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*Patient Exam at Cactus Health Services, Inc.
Alpine, TX*

Upcoming Events

[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](#). 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. Community Partners Program—Regional Anchor Coordinator Orientation: This event will be held 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. Registration is encouraged. 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.

For more information about the sign-up process to become a Community Partner, please see the attached overview presentation held during TACHC's Policy and Issues Conference this week.

2. State Policy & Issues Forum Presentations & Evaluation: Handouts from the event are available [HERE](#). If you attended and have not already submitted an evaluation form for the event, please complete the attached and send to [TaSheena Mitchell](#) at TACHC by no later than **COB Friday, February 8th**. We appreciate your feedback!

Clinical Affairs



1. New OC3 Learning Year to Begin May 1st: Do you want your center to transform into a patient-centered medical home? Do you want to improve the health outcomes of your patients? Are you interested in increasing your staff and provider productivity? Do you want to improve patient and staff satisfaction at your center? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then TACHC has an exciting learning opportunity for you and your health center. This unique learning opportunity will help you and your staff to

transform your center and improve your operational and clinical efficiencies. **The 2013 – 2014 OC³ Medical Home Transformation Learning Year will be starting May 1, 2013 and TACHC is now accepting applications from interested health centers. Please be aware that time and space is limited, so don't delay.** See the attached program synopsis for further details. If you are interested, please send an email to [Verne LaGrega, Clinical Care Coordinator](mailto:Verne.LaGrega@TACHC.org) and complete the attached OC3 Application **by April 1, 2013.**

2. TMF Webinar: New DSME Standards; Information on DSME Accreditation: On February 12, 2013 - 12:00-1:00pm CST, the TMF Health Quality Institute is hosting a webinar designed to help program coordinators and diabetes educators understand the requirements needed for Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) programs and to apply for CMS accreditation. It is also a review of the revised 2013 standards for DSME. The presenter will be Ardis A. Reed, MPH, RD, LD, CDE, Diabetes Educator, TMF Health Quality Institute. This event is the first in a series of quarterly webinars providing valuable information and educational content for diabetes educators, community health workers and anyone involved in providing diabetes education to the public. To register for this event, click [HERE](#). For more information contact Heidi Turpin, 1-800-725-2633 or visit www.DiabetesHealthForLife.org.

3. HSIN Free Webinar: Meeting the Needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities in Emergency Management: On, Wednesday, January 30, at 3:00 p.m. EDT US Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) will host a webinar about Meeting the Needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities in Emergency Management. In support of the [White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders](#), this webinar will share promising practices in emergency management to engage linguistically and culturally diverse populations within the Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders community. Presenters will give examples of best practices and explain how organizations that support diverse populations can get connected now to their state, territory and local governments and FEMA so when a disaster strikes, communities are better prepared at all levels. Presenters on the webinar will include: Asian American Federation of New York City, San Francisco's Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, Chinatown Community Development Center, 2012 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Award Winner (San Francisco) and FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) Unit. To register for this event, click [HERE](#).



1. TACHC ViP Program: TACHC has a partnership with Community Health Ventures (CHV) for the ViP program to leverage the purchasing power of all health centers to bring them negotiated pricing on medical supplies and equipment, while supporting TACHC and NACHC. The TACHC/ViP program is managed through TACHC and CHV, the business development affiliate of NACHC. Currently the TACHC/ViP program has preferred vendor agreements with Henry Schein and Physicians Sales and Service (PSS). Both of these medical distributors provide high-quality name brand and private brand products delivered through world-class distribution. They represent the best-in-class, with a commitment to superior customer service that helps health centers fulfill their mission to create a health home and improve health-status outcomes for the underserved.

Currently, over 600 centers are enrolled in the program nationally. ViP has saved health centers millions of dollars over the past few years, with average savings of 18%-38% on all health center purchases. ViP is

free to join, enrollment is quick, and there's NO obligation once your health center becomes a member. To learn more and experience the savings through ViP, please contact [Lynn Ford](#) at TACHC.

2. OPA Recertification Deadline Announced: Starting next week February 5th, the new recertification process for health centers with HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) to maintain eligibility for 340B pricing will begin. If you have not already done so, please verify that your center's information is current and accurate in the OPA database at www.hrsa.gov/opa. On the NACHC blog, there is an excellent overview/reminder of this new recertification process at <http://blogs.nachc.com/policyshop/?p=602>. Please pay particular attention to item #7: **According to OPA, FQHCs that do not recertify within the three week window will be deemed ineligible and dropped from the FQHC database. OPA is not likely to give individual extensions.** Attached is the memo that [Lynn Ford](#) sent to the membership in September 2012 to prepare for the recertification process that is now upon us with an overview of this process. Attached is also the [OPA Database Guide for Public Users-Recertification](#). This is a very detailed guide on the new OPA website (new as of October 2012) and database and may answer many of your questions about the information in the database.

Other News



1. TACHCiversaries: Please join TACHC in celebrating thirteen years of working with and for community health centers for [Anita Mitchell](#), Provider Services Specialist!

2. 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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