

TACHC



The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

Weekly Wrap-up - May 3, 2013

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*Patient and Provider
at Ellis County Coalition For Health Options*

Upcoming Events

ACO Office Hours call:
5/9/2013 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm CST
TACHC, 5900 Southwest Parkway Bldg. 3, Austin

TACHC and CHS Staff will be available to answer questions posed by Essential Care Partners (ECP) and Essential Care Partners (ECPII) Providers and Staff

dba Hope Clinic
Waxahachie, TX

regarding topics that may include: Opt-out process; Care Coordination; PHA completion; Patient, Staff or Providers lists; and more.

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

**Governance and
Finance**



1. Texas Primary Health Care Program Expansion: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has begun planning for the proposed expansion of the Primary Health Care (PHC) Program. The proposed expansion would allow additional preventive and primary care services to be offered to women in Texas age 18 and above. DSHS anticipates that this funding will be available in the fall of 2013 and plans to issue a competitive request for proposal around June 3, 2013. This involves an expansion of \$50 million per year for Women's Health Services and represents a substantial step forward for women in need of these services in Texas. **All Texas health centers, whether current PHC contractors or not, are strongly encouraged to attend an information sharing meeting regarding PHC expansion near you.**

DSHS will hold eight regional information sharing meetings from April 30 through May 15, 2013, in El Paso, Dallas, Tyler, Houston, McAllen, Lubbock, San Angelo and Austin. Each two-hour meeting is open to all interested persons, but meeting space is limited and registration will be closed for each site when the allocated number of spaces is filled. To register for one of the eight meetings, please go to <http://www.litakergroup.com/phce> and follow the online registration instructions. If the meeting you are interested in is full or you are not able to attend on any of the dates currently scheduled, please add your contact information to the waiting list using the waiting list link. This list will be used to notify individuals if additional space is identified or additional meetings are scheduled. Once you register for the meeting, you will be directed to a page with the meeting location. This information will also be sent to registrants by email prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the facilitation team at PHCE@litakergroup.com.

2. Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Policy Changes: Please note that several policy changes have just been posted. The relevant article is attached, which includes links to each of the 5 policy change articles.

3. 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](#).

1. DSHS/AETC Training: “Spectrum of Care: The Interface - A Symposium Covering the Common Challenges for Treatment of HIV and Its Intersection with Two Major Co-morbidities” On Friday, May 10, 2013, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Houston, 8686 Kirby Houston, TX 77054, The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education & Training Center (AETC) will host a free, one-day continuing education (CE) event for clinical providers, such as physicians, nurses, and mental health providers around the treatment and management of co-morbid HIV-disease. The goal is to assist in increasing treatment capacity across the state to meet the complex needs of HIV-positive individuals dealing with co-occurring mental illness and viral hepatitis conditions. This training will not only serve to increase the efficacy and quality of delivered services through the provision of up-to-date—education and training for clinical providers, but will also address training needs for collateral partners (such as social workers, Registered Sanitarians, and Certified Health Education Specialists) who are involved in the provision of HIV services and/or the treatment planning of HIV patients. Training groups will be limited to 125 registrants. CE credit for multiple disciplines will be provided for this event. Click [HERE](#) to register. If you have any questions about registration or the training, contact [Jeff Benavides](#) / 713-873-4026.

2. FREE NACHC PCMH Accelerator Two Part Webinar Series (May 8 & June 26) Featuring 4 EHR Vendors! Both webinars are from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (Central) and will feature the following vendors: NextGen, eClinicalWorks, GE Centricity, and SuccessEHS. The event is geared toward PCMH Coaches, CEOs, COOs, CIOs, IT Directors/Managers, Medical Directors, Physicians, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Clinical Informaticists, Care Teams, Nurses, Clinical Staff. Health Information Technology (HIT) plays a central role in supporting high quality patient care (including electronic record keeping, electronic disease registries, health information exchange, internet communication with patients and electronic prescribing) and contributes to a fully functional and efficient medical home. By becoming recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), health centers will improve patient care and their experience, and position themselves to take advantage of private and/or public incentives that reward recognition. Many of the workflow and process modifications necessary to implement the core components of PCMH are dependent on the electronic health record (EHR) you have chosen. Learn from other health centers and experts who have achieved PCMH recognition using the same EHR as you are in this new two part webinar series and how they effectively leveraged its features and functionality to become recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home. To register for the Webinar series and for more information pertaining to the deadline dates for each Webinar, visit the [NACHC Web site](#). For questions contact [Shane Hickey, Director, IT Support at NACHC](#).

