



The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

Weekly Wrap-up - October 18, 2013

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Upcoming Events



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



*Pasadena Health Center
Pasadena, TX*

- [TACHC November CPI Webcast “Coding to Ensure Accurate Health Risk Scoring” \(Part 1 of 2\): November 15, 2013](#)
- [TACHC UDS Training: December 9, 2013](#)

Information regarding all upcoming events hosted by TACHC can be found [HERE](#). For questions or assistance, please contact [TaSheena Mitchell, TACHC Meeting Coordinator](#).



1. TACHC Comments on Proposed Rules Regarding Standing Delegation Orders: TACHC has submitted [comments](#) on the [proposed rules](#) in [Chapter 193 of the Texas Administrative Code](#). Please contact [Shelby Massey, TACHC Policy & Research Coordinator](#) at TACHC if you have any questions.



2. TACHC Call for Volunteers for Board Level Committees: If you are interested in volunteering for a TACHC Committee, now is the time to let us know! Attached is the TACHC Committee Volunteer Form to complete. We encourage your participation; committees inform TACHC's work throughout its program areas. Thank you to those who already filled out the form at the annual conference. Please note that a new Standing Board Level Committee was approved Tuesday by the TACHC Membership, the Nominations Committee. If you are interested in serving on that committee, please add that to the information you submit on the form; the committee description is as follows: *The Nominations committee shall be composed of at least six (6) members, each representing a different TACHC region. The purpose of this committee shall be to recommend to the TACHC Board processes for nominations and elections of TACHC Board members and officers.* Questions? Contact [Cecile Carson](#) at TACHC.



4. TACHC Annual Conference Recap: What a great conference! Thanks to the 252 registered participants and 43 exhibitors for making our 30th Annual Conference a success. All session handouts and materials are available [HERE](#). If you have not already completed an overall conference evaluation, please complete the attached and email it to TaSheena Mitchell, TACHC Meeting Coordinator by Friday, October 18th. Photos from the conference are available [HERE](#). Photos taken by [Andrea Abel, Communications Director](#) and [JJ Martinez, Network Engineer](#) at TACHC with additional gala photographs by Ron Henry, Director of Pharmacy at Family Health Center in Laurel, MS. Also, don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and look for select photos there!





1. TMF Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) Train-the-trainer Session: This training



is offered by TMF Health Quality Institute and will take place on **October 28-30, 2013 8:30am-5:00pm** at the Onion Creek Senior Citizens Center located at 420 Barton's Crossing, Buda, Texas 78610. This training is intended for anyone who can commit to leading DEEP classes. **There is no charge to attend**; however, participants will be asked to conduct at least one to two DEEP classes in their community. Only those who can fulfill this commitment should attend. Participants will receive certification upon completion of all three sessions. Participants must commit to attend all 3 days of the training. If you are not interested in this training or have already been trained on DEEP but know someone interested in being trained and certified to teach using the DEEP curriculum, please forward this information to them. This may be the last training for the year in the Austin/San Antonio area and only 20 seats are available. For more information contact [Ardis Reed](#) or [Heidi Turpin](#) at TMF (1-800-725-2633).

2. CDN Webcast: “Improving Your Office Testing Process—Toolkit for Rapid-Cycle Patient Safety and Quality Improvement” The Clinical Directors Network (CDN), Center of Excellence for Primary Care Practice-Based Research



Tuesday, October 29, 2013 and Learning is offering this live webcast on **12:00-1:00 PM CDT**. This webcast offers step-by-step instructions on how to where improvement is needed that can be used to assess office readiness, plan activities, engage patients, audit efforts and incorporate electronic health records. The toolkit also includes a template for practices to ensure that laboratory test results are communicated effectively to patients in English or Spanish. Approximately 40 percent of primary care office visits involve some type of diagnostic medical test, such as a urine sample or blood test, provided on site or at a laboratory. However, if test results are lost, incorrect or incomplete, the wrong treatment may be prescribed and patient harm can occur. “AHRQ has a strong track record of developing tools that have helped hospitals measurably improve the safety of care,” said Jeff Brady, M.D., associate director of AHRQ’s Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. “This new toolkit is designed to improve safety in office-based settings by giving doctors and their staff a practical, easy-to-use resource to help manage their lab test results and patient follow-up.” Click [HERE](#) to view the toolkit. Click [HERE](#) to register for the webcast.



1. Texas Women’s Health Program Outreach Materials: The Texas Women’s Health Program has



expanded the outreach materials it offers to help non-profit organizations and service providers share information about the program in their communities. Along with brochures, there are now posters and general information cards organizations can order free of charge on the HHSC website. To order materials, visit www.hhsc.state.tx.us/WomensHealth/brochure-request.asp.

