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*Staff at Project Vida Health Center
El Paso, TX*

Upcoming Events

[TACHC 29th Annual & Clinical Conference](#)

October 14-17, The Worthington Renaissance Hotel, 200 Main Street in Fort Worth, TX

Agenda and Registration Form are attached. For reservations, call 1-800-433-5677 and reference the group name (TACHC) or click [HERE](#) to book rooms online. Questions? Contact [TaSheena Mitchell](#) at TACHC. **Early Bird Registration has been EXTENDED until 5:00 p.m. (CT) Friday, Sept. 28th!**

[TACHC Webcast: Using Social Media for Health Center Advocacy](#)

September 26th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (Central)

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. This webinar is designed to help improve your social media strategy and use of social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter to effectively 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.

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

September 28th from 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 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](#).



1. 1115 Transformation Waiver Update—HHSC Webinars Next Week: HHSC is still working with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to acquire federal approval of the Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) Planning Protocol (DSRIP menu) for the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver, but HHSC has updated information on their website and is hosting two more webcasts next week to review next steps for RHP Plan development and submission:

- **RHP Planning Protocol Webinar**, Tuesday, September 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.:
 - 1) Go to www.webex.com
 - 2) Click on Attend Meeting
 - 3) Enter Meeting Number: **804 935 154** (no password necessary)
 - 4) Call **1-800-396-3172** (no password necessary)
- **RHP Plan Template Webinar**, Wednesday, September 26, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:
 - 1) Go to www.webex.com
 - 2) Click on Attend Meeting
 - 3) Enter Meeting Number: **804 128 626** (no password necessary)
 - 4) Call **1-800-396-3172** (no password necessary)

Updated materials available on website: Several updated documents are now available on the [HHSC Transformation Waiver Website](#), including:

- Approved RHP Planning Protocol project areas and options
- DRAFT RHP Planning Protocol Category 1-4 documents (still under revision) from Sept. 14 or Sept. 17
- RHP Plan Template (still under revision) from Sept. 14

These documents are available on the [waiver Tools and Guidelines page](#). Questions? Contact [Shelby Tracy](#) at TACHC.

2. 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.

3. Essential Care Partners Trainings: TACHC has convened 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 relevant staff have attended 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. After the last opportunity to join live trainings next week, recordings of the trainings will be made available to you. 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.

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 TODAY, Sept. 21st, 5:00 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. Families Fighting Flu (FFF) Webinar Invitation: “New Details About Flu Prevention” Flu season is here! Now is the time to take the simple step of getting an annual flu vaccination – the single best preventive measure to help avoid this potentially deadly disease. FFF invites you to join an informational webinar to hear from **Dr. William Schaffner, immediate past-president of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases**, who will be sharing the latest information about what you can do to protect yourself and your family from the flu. He will be joined by **Jennifer Lastinger, a parent and FFF board member**, who knows first-hand how serious the flu can be, especially for children. Each year more than 20,000 children are hospitalized and most years more than 100 children die from the flu. Let's all do our part to spread awareness...not the flu! The webinar will be held **Tue., Oct 2nd from 11:00a.m.—12:00p.m. (CT)**. For more information and/or to register for this event, click [HERE](#).

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

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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