases of 5010 problems as examples of what can happen with ICD-10. Please go to [our website](#) for more information regarding the session, the speaker and continuing education credits. If you have had any problems with the 5010 transition or questions about ICD-10, please email those to [Cecile Carson](#) at TACHC. She will not identify your center, but will present your problems and questions to the speaker to address with solutions and answers on the webcast. The more details you email, the more help you will receive. THIS IS A VALUABLE CONSULTATION FOR YOUR CENTER – email [Cecile](#) your 5010 and ICD-10 problems and questions!

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

## Governance and Finance

**1. NCFH 2012 Migrant Health Scholarship Applications are Now Being Accepted!** The National Center for Farmworker Health is currently accepting [applications](#) for the 2012 Annual Migrant Health Scholarship Awards. These awards will be presented to health center staff in the amount of \$1,000 each. Applicants should be clinical, administrative or support staff members of Community/Migrant Health Centers. Please feel free to forward this opportunity to your health center staff who are interested in pursuing or continuing their career in the migrant health field. *\*Application deadline has been extended until March 23rd!* For any questions on the Migrant Health Scholarship, please contact [Janie Favre](#) via email or by calling 512. 312. 5460.

**2. NACHC P&I & Congressional Visits:** The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Policy and Issues Forum is coming up this **March 21-25**. Jana Blasi, TACHC Deputy Director, sent recent emails regarding the forum including important instructions for coordinated Congressional Visits (see attached Outlook item). To help ensure that we have the most recent data in the Texas and district specific materials for the Congressional visits, please email your 2011 UDS report and audit to [Selena Munoz](#) if you have not already. Attached are instructions on how to submit your UDS reports to TACHC electronically.

**3. TACHC Health Center Petition Drive – Every Signature Counts!** Join health centers across the country in collecting **1 million signatures** to deliver to Congress at the upcoming NACHC Policy & Issues Forum from **March 21-25**. **It's not too late to get involved!** Whether you have been collecting petitions since last July, or if you are just getting started, we need your help to collect as many signatures as possible between now and the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum. *Never tried a petition or letter drive before?* **Check out this blog post: [How to start a petition and/or letter drive at my health center: Part 1](#)**. This post is just the first of an 8-week series designed to complement the brand new guide, "[Signing On: A Prescription for Success](#)", by providing practical information for health center advocates beginning or continuing a petition/letter drive, with the goal of delivering petitions/letters to members of Congress. *Need some inspiration?* Watch this [video message](#) from Dan Hawkins of NACHC explaining the impact of your petition efforts. You can download petition

templates in English and Spanish [HERE](#). Please report the total number of signatures to [Laura Martin](#) at TACHC and copy [grassroots@nachc.com](mailto:grassroots@nachc.com). Let TACHC know if there is anything we can do to support your petition drive, and thank you for your advocacy efforts!



**1. DSHS Delivering HIV Rapid Test Results “Experiences from the Field” Video:** Developed by the DSHS Region 1 Title X Family Planning Training Center, the “Delivering HIV Rapid Test Results: Experiences from the Field” video gives details and realistic scenes of giving a negative or positive HIV test result. The video is a good instruction and discussion tool for individuals who will be providing basic risk reduction counseling with the HIV negative patient, as well as how to give a positive rapid test result. To view the video, click [HERE](#).

**2. FTCC U.S./Mexico Border Collaborative - 4 Part Webinar Series & Face-to-Face ARTAS Trainings:** The TX/OK AIDS Education & Training Center (TX/OK AETC) in collaboration with Federal Training Center Collaborative (FTCC) partners invites you to participate in a 4-part webinar series and face-to-face Anti-Retroviral Treatment & Access to Services (ARTAS) trainings.

