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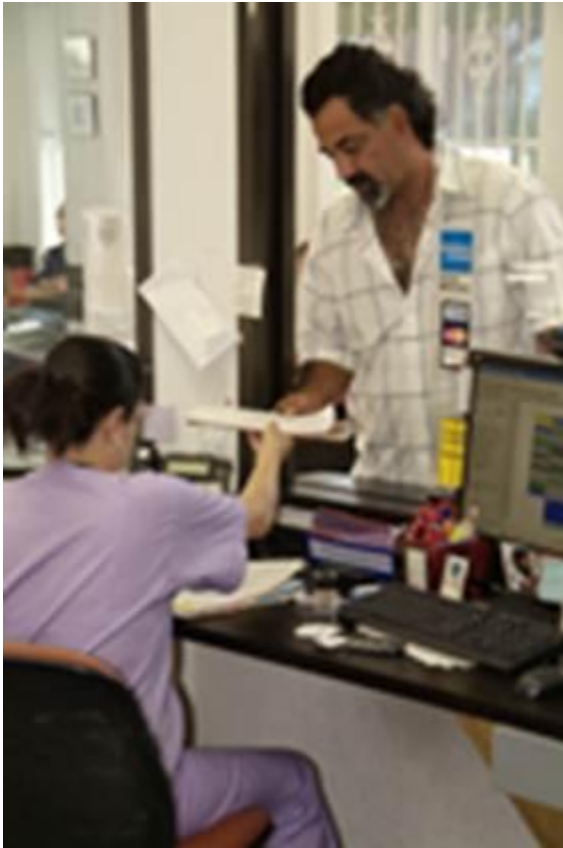
The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

Weekly Wrap-up - April 19,
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*Patient Registration
at El Centro de Corazon
Houston, TX*

Upcoming Events



[TACHC Regional Community Partner Coordinator Orientation](#)

5/1/2013 from 9:00am-3:30pm

*TACHC, 5900 Southwest Parkway Bldg. 3,
Austin*

For Regional Coordinators in the Community Partner Program only, TACHC will be hosting a follow-up session for recently hired Regional Coordinators under the Community Partner Program project. In this workshop, you will be provided with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Coordinator to ultimately fulfill our goal of improving statewide access to Medicaid and other public assistance programs for our patients by using the online application found at YourTexasBenefits.com. It is our job to prepare your Regional Coordinators with the tools and resources they need to help us get the project going and reach our goal of recruiting 300 organizations. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost to you. Please register for this event by clicking [HERE](#) so that we can have a solid count of attendees. For more information, contact [RexAnn Shotwell, Community Partner Program Project Manager](#) at the TACHC office.

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



1. NACHC ALERT Regarding Suspicious Mail: Given recent events regarding hazardous mail being sent to targets, such as a Community Health Center in Beloit, WI, we suggest centers be on alert. There are some details about what happened in Wisconsin [HERE](#).

2. TACHC 30th Annual Conference Will Be Held at the Hilton Austin Hotel October 7-9, 2013! Reservations are OPEN. As a friendly reminder, the cutoff date is **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**. Call the Hilton central reservations line directly (1-800-236-1592) and reference the group, **TACHC's Annual Conference**, or the group code, **CHC**, in order to receive the group rate of \$194 single/double over the contracted event dates, or you may click [HERE](#) to do so online. ***Reserve early, as the TACHC conference is in the middle of both Austin City Limits Festival weekends!***
IMPORTANT: Housing Policy

In an effort to ensure that our hotel is able to accept the maximum number of reservations, TACHC has implemented the following housing policies:

- Each reservation must have a unique name attached to it. No person may book more than one room in his/her name.
- A deposit of one night's room and tax will be taken at the time of booking in order to guarantee your reservation.
- Should you need to cancel, cancellations must be made 15 days in advance in order to be refunded your deposit.
- Cancellations within 15 days prior to your arrival date, deposits are non-refundable unless the hotel is able to resell your canceled room.

Click [HERE](#) to find an event agenda. For questions or assistance, please contact [TaSheena Mitchell, TACHC Meeting Coordinator](#).

3. HHSC Seeking New Members for the HIE Advisory Committee: The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is seeking new members for the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Advisory Committee. The advisory committee assists HHSC with duties related to the development of health information exchange systems in Subchapter V, Chapter 531, Government Code. The advisory committee advises HHSC regarding the development and implementation of an electronic health information exchange system to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of health care services provided through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Attached are the letter and application. **Please note that applications and resumes are due by May 10th close of business.** If you have questions, please contact [Julia Alejandre, Communications Specialist](#) with Medicaid / CHIP Health Information Technology Planning via email or by phone at (512) 491-1147.



1. NACHC-sponsored Training for New Medical Directors to be Hosted by TACHC June 26-27: Are you new to your role as Medical Director of your health center? This 1 ½ day, in-person training for new Medical Directors will be a foundational and essential building block in your career development, providing core knowledge and competencies that all health center Medical Directors need to function as effective managers, leaders, and advocates for their centers and communities. In addition to providing contextual knowledge regarding the history, political evolution, regulatory expectations, and terminology of the health center movement, course content focuses on developing competency in evolving health care issues such as the patient centered medical home, electronic health records, and meaningful use.

Topics covered include: History of Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps; Performance Evaluation; Review and Accreditation; Funding Sources and Regulatory Expectations; Additional Delivery Models and Supporting Organizations; Federal Tort Claims Act and Risk Management; The Role of the Clinical/Medical Director; Quality Management; Patient Centered Medical Home and Meaningful Use; and Small Group Case Studies.

Target Audience: Course content is designed specifically for new Medical Directors. Registration limited to Medical Directors in their position for two years or less.

