**The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers**

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*Patient Exam*
*Brazos Valley Community Action Agency*
*College Station, TX*

## Upcoming Events

TACHC Policy & Issues Forum (P&I)
*January 28-29, 2013*
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown, Austin, Texas
The purpose of the TACHC P&I Forum is to update our health center membership on critical state policy issues impacting FQHCs and our patients, review the TACHC state legislative agenda and educate our state legislators on the good work your health center is doing in their district. To register for this event, click **HERE**. Questions? Contact Jana Blasi at TACHC.

TACHC Health Information Technology Summit
*February 18-19, 2013*
*AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, 1900 University Avenue, Austin, Texas 78705*
Your center has implemented its electronic health record, so now what? The 2013 HIT Summit will explore state, federal and third-party payor expectations and initiatives facing EHR utilization in the Community Health Center setting. Join us to hear speakers from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Joint Commission, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and other experts as they discuss the future landscape of HIT. While you are here, don't forget to attend the statewide user-group breakfast on Tuesday morning to share EHR product-specific experiences with other CHC colleagues. To view the agenda and/or register for this event, click **HERE**. **The deadline for hotel reservations is Sunday, January 27th.** If

you have any questions, please contact Todd Radloff, Director of Information Technology at TACHC.

Information regarding all upcoming events hosted by TACHC can be found **HERE**.

## Governance and Finance

**1. HRSA New Access Point (NAP) Grant Competition:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) is pleased to announce the release of HRSA-13-228: NEW ACCESS POINT (NAP) grant competition, funded by the Affordable Care Act. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, HRSA anticipates awarding approximately $19 million to support an estimated 25 NAP grant awards in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. Please visit www.grants.gov for the NAP funding opportunity announcement (HRSA-13-228) detailing the eligibility requirements and review criteria for organizations seeking a grant for operational support of a new access point. Attached is important information detailing the application process and two upcoming pre-application assistance conference calls (**January 23rd & 30th**). For more information about the NAP funding opportunity, please contact Joanne Galindo in the Office of Policy and Program Development at 301-594-4300 or send an email to BPHCNAP@hrsa.gov.

**2. DSHS School-based HC Funding Soon to Be Released:** On January 10th, TACHC received notice that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) School Health Program will soon be releasing its Fiscal Year 2014 Competitive Request for Proposal for School-Based Health Centers funding. Eligible applicants include school districts, charter schools, private schools, local health departments, hospitals, health care systems, universities, and nonprofit organizations such as Community Health Centers. The funds will be made available to:

- Start a school-based health center that delivers primary and preventive health services to a school-age population on a school campus within the school district;
- Expand services within existing school-based health centers to include dental or mental health services, and;
- Enhance existing school-based health centers**.**

Contact the DSHS School Health Program at (512) 776-2782 if you would like to be added to the email list to receive notification when the RFP is released and posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD). Please share email with other interested agencies or community partners if you do not plan to directly apply. Please keep in mind that starting a new center will also require HRSA's approval of Change in Scope to add a new site/location.

**3. CDCHC Funds Available:** Is your center in need of affordable financing for a building renovation or equipment purchase? Corporation for the Development of Community Health Centers (CDCHC), a U.S. Treasury Department certified Community Development Financial Institution and corporate affiliate of TACHC, has $200,000 in funds available to lend for capital project or equipment purchase. CDCHC

provides financing at with very flexible loan terms and affordable interest rates that are typically lower than commercial rates. For more information or to request an application, Please contact Daniel Diaz at TACHC.

**4. 2013 Community Partners Program—Regional Anchor Coordinator Orientation:** February 7, 2013 from 8:30a.m.—3:30p.m. at the TACHC Offices, located at 5900 Southwest Parkway, Building 3, Austin, TX 78735. ***This event is open to lead anchor sites only.*** TACHC will be leading an orientation for all 12 Regional Coordinators to review and discuss their roles and responsibilities for this project. The purpose of this orientation is to prepare all Regional Coordinators with the tools and resources needed to help reach the project goal of recruiting and providing ongoing technical assistance and support to all FQHC's and 300 organizations statewide. All 12 regions are asked to participate in the orientation. **See attached Excel spreadsheet; those highlighted in green are the lead health centers for this project.** Please contact RexAnn Shotwell at TACHC for more details and information regarding hotel accommodations. It is recommended that anchor sites make travel/flight arrangements as soon as possible. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**1. TACHC Centralized Call Centers Resources:** TACHC has recently received a number of calls inquiring as to the development, implementation and utilization of a Centralized Call Center for appointment scheduling/confirmations. We have a number of consultants who would be able to address this topic and would like to gauge your centers interest as we consider hosting a webcast for it. If you are interested in the development, implementation and utilization of a Centralized Call Center and **would attend a webcast** on this topic, or **would consider sharing** your center's call center best practice experiences on a webcast, please respond to Verne LaGrega at TACHC.