Webcast Series:

- HIV & Stigma - March 23, 2012
- HIV, Stigma & Prison - March 29, 2012
- HIV Rapid Testing: A Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Initiative to Promote the Adoption of an Evidenced Based Practice In Substance Abuse Treatment Programs - May 3, 2012
- Diagnosis & Treatment of Tuberculosis in the HIV Patient - June 21, 2012

Face-to-Face Trainings on ARTAS Anti-Retroviral Treatment & Access to Services:

- April 19th - 20<sup>th</sup> (El Paso, TX)
- May 24th - 25<sup>th</sup> (El Paso, TX)
- June 7th - 8<sup>th</sup> (TBA)

Continuing education will be offered for some of these trainings. For more information, click [HERE](#) to view details on these trainings and to register! For more information, please feel free to contact [Ms. Martha Guerrero](#), MAI & Special Projects Coordinator (214-590-2725).

**3. NACI Free Training “Spirometry 101: Learn How It Can Help Improve Asthma Care & Control”:** About one in every 13 people in the United States has asthma, a major cause of illness and disability. Failure to control asthma inflicts a considerable burden on patients, families, and health care systems. The Spirometry 101 webinar will give you practical tools to implement the fundamentals of office-based spirometry program. Spirometry is the preferred lung function test for assessing asthma severity and monitoring asthma control. The webinar, hosted by the National Asthma Control Initiative (NACI), will be held **Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 1:00pm – 2:30 PM (Central)** The presenters will be Jim Stout, MD, MPH, a Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Professor of Health Services at the University Of Washington School Of Public Health and Karen Smith, MD, FAAP, the Medical Director of Interactive Medical Training Resources (iMTR) at the University of Washington. Click [HERE](#) to Register for the Webinar.

**4. ACO “OC<sup>3</sup> Booster Session”:** All those interested in participating in the TACHC ACO are invited to an OC<sup>3</sup> “Booster Session” on Patient Centered Model of Care beginning April 13<sup>th</sup>. Faculty presentations will be given on Spread and Sustainability issues as participants move forward in their change and improvement efforts with particular attention placed on understanding *team dynamics* and *senior leadership commitment*. Other presentations include a review of the NCQA PCMH Standards as well as the importance of Care Coordination. Centers, alongside current OC<sup>3</sup> teams, will be presented with the “Big Picture” of how the changing landscape of federal requirements, medical home, quality assurance monitoring and reporting relate to health care reform initiatives. Following the interactive and dynamic presentations, participants will have an opportunity to develop specific plans for Communication, Data Collection and “Sustain and Spread”. This event

will be a great opportunity for participants to ask questions, address concerns and network with peers facing similar changes at their centers. For more information contact [Verne LaGrega](#), Clinical Care Coordinator at the TACHC office, 512-329-5959. To register, click [HERE](#).

### Group Purchasing



**TACHC/Novartis Flu Vaccine Agreement Available to the Membership for Pre-booking NOW:** TACHC and Novartis Vaccines now have an agreement in place for Novartis' flu vaccine: Fluvirin. Pre-booking is currently available now through April 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2012/13 flu season. The details of how to order and the cost are outlined on the attached memo. There are some price breaks available if you pre-book prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> and then another smaller break prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Orders are made directly via Novartis. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#) at the TACHC office.

### Recruitment and Retention



**Save the Date - 2012 NHSC Scholar Orientation and Placement Conference:** Mark your calendar for the 2012 NHSC Scholar Orientation and Placement Conference, July 19-21 in Grapevine, TX. Scholars who will complete their approved training by September 30<sup>th</sup> will learn about site selection and relocation, and meet with NHSC sites and regional representatives. Eligible sites will be able to interview scholars, connect with site specialists, and learn about current site initiatives. More details in the coming weeks!



### Other News



**1. Wellness Pointe Announces New CEO, Carl I. Walters II:** The Wellness Pointe Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mr. Walters will assume the position of Chief Executive Officer of Wellness Pointe on March 12, 2012. Mr. Walters brings over 26 years of For-Profit and Not-For-Profit health system executive leadership experience to the system. He has been recognized at the community and state level for his integrated health care delivery system organizational fiscal, operational, marketing and market share enhancement re-engineering expertise/accomplishments. Mr. Walters holds a B.S. in Hospital Administration and a Masters Degree in Organizational Management. He is a former U.S. Naval Officer (Medical Service Corp.) with U.S. Navy outpatient clinic command experience. He is the eldest son of retired U.S Air Force fighter pilot (Tuskegee Airman) Major Carl I and Betty Walters. He and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of Carl I. Walters III. and Brigette' Bette' Walters. For more details, see the attached press release from Wellness Pointe.