CMEs: This live activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 6 Elective Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

For registration and hotel information, click [HERE](#). For additional information about the training, contact [Dr. Davelyn Eaves Hood, Director of Clinical Affairs](#) at TACHC.

2. TACHC Clinical Director Institute to be Held June 28-29: Attention all Chief Medical Officers, Chief Dental Directors, and Behavioral Health Directors, please join your fellow colleagues this year for an interactive network and learning event. Sessions include an update on TACHC Clinical Initiatives, FQHC Billing for Clinical Directors, Better Documentation and Coding, Patient Termination in the Safety Net Setting and UDS from Audit to Submission to Improvement, What Does it Mean for Your Center and Health Home, How Well Do you know your Health Care Community. There will be specialized breakout sessions for the Medical, Behavioral and Dental providers on topics such as: Moving HIV Care into the Primary Care Setting, Quality Metrics in the Dental Setting, Models of Integration that Work, How Do Medical and Dental Providers Complement Each Other and Teaching the Care Team about Screening and Brief Behavioral Health Interventions. For hotel information and to register for the conference, click [HERE](#). For additional information, contact [Dr. Davelyn Eaves Hood, Director of Clinical Affairs](#) at TACHC.



CDC Public Funding Opportunity: Improving HIV Prevention and Treatment Outcomes among HIV-Infected Persons by Integrating Community Pharmacists and Clinical Sites into a Model of Patient-centered HIV Care: [CDC-RFA-PS13-1315](#). The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to develop and implement a model of HIV care that integrates community pharmacists with primary medical providers for patient-centered HIV care. \$2.3 million award available. The application deadline is May 15, 2013. Questions? Contact [Kathy Byrd](#) at the CDC. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Recruitment and Retention



TACHC Congratulations to Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic and Good Neighbor Healthcare Center for New Hires! Dr. Yewah Jung, a TACHC referral, has accepted an offer from Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic for their Family Medicine position, and Marcia Hawkes has accepted an offer from Good Neighbor Healthcare Center for their COO position.

Other News



1. Wellness Pointe Dental Clinic Ribbon Cutting: A partnership between Wellness Pointe and Longview Regional Medical Center brings affordable dental options to families in Gilmer, TX. The Wellness Pointe Gilmer dental clinic is available to both children and adults. The Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the ribbon cutting on Friday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Anyone in the community is invited to attend the event and tour the new dental facility: 602 Titus St., Suite 130, Gilmer, TX 75644.

2. Congratulations to Lone Star Circle of Care! Lone Star Circle of Care in Georgetown, TX (Ambulatory Health Care Program) has received the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of approval for re-accreditation.

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.



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.



Texas Health and Human Services Commission

APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Please complete this application for consideration for the Electronic Health Information Exchange System Advisory Committee. If questions are not applicable, enter "NA". In addition, please submit a resume. Your eligibility will be determined from the information you submit in this application and your resume.

1. Name: _____
First Middle Last

2. Race / Ethnicity (optional): _____

3. Education: _____

4. Professional License, Registration or Certification, if applicable: _____

5. Provider Specialty, if applicable: _____

6. Please designate which of the following you are applying to represent on the committee (check more than one if applicable):

- Medicaid Provider
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Provider
- Fee-For-Service Provider
- Texas Health Services Authority
- Major Provider Association
- Health-Care Facility
- Managed Care Organization
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Medicaid Client/CHIP Enrollee
- Local or Regional Health Information Exchange
- Pediatric Medical Informatics
- Texas Health and Human Services Agency; specify agency _____.

7. Describe your knowledge of, familiarity with, or understanding of Medicaid, CHIP and/or electronic health information exchange: _____

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8. Why do you wish to serve in this capacity? _____

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9. Personal and professional achievements (include activities which address contributions you could make to the committee): _____

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10. Have you ever been disciplined by any licensing board/professional or civic organization, including the Office of Inspector General? Yes No If yes, please explain:

11. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor (excluding traffic violations)? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

12. Please list any potential conflicts of interest: _____

13. Home Address

Street or P.O. Box Apartment #

City State Zip

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Home # Fax #

Home e-mail

14. Employment Address

Name of Employer

Street or P.O. Box Suite #

City State Zip

() ()
Business # Fax #

14. Please indicate where you would like to receive future communications:

_____ Home _____ Employment

Current Position Title

Work e-mail

I ATTEST THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of Nominee

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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Austin, Texas 78751
Attn: Ramdas Menon, Director, Medicaid / CHIP Health IT
Medicaid_HIT@hhsc.state.tx.us



Texas Health and Human Services Commission ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

To: Texas Health Information Technology Stakeholders

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is seeking new members for the Electronic Health Information Exchange (HIE) Advisory Committee. The committee is charged with providing advice to HHSC on miscellaneous projects and programs relating to health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE).

I invite you to consider serving on the Committee. It meets during regular business hours on a quarterly or as-needed basis. Membership terms are four years.

Applications and resumes are due by 5 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2013. Email is preferred. Submission instructions are included on the attached application. Preference will be given to Texas residents.

As you deliberate applying for membership to the committee, please take into account which of the following membership categories you would be most able to represent. **In particular demand are consumer representatives of Medicaid/CHIP clients.**

- Medicaid clients/CHIP enrollees, including consumer representatives.
- Medicaid provider.
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provider.
- Fee-for-service provider.
- Texas Health Services Authority.
- Texas health and human services agency.
- Major provider association.
- Health-care facility.
- Managed care organization.
- Pharmaceutical industry.
- Local or regional HIE.
- Pediatric medical informatics.

Committee appointments will be made in time for new members to attend the committee meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013, in Austin. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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