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Upcoming Events



[TACHC OC³ CPI Webcast: "Chronic Disease Management Care Coordination & Group Visits"](#)

September 28th, 2012 9am to 11am (Central)
Managing patients with one or more chronic diseases is a fundamental role of community health centers across the country. The September CPI webcast will look at

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Mount Enterprise
Community Health Clinic
Mount Enterprise, TX*

innovative ways that CHCs today are fulfilling that role with improved clinical outcomes and patient satisfaction. Regina Neal, MS, MPH from Qualis Health will present on "Chronic Disease Management: Care Coordination & Group Visits". Please note that this is a one part webcast. For more information contact [Davelyn Eaves Hood, MD](#). To register for this event, click [HERE](#).

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

Governance and Finance



1. TX Medicaid Posts Screenshots for Meaningful Use Stage 1 Attestation: Providers have been asking for a view into the attestation portal for Meaningful Use Stage 1, so they can prepare ahead of time with required information and documentation. Texas Medicaid has posted the screenshots on their Health IT website; see the attached announcement. Please note that the screenshots do have some interactivity – if you click on some of the buttons or links, it will take you to the associated screen. If you have questions or concerns, please contact [Cecile Carson](#) at TACHC or [Julia Alejandre](#), Team Lead, Medicaid / CHIP Health Information Technology Planning (512) 491-1147.

2. TACHC 29th Annual & Clinical Conference: Attached is an overview of the upcoming 29th TACHC Annual Conference that will be held on October 14 – 17, 2012 in Fort Worth at The Worthington Renaissance Hotel and conference registration information. As you will see, we have a great conference planned for you with relevant topics targeting health center executive leadership, operations, financial, billing, clinical, and administrative staff as well as FQHC board members. We have also built in ample time for professional peer networking opportunities and have a robust Exhibit Hall planned for the conference. Questions? Contact [TaSheena Mitchell](#) at TACHC.

3. TACHC Proposes Second ACO: TACHC is working on the creation of another Accountable Care Organization (ACO) of Texas FQHCs, Essential Care Partners II. A meeting about it was held at the TACHC General Membership Meeting on August 13 and a follow up conference call was held yesterday to discuss the deadlines for the coming week. If you have any questions, contact [Lynn Ford](#) at TACHC.

4. BPHC Supplemental Funding Call TODAY: Health centers should have received an email from HRSA that the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) is releasing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Supplemental Funding for Quality Improvement in Health Centers. Approximately \$35 million is available to support this one-time, one-year supplemental funding. Eligible health centers will be notified of the opportunity through a HRSA Electronic Handbook (EHB) message and may request up to \$60,000 in supplemental funds. Applications must be submitted by 8:00 PM ET on or before September 5, 2012. FY 2012 Supplemental Funding for Quality Improvement Technical Assistance Call:

- Friday, August 24 at 3:00 pm ET
- Call In: 800-619-4068
- Passcode: 3387816

Additional information is available at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/pcmh>.



1. TX/OK AETC Free Webinar: "Curanderismo: Incorporating Traditional Latino Folk Remedies into Treatment Plans": The Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education & Training Center (TX/OK AETC) is hosting a webinar training entitled, "Curanderismo: Incorporating Traditional Latino Folk Remedies into Treatment Plans" presented by Mary Jane Garza, BFA on **August 30th from 1:30 – 2:30 pm CT**. This training will go over “Curanderismo” and other elements of the Latino cultural identity to improve health outcomes of Latinos living with HIV. CEs are not available; however, Certificates of Attendance are available upon request. At the end of this session, participants will be able to understand cultural differences in approaches to healthcare recognize some of the benefits and risks in HIV/AIDS treatment and care and learn how to communicate with patients about the use of traditional folk remedies. Pre-registration is required for participation. Registration closes on August 27th. Click [HERE](#) to register & to view more details!

2. The Joint Commission Revised Waived Testing Requirement: The Joint Commission recently revised standard WT.04.01.01, element of performance 4, that addresses the frequency of quality control for instrument-based waived testing for the ambulatory care and office-based surgery accreditation programs. Effective immediately, the revised EP 4 no longer requires organizations to perform quality control checks on each day of testing for instrument-based waived testing. As described in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) at 42 CFR 492.15(e) (1), laboratories performing only waived tests are required to follow manufacturers’ instructions for performing the test (including its quality control). The revised EP 4 aligns with the current CLIA requirement to perform quality control checks per manufacturers’ instructions, and decreases undue burden to the field. To view the revised requirement click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Verne LaGrega](#) at TACHC.

3. CDC Recommendations for Use of Tdap Vaccine in Adults 65 Years and Older: The updated recommendations state the following: Give a single dose of Tdap to previously unvaccinated adults age 19 years and older, give the Tdap dose regardless of the interval since the person last received a tetanus or diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine, give the Tdap dose to adults for whom it is recommended if no record of previous administration exists. Providers should not miss an opportunity to give Tdap to people age 65 years and older. Administer the vaccine you have available—either Boostrix® or Adacel®. When feasible, give Boostrix® to adults age 65 years and older. However, either vaccine product provides protection and is considered valid for use in people in this age group. For more information please refer to the attached handout labeled VA 23 Aug 17 12. Questions? Contact [Verne LaGrega](#) at TACHC.

Recruitment and Retention



Congratulations to Longview Wellness Center, dba Wellness Pointe: Michael Turner, MBA, a TACHC referral, recently accepted an offer from Wellness Pointe for their Chief Operations Officer position.

Other News



TACHC Member News: To learn what your fellow health centers are involved in or read news that may affect your health center, 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.



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