**2. Please Join TACHC in Welcoming 2 New Staff Members:** [Dr. Davelyn Eaves Hood](#) and [Sandra K. Thompson](#) both joined TACHC on March 1st! Davelyn is our Director of Clinical Affairs and Sandra is replacing Elmer Goertz (who is retiring at months' end) as our Insurance Program Specialist.

**3. TACHCiversaries:** Please join TACHC in celebrating 11 years of working with and for community health centers for April Sartor, Program Assistant, Recruitment & Retention, and 3 years for Charlene Dailey, Information Systems Specialist.

**4. 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](mailto:members@tachc.org)), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.



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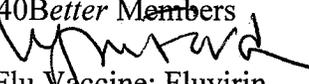
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MEMORANDUM

To: TACHC 340Better Members  
From: Lynn Ford   
Subject: Novartis' Flu Vaccine: Fluvirin  
Date: February 22, 2012

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The Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC) 340Better Pharmacy Program is proud to announce the addition of Novartis Vaccines' (Novartis) flu vaccine, Fluvirin, to the contract for the 2012/13 flu season. Fluvirin will be available for purchase direct from Novartis.

Purchases direct from Novartis Vaccines have the following prices and conditions:

- Orders must be placed via Novartis Vaccines' website at [www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com](http://www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com) or by phone at (877) NV-DIRECT (877.683.4732)
- Once an order is placed, the order is 'firm' and may not be cancelled.
  
- For orders placed between February 1 but before March 1, 2012, (price listed reflects a 15% discount from the 'standard' list price) the price is:
  - 10-dose vials (NDC: 66521-0115-10) at \$82.37 (\$8.23/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
  - Packets of pre-filled syringes (NDC: 66521-0115-02) at \$90.36 (\$9.03/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
- For orders placed between March 1, but before April 1, 2012, (price listed reflects a 10% discount from the 'standard' list price) the price is:
  - 10-dose vials (NDC: 66521-0115-10) at \$87.21 (\$8.72/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
  - Packets of pre-filled syringes (NDC: 66521-0115-02) at \$95.67 (\$9.57/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
  
- For each order of Fluvirin placed between February 1, but before March 1, 2012, 15% of the aggregate number of doses may be returned. The return shipping fees are at the member's expense.
- For each order of Fluvirin placed between March 1, but before April 1, 2012, 10% of the aggregate number of doses may be returned. The return shipping fees are at the member's expense.

- For each order placed after April 1, 2012, no doses may be returned.
- Each member is obligated to pay for all doses, including doses returned to Novartis. For any doses properly returned, Novartis will provide that number of doses of replacement product for the 2013/14 flu season, free of charge, equal to the number of doses returned.

As always, if you have any questions, you can contact either your Novartis Vaccines' representative or me at [lford@tachc.org](mailto:lford@tachc.org) or (512) 329-5959.

**Instructions for emailing TACHC your UDS report in an .XML file:**

Log in to EHB

On Grants Homepage – click on “View Portfolio” on left hand side in the box.

There is a gray box that has the words “Health Center Cluster”

In that same box, to the far right side in blue, it says “Open Grant Handbook.” Click on that.

Find your grant number at the top – make sure you’ve got the right one.

Click in left hand box – on the words “Performance Reports” on blue on left hand side of page.

Click on “submitted” and “all”

Find the UDS performance report that you submitted for 2011.

Then click “view report”

Pop up window will come up. At top in blue, select click “here” to view reports and data related to your submission.

Another pop up window comes up. On the right hand side, a blue word that says email. Click on “email.”

An email pop up window comes up. The .xml file with your UDS report will be automatically included as an attachment.

Put [smunoz@tachc.org](mailto:smunoz@tachc.org) in the address line. Put some text in the body, and click send. Thanks!

