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Weekly Wrap-up - March 16, 2012

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Upcoming Events

ACO “OC³ Booster Session”

April 13, 2012, Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel, Houston, TX

All those interested in participating in the TACHC ACO are strongly encouraged to attend the OC³ “Booster Session” on Patient Centered Model of Care beginning April 13 or else join the next OC³ Learning Year in June. 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 OC³ 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, see the attached agenda or contact [Verne LaGrega](#), Clinical Care Coordinator at the TACHC office, 512-329-5959. To register, click [HERE](#).

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

Governance and Finance



1. HHSC 1115 Transformation Waiver Meetings: The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will hold a series of meetings this month on the 1115 Transformation Waiver. These meetings will take place in a number of cities throughout the state. For a schedule of these meetings, please click [HERE](#).

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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. Let TACHC know if there is anything we can do to support your petition drive, and thank you for your advocacy efforts!



1. SAVE THE DATE! TACHC Clinical Director Institute: [The Institute](#) will be July 27-28, 2012 at the Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 701 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 788701.

2. 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](#).

3. 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 - 20th (El Paso, TX)
- May 24th - 25th (El Paso, TX)
- June 7th - 8th (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).

4. 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. See the webcast attachment for more detail and click [HERE](#) to Register for the Webinar.



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 1st 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 1st and then another smaller break prior to April 1st. 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 30th 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



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.

Texas Association of Community Health Centers

ACO OC³ Booster Session

Agenda

April 13th – April 14th, 2012

The Westin Houston Memorial City, Houston, Texas

Friday, April 13th, 2012

7:00am Continental Breakfast

8:00am Leadership Commitment to Sustain and Spread

Wisteria 3-4

Mike Davies, MD, James Comeaux and David Krusleski, MD

The role and importance of senior and clinical leadership's commitment and support during sustain and spread will be discussed. Teams will be given an opportunity to review and discuss any general or specific team issues.

9:15am Improving Care Inside the Red Zone

Wisteria 3-4

Mike Davies, MD

Teams will be led through a discussion on the importance of maximizing the red-zone.

10:30am Mid-Morning Break-Beverage Refresh

10:45am Care Coordination: Project Access

Wisteria 3-4

During this session, the presenters will provide an overview care coordination focusing on Children with Epilepsy and other chronic conditions with emphasis on how this is implemented with a PCMH model delivery.

12:00pm Buffet Lunch will be Provided

Wisteria 2

1:15pm Championship Teams

James Comeaux and Julie Thorpe

Teams will be lead through an interactive session that will help them identify their individual personality types and explain what this means for them as a team player. Next, faculty will discuss strategies for working more effectively with teams when taking personality types into consideration

2:30pm Optimizing Comprehensive Clinical Care (The Really Big Picture) Part I

Wisteria 3-4

Davelyn Eaves-Hood, MD, MBA, Director of Clinical Affairs

Cecile Carson, JD, Associate General Counsel

During this session, participants will learn how to implement a fully functional optimized comprehensive clinical care system by leverage the elements of the OC3 CPI Manual and OC3 Learning Year concept and the Health Center Controlled Network Central Data Repository.

- 3:30pm** **Afternoon Break – Snacks will be provided**
- 3:45pm** **Optimizing Comprehensive Clinical Care (The Really Big Picture) Part II**
Wisteria 3-4
- 4:30pm** **OC3 Learning Year Evaluation and Take Down Storyboards**
Wisteria 3-4
- 5:00pm** **Adjourn for the day**
- 5:30pm** **TACHC Mixer**
Dogwood

Saturday, April 14th, 2012

- 7:00am** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00am** **Optimizing Comprehensive Clinical Care (OC³): Looking Back and Looking Forward-Part I**
Wisteria 3-4
Mike Davies, MD
- During this joint session, the current OC 3 teams will learn how to “Boost Forward” by looking back on their accomplishment. This will include a review of OC 3 principles plus a reconciliation of OC3 and PCMH elements. The PCMH elements include compliance standards for various certification entities. New OC3 participants will learn how leadership needs to be set up to not only embrace change, but be able to implement it effectively. Current teams will be asked to share their learning experiences, best practices
- 10:15am** **Break – Beverage Refresh**
- 10:30am** **Optimizing Comprehensive Clinical Care (OC³): Looking Back and Looking Forward –Part II**
Wisteria 3-4
- 12:00pm** **Buffet Lunch will be Provided**
Wisteria 2
- 1:00pm** **Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Update: The Big Picture**
Wisteria 3-4
- During this session, the presenters will provide an overview of the PCMH initiatives, etc.*
- PCMH Standards – Part I: Standards 1, 2, & 3**
NCQA, TACHC, and Faculty
- During this session, the presenters will provide an overview of the PCMH Standards and OC3 Teams will discuss their progress in each of the standard areas. Each center will share what they did to meet the standard and proposed next steps towards NCQA PCMH recognition. Attention will be focused on the NCQA “Must Pass” elements.*
- 3:30pm** **Break – Snacks will be provided**

3:45pm **PCMH Standards – Part II: Standards 4, 5, & 6**
Wisteria 3-4

NCQA, TACHC, and Faculty

During this session, the presenters will provide an overview of the PCMH Standards and OC3 Teams will discuss their progress in each of the standard areas. Each center will share what they did to meet the standard and proposed next steps towards NCQA PCMH recognition. Attention will be focused on the NCQA “Must Pass” elements.

5:00pm **Team Meeting and Report Out:**
Wisteria 3-4

Teams will meet to discuss 1) what has been learned from faculty and other teams, 2) team commitments, & 3) what was started that has not yet been finished

Teams will report out on lessons learned and discuss their planned activity/strategies/dates/assignments and accountability for the next action period.

5:30pm **Adjourn for the day**

OC3 Team Assignments for Report Out

Mike Davies	James Comeaux
Amistad Community Health Center	Community Health Development Inc.
Asian American Health Coalition	Fort Bend Family Health Center
Brazos Valley Community Action	Good Neighbor
CommUnityCare	Spring Branch Community Health Center

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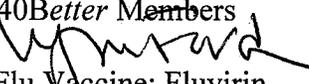
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MEMORANDUM

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

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 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 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 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