**2. MSDS Hazard Communication Standard from OSHA to Undergo Change:** The MSDS will become SDS and there will be more uniformity in the information forms. You can get a side-by-side comparison of the 1994 and the 2012 versions **HERE**. Training on the new system has to be done by December 2013 and the final compliance in June 2016. (The new forms are to be mailed out by December 2015.) During the interim providers must comply with one or the other. For further information click **HERE**. Questions? Contact Verne LaGrega at TACHC.

**3. Continuing Education Course: Cervical Cancer—What the Nurse Needs to Know:** To help registered nurses working in primary care settings advance their knowledge of cervical cancer, the Nurse Oncology Education Program is offering this continuing education course. The nurse will take back to practice an updated knowledge of cervical cancer risk factors, screening guidelines, treatment options and aspects of survivorship necessary to educate their patients and empower them with knowledge regarding their healthcare. Click **HERE** to take the course. This module will expire **March 8, 2013**. For more information contact the Nurse Oncology Education Program at 1-800-515-6770.

**4. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Resources Available:** The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) serves as the national focal point for the development and delivery of emergency management training. The Independent Study Program (ISP) is a distance learning program offered free of charge to the American public. It serves as both an alternate means to deliver

valuable training to the professional and volunteer emergency management community, and an opportunity to improve public awareness and promote disaster preparedness nationally. For more information click **HERE**. To learn more about available resources from FEMA, click **HERE**.

## Group Purchasing

**FREE Prescription Drugs for CHCs Through AmeriCares:** TACHC was recently contacted by AmeriCares about a number of prescription medications they are available to donate and ship to community health centers **at no cost** for use with low-income patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Details about the new donations are below. They also still have the flu and Tdap vaccines available that we emailed about at the end of December.

| Generic Name | Brand Name | NDC # | Expiration Date | Units Per Case | Cases Available per Health Center |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ETHINYL ESTRADIOL / NORGESTIMATE TABLET 168`S, USP | ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO | 50458-251-15 | 11/30/13 | 24 | 10 |
| QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 25MG TABLET 1000`S, USP | SEROQUEL | 0310-0275-34 | 05/25/14 | 12 | 2 |
| VALSARTAN 320MG / HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 12.5 MG TABLET | DIOVAN HCT | 0078-0471-15 | 3/30/2013 | 72 | 4 |
| METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE / PIOGLITAZONE HYDROCHLORIDE – ASSORTED STRENGTHS | ACTOPLUS MET & ACTOPLUS MET XR | 64764-155-41<br>64764-310-07 | 6/30/2013 | 20 | 4 |

In order to access the medications, your health center must first become an AmeriCares Partner. Click **HERE** to learn more and initiate the partnership application process. Once you become a partner, you will receive weekly emails alerting you to additional medications, vaccines and supplies that AmeriCares makes available on an ongoing basis to its partners. If you have any questions, please contact Euthimios Theotokatos of AmeriCares at etheotokatos@americares.org or 203-658-9553.

## 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.

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.

# Announcement: FY 2013 New Access Point Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) is pleased to announce the release of HRSA-13-228: **NEW ACCESS POINT (NAP)** grant competition, funded by the Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148).

The purpose of the Health Center Program New Access Point funding opportunity is to improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by increasing access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. New Access Point grants awarded under the Health Center Program, authorized by section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b), support new service delivery sites for the provision of comprehensive primary and preventive health care services. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, HRSA anticipates awarding approximately $19 million to support an estimated 25 New Access Points grant awards in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013.

Please visit the Grants.gov website at www.grants.gov for the NAP funding opportunity announcement (HRSA-13-228) detailing the eligibility requirements and review criteria for organizations seeking a grant for operational support of a new access point.

The application process consists of two phases:

- Phase 1—Grants.gov (deadline: 11:59 PM ET on February 27, 2013)
- Phase 2—HRSA Electronic Handbook (deadline: 8:00 PM ET on April 3, 2013)

**HRSA WILL BE OFFERING TWO PRE-APPLICATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE CALLS:**

**FY 2013 NAP GENERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL**

**Date**: Wednesday, January 23, 2013
**Time**: 3:00 pm ET
**Dial-In Number**: 800-369-1124
**Participant Passcode**: 7341689
**Presentation Link**: http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/nap

**FY 2013 NAP CLINICAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL**

**Date**: January 30, 2013
**Time**: 3:00 pm ET
**Dial-In Number**: 800-369-1124
**Participant Passcode**: 7341689
To join the session online, please go to: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/fy13nappm/

Please note that only the first 500 individuals will be able to connect to the online meeting. Others may follow along using the dial-in number listed above and the slides posted at http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/nap.

Technical assistance resources, including the presentation slides noted above, will be available on the NAP TA website at http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/nap. A digital audio recording will be posted on the NAP TA website approximately one week after each call is completed.

For more information about the NAP funding opportunity, please contact Joanne Galindo in the Office of Policy and Program Development at 301-594-4300 or BPHCNAP@hrsa.gov.