## Save the Date: NACI Spirometry Webinar March 14, 2012

### **Spirometry 101: Learn How It Can Help Improve Asthma Care and Control**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

**3:00 – 4:30 PM ET | 12:00 – 1:30 PM PT**

**[Register for the Webinar](#)**

Spirometry 101 will give you practical tools to implement the fundamentals of office-based spirometry. Spirometry is the preferred lung function test for assessing asthma severity and monitoring asthma control, two of the six priority messages for managing asthma from the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program's (NAEPP) Guidelines Implementation Plan (GIP) Report. The NAEPP is coordinated by the National Lung, Heart and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

#### **What will I learn?**

Spirometry 101 will review the fundamentals of office-based spirometry:

- how to perform this relatively simple test
- how to evaluate the test for quality
- how to interpret the results—identifying obstruction and restriction
- how to incorporate findings into treatment plan
- when to refer patients with abnormal findings

The webinar will also introduce options for in-depth training, including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and Spirometry 360, both nationally based programs.

#### **About Spirometry**

The NAEPP advocates the use of spirometry, a technique-dependent procedure that requires some training for proper administration and interpretation, as the medical standard for patients with asthma or COPD. Spirometry serves as a crucial aid in both diagnosis and in on-going management of asthma. Most primary care clinicians feel confident to manage day-to-day treatment decisions for patients with asthma, yet most clinicians admit to having inadequate training in utilization of spirometry.

#### **Who will present?**

Staff from the University of Washington (UW) and Dorchester House Multi-Service Center ("Dorchester House") will present:

- [Jim Stout, MD, MPH](#), is a Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Professor of Health Services at the University Of Washington School Of Public Health. Dr. Stout is a cofounder of the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ), a non-profit organization headquartered in Boston.
- [Karen Smith, MD, FAAP](#), is the Medical Director of Interactive Medical Training Resources (iMTR) at the University of Washington and a board-certified pediatrician who has worked in a variety of settings in primary care pediatrics from a rural solo practice to teaching appointments in academic settings, always with a focus on serving "safety net" groups.
- Representative from Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

# Wellness Pointe Press Release

For Immediate Release

Release Date: March 6, 2012

The Wellness Pointe Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Carl I. Walters II. will assume the position of Chief Executive Officer of Wellness Pointe on March 12, 2012. Wellness Pointe is a Federally Qualified Health system providing integrated and comprehensive Family Practice, OB/GYN (with delivery), Dental, WIC, Mental Health, Pediatric, Family Planning and a multitude of Social Services for residents of Longview and the surrounding region. Last year Wellness Pointe produced over 47,900 patient encounters and we are *committed* to ensuring our valued patients always receive prompt, personalized, medically-appropriate and cost-effective health care services. Our health system's geographical service area covers a city radius of over 20 miles and we are *proud* to be part of the nations Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) network which cumulatively provides core comprehensive primary care services for over 20 million low income and medically uninsured people across the country.

Mr. Walters brings over 26 years of For-Profit and Not-For-Profit health system executive leadership experience to the system. He has been recognized at the community and state level for his integrated health care delivery system organizational fiscal, operational, marketing and market share enhancement re-engineering expertise/accomplishments. Some of his most recent executive assignments include serving as Vice-President, Mercy Medical Center (Williston, North Dakota), Chief Executive Officer, Tri City Community Health (Pasco, Washington), Chief Executive Officer, Alexian Brothers PACE Community Services Division (St. Louis, Missouri), Chief Operating Officer, St. Louis Connectcare (St. Louis, Missouri) and Divisional Practice Administrator, Utah Physician Services Division (Ogden, Utah).

Mr. Walters holds a B.S. in Hospital Administration (Weber State University, Ogden, Utah) and a Masters Degree in Organizational Management (University of Phoenix, Utah). He is a former U.S. Naval Officer (Medical Service Corp.) with U.S. Navy outpatient clinic command experience. He is the eldest son of retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot (Tuskegee Airman) Major Carl I and Betty Walters. He and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of Carl I. Walters III. and Brigette' Bette' Walters.

*For further information regarding this article please contact Justin Waite or Hope Echols at Wellness Pointe at 903-758-2610.*