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Upcoming Events



[TACHC March CPI Webcast: "HIV Screening & Treatment in the Safety Net Setting: A 2013 Update" \(Part 1\)](#)

March 15th, 2013 and April 19th, 2013 from 9am to 11am (Central)

Community Health Centers are a major source of HIV prevention, screening and treatment in America's safety net health care system. The [National HIV/AIDS Strategy \(NHAS\)](#) articulates three primary goals: reduce HIV incidence; increase access to care and optimize health outcomes; and reduce HIV-related health disparities. In Part 1 of the training, Jenny McFarlane of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will present the results of a report from the Office of Inspector General (OIG) regarding the status of routine HIV testing as a standard of care at community health centers, provide an overview the recommended HIV guidelines, and discuss how DSHS is currently working with community health centers to increase HIV screening. She will also share a variety of resources that DSHS can offer your center. In Part 2 you will hear from Texas community health centers about their experience with implementing the new HIV screening standard and how they improved their HIV screening rates. Part 2 will also include a presentation entitled, "Ask, Screen and Intervene" from Helen Burnside, MS, National Resource Center Coordinator, National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers. To register for these events, click [HERE](#). For more information, contact [Verne LaGrega, Clinical Coordinator](#).

NOTE: Registration for all CPI Webcast Trainings is for two webcasts, Parts 1 and 2, at once. Thus, please register for March and April 2013 CPI Webcasts by contacting [TaSheena Mitchell, Meeting Coordinator](#) at



*Patient Exam at Community Health Center of Lubbock
Lubbock, TX*

TACHC and paying for one registration covering both months.

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

Governance and Finance



Community Partner Program: TACHC would like to encourage all health centers interested in joining the Community Partner Program to submit your interest forms today! The process currently takes about 4-6 weeks to become an official Community Partner and begin using YourTexasBenefits.com to submit online applications, therefore the sooner the better. To learn more about the Community Partner Program sign-up process or general program information, please contact a Regional Coordinator (see attached Community Program Partner contacts form). If you have any questions about this program, contact [RexAnn Shotwell](#) at TACHC.

Clinical Affairs



1. CDN Webcast: “Social Determinants for Medically Underserved Community Health Center Patients” On **Friday, March 8, 2013 2:00-3:00 PM Central Time**, the Clinical Directors Network, Inc. (CDN), Center of Excellence for Primary Care will present: Social Determinants of Health: Important Considerations for Medically Underserved Community Health Center Patients Webcast. Social determinants of health (SDOHs) are a wide array of social and economic factors, such as income inequality and unemployment, which have a tremendous impact on health outcomes. This webinar presentation will provide an overview of SDOH and the role of SDOH in health care. The presenters will also share and discuss the experience and preliminary findings from studying SDOH at Asian Health Services, a federally qualified community health center. Finally, presenters will demonstrate the use of CHC data within a software program that uses SDOH to adjust for patient risk. For more information or to register for this event, click [HERE](#).

2. New TACHC OC3 Learning Year to Begin May 1st: Don't Delay – Space is filling up fast

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](#) and complete the attached OC3 Application **by April 1, 2013**.

3. CPHP Webinar: “Public Health, Farmers Markets & Food Access: Lessons Learned Working Outside the Box” On **March 14, 2013, from 10:30 – 11:30 Central Time**, Richard Hicks, MPA, Health Planner, Office of Planning & Accreditation, Columbus Public Health Department will present on how to increase a community’s access to fresh, nutritious foods especially when people’s idea of a balanced diet is often a cookie in each hand. One health department’s unusual approach is to establish a farmers market on its own grounds. To register 1. Log on to the Center for Public Health Practice’s (CPHP) Learning Content Management System at <https://www.cphplearn.org/> 2. Enter your username and password. (If you are a first-time user, 3. Select Create Account and enter your profile information), 4. Select Course Catalog, 5. Select Monthly Webinar Series, 6. Select View - Public Health, Farmers Markets and Food Access: Lessons Learned Working Outside the Box and 7. Select LCMS Registration. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that will provide you with access information. Registration confirmation will be sent from cphp-registration@cph.osu.edu. Be sure to check your spam/junk email for a message from this address. You should add this address to your address book or safe senders list so that it is not marked as spam. Note: *Once the LCMS registration is complete, you may click on TRAIN registration if you wish to have the webinar added to your TRAIN transcript.* For more information or to register for this event, click [HERE](#), be sure to follow the steps listed above.

4. TMF Free Conference or Webinar: “Improving Patient Safety & Preventive Care” April 30 - May 1, 2013, The Texas Center for Quality & Patient Safety and Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) Health Quality Institute in collaboration with the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation have joined to provide a **FREE** two-day conference focused on improving patient safety and preventive care. The Partnership for Patients is a national initiative with aims to reduce hospital-acquired conditions by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent. The larger aim is to engage patients in their care and provide for continuity across the continuum of care. Learn from nationally recognized experts on an array of topics including: Improving patient-centeredness and perception of care , Prevention of all cause harm including a focus on reducing healthcare-acquired conditions and readmissions, Prevention and early diagnosis using health information technology clinical measures, Improving cardiovascular disease prevention, Meaningful use of electronic health records, Reporting Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures, and Improving the continuity of care and patient engagement. For more information or to register for this event, click [HERE](#).

5. UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program (HCEP) - Applications Now Available! Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program! The program provides an intensive eleven days of management and leadership development at the UCLA Anderson School of Management in Los Angeles, California. Participants engage in a rigorous but relevant curriculum that provides the requisite skills, knowledge and abilities to successfully manage and lead their organizations in a changed world for healthcare delivery. The program has graduated over 600 participants since its inception in 2002. The HCEP is especially designed and valuable for community health centers that need to prepare for and adapt to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA requires that community health centers and community-based health care organizations enhance the efficiency and scope of their service delivery model, consider building alliances and partnerships, provide for expanded patient access, position themselves in an increasingly competitive marketplace, enhance the patient experience, improve health outcomes, and develop and utilize effective health information systems. These and other competencies relevant to health care reform are the focus of the HCEP. They invite anyone who is interested to apply for the 2013 UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program, which is to be

held from **July 7 – 17, 2013** at UCLA. The application may be accessed online [HERE](#). **Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2013** and will be reviewed by the selection committee at UCLA. Johnson & Johnson covers the majority of the program costs (tuition, training materials, lodging and meals) for both the participant and their co-participant. The *program brochure* and *application form* are attached for your reference. For more information, click [HERE](#).

6. AAFP is Now Recruiting 20 Federally Qualified Health Centers for the Office Champions Tobacco Cessation FQHC Project: This project will provide practical strategies through an online training module, live teleconferences and assorted materials for making system changes in medical practices to improve tobacco cessation activities. Each participating practice will designate an office champion to lead the project, as well as a physician champion who will ensure that the office champion receives the support he or she needs. The Office Champions will be required to submit an implementation plan to the AAFP and track and report results. Practices that complete the program will receive \$2,000 financial assistance for administrative costs, plus materials for patients and recognition for practices. To apply and for more information, please visit the [Office Champions website](#). Applications will be accepted through **March 22, 2013**.



American Solutions for Business Tools Available to Help Your Center Promote Eye Care: In TACHC's partnering with American Solutions for Business, they have developed two fantastic tools: a vision simulator and a signature guide. These are great tools to help children and adults understand the importance of eye care. Attached is a "Vision Flyer" with more information about the product. For more information, contact Joseph McCarthy with American Solutions for Business (jmccarthy@americanbus.com / 757.303.5657).



1. Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program: "Volume Documentation" Effective immediately, eligible professionals attesting in the Texas Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program as an FQHC or RHC provider will be required to submit supporting documentation for their attested patient volume. This supporting documentation can be uploaded to the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program portal (either on the "documents" tab, or when attesting to patient volume). Any files uploaded must be from an auditable data source and system-generated from the EHR, Practice Management System, or other relevant system. To learn more about the program and how to participate, click [HERE](#) for a user-friendly e-learning tool and [HERE](#) for the latest program news and resource documents. For additional assistance on this and other aspects of the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, email HealthIT@tmhp.com or call the Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 (option 4).

2. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) EHR Incentive Program - Stage 2 Webinar: For Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) who have met meaningful use for a 90 day period plus at least one, one-year period, Stage 2 requirements will be effective in 2014. CMS Regions VI, VII and VIII are pleased to announce a new EHR webinar focused on the EHR Incentive Payment Program – Stage 2. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar. You will receive an appointment for the webinar which will

include information on how to connect to the webinar on March 20th.

- If possible, prior to March 20th, view the following presentations ([In-depth Overview of Stage 2 Clinical Quality Measures for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs for Eligible Professionals](#); [Stage 2 Requirements for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#)). The information provided in these previously recorded presentations will not be presented on the live webinar.

Be sure to make a list of your questions to ask during the Q&A session of the live webinar. If you prefer, you may submit questions in advance to [Adra Mayberry](#). Please use “Mar 20 EHR Webinar” in the subject line of your email. Advance questions should be submitted to Adra no later than **COB Monday, March 18th**. The session will accommodate 300 webinar and teleconference participants on a first come, first served basis. If several people are calling from one location please use one line if possible. When calling in for the teleconference, please provide your name, your organization’s name, the state from which you are calling, and the number of people listening from your location. Presentation materials will be available for viewing upon your entrance into the webinar.

Recruitment and Retention



Congratulations to CommuniCare Health Centers! Dr. Jose Rodriguez, a TACHC referral, recently accepted an offer from CommuniCare Health Centers for their Family Medicine position.

Other News



1. New TACHC Staff: Please join us in welcoming Lynn Silver, TACHC’s new Clinical Care Coordinator!

2. TACHCiversaries: Please join TACHC in celebrating twelve years of working with and for community health centers for April Sartor, Program Assistant, Recruitment & Retention, as well as one year for Dr. Davelyn Eaves Hood, Director of Clinical Affairs and one year for Sandra Thompson, Insurance Program Coordinator!

3. Please Join Us in Honoring Sandra Thompson, TACHC’s Insurance Program Coordinator! Slightly before joining TACHC, Sandra competed as a college gymnast at LSU. She will be honored as a Southeastern Conference LEGEND at the SEC Women’s Basketball Tournament, March 6 – 9th at the University of Georgia along with athletes from the other SEC schools. She will be introduced at half-time of the LSU game and then again at half-time of the last game of the tourney. She will be available for autographs at TACHC anytime you want to swing by!!!! Congrats Sandra!!!

4. 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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