

# TACHC



The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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## **Upcoming Events**



[TACHC May CPI Webcast “Cancer Screening: Highlighting Improvement”](#)

*May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 9am to 11am and June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013*

*Part 1 and Part 2*

In Part 1 of this 2 Part series, please join us for an exciting panel discussion where you will

*Patient Exam at AccessHealth  
Richmond, TX*

learn how to linking improved screening rates in cancer to medical home and accountable care, the latest updates and toolkit resources from the American Cancer Society, how to overcome patient and physician resistance to cancer screening, and the pros and cons of Fit vs. FOBT screening. You will hear from two community health centers about a recent colorectal cancer screening project and the lessons learned and about how one center is improving breast cancer screening. Click [HERE](#) to register. If you have any questions, please contact [Verne LaGrega, Clinical Coordinator](#) at TACHC.

In [Part 2](#) of the webcast (June 21, 2013), we will review the homework assignment from Part 1 and discuss how centers can leverage this data for improvement. We will also highlight the screening work from other community health centers.

**NOTE: Registration for all CPI Webcast Trainings is for two webcasts, Parts 1 and 2, at once.** To register for May and June 2013 CPI Webcasts click [HERE](#) and then click the register button, and paying for one registration covering both months. For more information contact [Verne LaGrega, Clinical Coordinator](#) at TACHC.

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



**1. National Provider Call: Stage 1 of the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs for Eligible Professionals: First in a Series — Registration Now Open! Thursday May 30; 1:30-3 PM ET**

This session will inform individual practitioners on the basics of Stage 1 of the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. Learn if you are eligible, and if so, what you need to do to earn an incentive. This is the first in a series of 6 National Provider Calls on the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. Other topics include: Stage 2, clinical quality measures, hardship exceptions, payment adjustments, and a discussion on certification by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. For more details regarding eligibility for the Medicare and/or Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, click [HERE](#).

*Agenda:*

- Are you eligible?
- How much are the incentives and how are they calculated?
- How do you get started?
- What are major milestones regarding participation and payment?
- How do you report on meaningful use?
- Where can you find helpful resources?
- Question and answer session

In order to receive call-in information, you must register for the call on the [CMS Upcoming National Provider Calls registration website](#). Registration will close at 12pm on the day of the call or when available space has been filled; no exceptions will be made, so please register early. The presentation for this call will be posted on the [FFS National Provider Calls web page](#). In addition, a link to the slide presentation will be emailed to all registrants on the day of the call. Continuing education credit may be awarded for participation in certain CMS National Provider Calls. Visit the [Continuing Education Credit Notification web page](#) to learn more.

**2. 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 regional information sharing meetings 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 these 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](mailto:PHCE@litakergroup.com).

**3. TACHC 30<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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.



**1. Two New Pharmacy Dispensing Technologies from a TACHC Preferred Provider: Kirby Lester!**

Introducing the KL100 mid-sized robotic dispenser, proving that oversized, overpriced robots are a thing of the past. Kirby Lester's new KL100 is the smallest and most affordable 100-medication system. Less than 5' deep, the KL100 manages 50% or more of total daily scripts. And the KL100's exclusive "FillSafe" technology sets a new standard for medication security. And for every other medication that doesn't get dispensed by a robot, see the new KL1Plus counting plus verification device. It combines our best-selling

tablet counter with streamlined scan-verification software in one compact device. You'll be assured that every patient gets the right product, strength and quantity every time with the KL1Plus. Contact either [Lynn Ford, Purchasing Program Coordinator](#) at TACHC or [Kirby Lester](#) for TACHC pricing and more information.

**2. 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

**Are Your Job Postings Current?** As TACHC's recruiting staff continue in our mission to help complement your center's internal recruitment efforts, we ask that you or your designated staff take a moment to verify that your [TACHC job board](#) postings are current. If you have had recent changes to your center's advertised vacancies, please contact [April Sartor, R&R Program Assistant](#) at TACHC and give her a quick update. If your center has a *new* opening that you would like us to help you recruit for, simply click [HERE](#) and complete the easy online position profile, and we will get started on creating your new job posting!

## Other News

**1. New TACHC Staff:** Please join us in welcoming [Danielle Ramos](#), TACHC's new Receptionist, and [Mell Rosandich](#), TACHC's new Software Engineer!

**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](mailto:members@tachc.org)), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.



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