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Patient Exam at Pasadena Health center

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 innovative ways that CHC's today are fulfilling that role

Pasadena, TX

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. Delta Dental to Discontinue Medicaid/CHIP Dental Service in Texas: HHS announced yesterday that Delta Dental will no longer provide Medicaid or CHIP dental services in Texas as of November 30, 2012. All Delta Dental patients will transfer to MCNA or DentaQuest. HHSC will be sending letters to Delta Dental members to advise them of this change, but health centers will need to be prepared to assist patients during this transition. For more information, see the attached TMHP notice. Questions? Contact [Shelby Tracy](#) at TACHC.

2. Essential Care Partners Trainings: TACHC is convening a series of [trainings](#) for Essential Care Partners (ECP); some are for providers and medical staff, while others are for front desk staff. If you are one of the 14 centers participating in this first TACHC ACO, be sure your staff attend the required trainings and report that they did so per the emailed instructions you are receiving from [Lynn Ford](#). These trainings will be listed on the TACHC.org Events page until the ECP website is approved by CMS and goes live. ECP committee members are also busy meeting in preparation for the meeting of the ECP CMOs and then the ECP Board meeting during TACHC's [Annual Conference](#) in October. Questions? Contact [Cecile Carson](#) at TACHC.

3. TACHC Webcast: Using Social Media for Health Center Advocacy: On **Wednesday, September 26th from 12:00 to 1:00 PM**, TACHC will host a webcast training about how to use social media to advocate for your health center. Social media can be a great advocacy tool for health centers, but non-profit organizations must be careful about what types of information they share through social media outlets, especially during an election cycle. Join TACHC for a webinar designed to help your health center improve your social media strategy and effectively use social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter to promote your health center to a wide audience. We will also cover the dos and don'ts of interacting with elected officials and advocating for health center causes through social media sites. This **free** webinar will feature Lindsay Ruivivar, Associate Director for National Advocacy at the National Association of Community Health Centers, as well as several health centers in Texas and around the nation that have been successful in their use of social media for advocacy purposes. To register for this event, click [HERE](#). For more information, contact [Shelby Tracy](#) at TACHC.

4. Jurisdiction H Medicare MAC Transition Training on Sept. 18th: The new Medicare contractor Novitas is offering a series of trainings in the months leading up to the transition from Trailblazer to Novitas in October/November. Please see the information below about their current training:

- Jurisdiction H (CO/NM/OK/TX) WPS Part A Education Digest: The Education Digest is an

update of all of the upcoming training and events Novitas Solutions has to offer. Taking time out for education is essential to ensuring you have the information necessary to complete the transition to Novitas Solutions and keeping compliant with Medicare rules and regulations. This week our Part A Education Specialists are holding an informative and interactive webinar on the Novitas Solutions' website. Please make time to participate. **September 18, 2012, 9:00am – 11:00am Central Time (CT)**, join us for an interactive tour of Novitas Solutions' website. We will demonstrate popular centers using a live web connection. You will also learn about our search tools and tips to help you search for information. To register for this event, click [HERE](#). For more information, visit [the Novitas website](#).

5. TACHC 29th Annual & Clinical Conference: October 14-17, 2012, TACHC will host its 29th Annual & Clinical Conference at The Worthington Renaissance Hotel, 200 Main Street in Fort Worth, TX. Attached you'll find the Agenda and Registration Form. **Early Bird Registration ends September 21st!** For reservations, call 1-800-433-5677 and reference the group name (TACHC) or click [HERE](#) to book rooms online.

Clinical Affairs



1. The Immunizations Partnership Summit: The Immunization Partnership has scheduled the Texas Immunization Summit 2012 for **September 27–28** in Houston. Keynote speaker for the summit is Anne Schuchat, MD, Director of NCIRD, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. The deadline for registration is **September 21st, 5 p.m. CT**. The Fall Fete, which is a separate evening event featuring [Seth Mnookin](#), author, [The Panic Virus: A True Story of Medicine, Science, and Fear](#), is scheduled for September 27th. A book signing will follow Mr. Mnookin's presentation. The Fall Fete requires [separate online registration](#). For more information contact: mmoore@immunizeusa.org.

2. HRSA Issues New 340B Program Requirements: The 340B program is changing. The HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) conducted a webinar on August 14, 2012, outlining the changes. The attached UPDATED memo lists the highlights of the changes taking place and the responsibilities of the health centers to ensure that they continue their eligibility for 340B pricing.

Recruitment and Retention



TACHC Staff Recruiting at Upcoming A.T. Still University & NACHC Job Fair: TACHC Recruitment Staff will be attending the 7th Annual A.T. Still University & NACHC Job Fair on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. In attendance will be students from the Arizona School of Dental & Oral Health, School of Osteopathic Medicine, and Arizona School of Health Sciences, **all trained to practice in community health**. Don't miss this opportunity for us to PROMOTE YOUR JOBS! Please make sure your job opportunities are posted on the TACHC website. If your center has an opening that you would like us to help you recruit for, please click [HERE](#) and complete the quick and easy online position profile. Have questions or need assistance? Contact [April Sartor](#) at TACHC.

Other News



- 1. Congratulations People's Community Clinic:** Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas has pledged \$20,000 to People's Community Clinic in Austin to improve the health of medically underserved and uninsured Central Texans by providing high quality, affordable healthcare.
- 2. TACHC Welcomes a New Staff Member:** Please join TACHC in welcoming Michael Shoemaker, Senior Database Programmer, as our newest staff member.
- 3. 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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