3. 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.

4. 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 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.

Group Purchasing



New TACHC Promotional Product e-Store: TACHC is proud to collaborate with American Solutions for Business (ASB) as they introduce the *new* TACHC Promotional Product e-store. This tool will allow you to look for promotional items you can use at your health centers. ASB has developed this with special pricing for TACHC members: **20% off ALL prices**. The site is set up to request information only. When selecting an item you will be prompted to send an email. An ASB representative will contact you directly with personal service and suggestions. If you have any questions, you can contact [Joe McCarthy](#) / (757) 303-5657. Click [HERE](#) to browse the TACHC e-store.

Recruitment and Retention



1. TACHC Congratulations to Wellness Pointe, CommuniCare and CHDI: We would like to congratulate Wellness Pointe in Longview; Dr. Tajud Dabiri has accepted their OB/GYN position, congratulations to CommuniCare in San Antonio, Dr. Miguel Vazquez has accepted their position for Chief Medical Officer, and congratulations to Community Health Development, Inc. in Uvalde, John Castle has accepted their position for Physician Assistant. All of the hires were direct referrals from our TACHC recruitment team. The total placements so far this year for the TACHC recruitment team is 14.

2. TACHC Recruitment and Retention Survey Progress: The first phase of the Recruitment & Retention Survey is now complete. Thanks to everyone who participated and submitted responses via the electronic tool distributed by Barlow/McCarthy (BMC), a nationally recognized expert in physician recruitment/onboarding/retention, medical staff development and physician relations.

We are currently in the second phase of the survey. BMC is asking a cross section of member center staff (clinical and leadership) to take part in an additional 30 minute one-on-one telephone call to deepen the information collected and test potential recommendations. As such, some of you may have received a call or an email from a representative of BMC requesting to schedule a time to speak with either your center's lead HR person or a member of provider staff. This portion of the survey is extremely important to the results. Please respond as quickly as possible as we are completing this survey over the next week. The results will be shared in a Webcast to all of our members. Questions? Contact [Marcia Falloure](#) at TACHC.

Other News 

TACHC Member News: Please join us in congratulating Su Clinica Familiar for their accomplishment in receiving the prestigious SHARP award for safety and health! Su Clinica is one of only 90 businesses in Texas to be currently recognized with the SHARP award, and is the only community health center in the nation to earn the award in 2013. More details are available [here](#).

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 Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program: Policy Changes

In an effort to continually improve the EHR Incentive Program for providers and the State, Texas Medicaid makes the following policy changes, effective immediately:

1. Prior to participating in the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, the provider must follow standard Medicaid enrollment procedures to enroll as a Medicaid billing or performing provider and have an active Texas Medicaid Provider Identification Number (TPI). Click [here](#) for an article on which TPI to include in attestation, and exceptions for certain FQHC and RHC providers.
2. Under the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, a physician assistant (PA) practicing in a federally qualified health center (FQHC) or rural health clinic (RHC) led by a PA is eligible for incentive payments. These PAs are required to upload the signed [PA Attestation Form](#). Click [here](#) for an article about the definition of “PA-led”.
3. Eligible professionals (EPs) attesting in the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program as an FQHC or RHC provider will be required to submit supporting documentation for their attested patient volume. Click [here](#) for an article about requirements for the source of these files, where to upload them, and reminders about FQHC and RHC participation in the incentive program.
4. Appeals, which providers may submit for reasons specified in the Stage 1 Meaningful Use Final Rule, will not be considered based on missed program deadlines. An exception may be granted if the provider’s attestation was delayed by an error in the system technology of the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Portal or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) EHR Incentive Program Registration and Attestation System. Click [here](#) for the full article.
5. Audits of incentive payments are a required element of the EHR Incentive Program. Click [here](#) for information on the audit process, how quickly to respond to the auditors, how long to keep documentation, what to upload to the portal, and special requirements for FQHC / RHC providers.

Want more information about the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program?

- Learn about program rules and steps by using the easy and self-paced e-learning module at www.texasehrincentives.com.
- Visit the [Texas Medicaid Health IT website](#) for updates on the EHR Incentive Program and other health IT initiatives.
- For more information, contact HealthIT@tmhp.com or call 1-800-925-9126 (option 4).