2. 2013 National Health Care for the Homeless - Southwest Health & Housing Training: This event

will be held October 28-29, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Houston located at 1200 Louisiana St., Houston, TX 77002. Featured content will include innovative and proven solutions to end homelessness in communities across America, roundtable discussions, interactive 90-minute sessions, networking with providers and consumers, federal and state updates on important changes for healthcare and housing providers, and discussions about upcoming reform implementations mandated by the Affordable Care Act. Prepare your staff for the future of health care delivery and housing for people experiencing homelessness through dozens of workshops, plenary sessions, and networking opportunities, training and technical assistance for Health Care for the Homeless and other safety net providers, and workshops for health care for the homeless consumers, clinicians, and advocates. Continuing Medical Education will be available on Advanced Clinical Topics. Continuing education and professional development will be available for social workers, nurses, and front line staff. A tentative agenda and registration information can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

Information Technology



Medicare PV-PQRS Program: Some members have elected to participate in the Medicare PV-PQRS Program in order to avoid the 2015 Medicare adjustment. **Please note that as long as you are Meaningful Use (MU) participating in the Medicaid Incentive Program you do not need to register and/or attest in the PV-PQRS Program.** Only providers who are applying for Medicare MU need to register in PQRS. Also, any member participating in either TACHC Medicare ACO does not need to register in the PQRS system. The ACO reports those measures at the group level and submission is handled by our ACO partner CHS. Questions? Contact [Todd Radloff, Director of Information Technology](#) at TACHC.



Other News



1. Ms. Blasi Goes To Washington! After 20 years of dedicated service, Jana Blasi, Deputy Director at TACHC, has accepted a position with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC). Her last day with TACHC will be Friday, December 6th. Her devotion to Community Health Centers and the patients they served is truly remarkable. Please join us in wishing her well in her new position where she will continue to champion CHCs on a daily basis.



2. Atascosa Health Center Breaks Ground on New Main Facility in Pleasanton! Congratulations to Atascosa Health Center on the groundbreaking for their new clinic in Pleasanton, Texas. The event occurred on Thursday, October 17, 2013. Funding for the new site came through a Building Capacity Grant from the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration authorized and funded through the 2010 Affordable Care Act. Funding for a portion of the project was also provided by Corporation for the Development of Community Health Centers, Inc., a TACHC subsidiary. The new site will house a nearly 20,000 square foot medical, dental, and behavioral health facility and a separate nearly 3,500 square foot Women Infants and Children (WIC) services facility. The health care facility is expected to open in October, 2015, doubling the

CONGRATULATIONS



number of medical and dental exam rooms.

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 ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
30th ANNUAL AND CLINICAL CONFERENCE**

Evaluation Form

SECTION 1

1. If you could give TACHC one piece of advice on how to improve the TACHC Annual Conference, what would it be?

2. What did you like best?

3. What did you like least?

4. What **specific topics** would you like to see addressed at next year's TACHC Annual and Clinical Conference?

5. List any speakers you would recommend that TACHC invite to future meetings?

6. List any exhibitors you would recommend that TACHC invite to future meetings?

SECTION 2: Please rate TACHC's 30th Annual Conference on each item below, using the following scale:

1 = strongly disagree 2 = disagree 3 = agree 4 = strongly agree

1. The conference was well organized: _____

2. The conference addressed my professional learning needs: _____

3. There was adequate time for networking and informal learning: _____

4. The education sessions were quite useful: _____

5. The choice of session topics were right on topic: _____

6. I learned a great deal at this conference: _____

7. The exhibit hall was useful: _____

SECTION 3

Please respond to the following questions:

1. Are you likely to attend next year’s TACHC Annual and Clinical Conference?

YES NO

2. Would you recommend the conference to a colleague?

YES NO

3. Did you like having the administration track and the clinical track of the TACHC Annual Conference occur concurrently?

YES NO

4. What needs are we currently not addressing at the TACHC Annual Conference that you would like to see addressed?

5. Any additional comments you would like to make:

SECTION 4

Please rate the quality of the conference facility using the following scale:

1 = poor 2 = fair 3 = good 4 = excellent

1. How would you rate the hotel location

2. How would you rate the hotel room rate

3. How would you rate meeting facilities

4. How would you rate the hotel meals

SECTION 5

Occupation/Position: (please circle all that apply)

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Board Member | Executive Director | Finance Director | Operations Officer |
| Pharmacy Director | Pharmacist | Pharmacy Technician | Purchasing Director |
| Physician | Physician Assistant | Nurse Practitioner | Billing Staff |
| Dentist | Pharmacy staff | Social Worker | Nurse |

Other: _____

Years at health center: 0-5 years 5-10 years 10+ years

Location of Health Center: Rural Urban

TACHC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

Name

Title

Health Center

Work Phone

Email

Date



Standing Committees

Standing committees shall be composed of five (5) members representing different TACHC regions unless otherwise indicated. Only representatives from Organizational Members may be appointed to a standing committee. The President of the Board will appoint the members of the committee and designate a Board member to be the chairperson who shall preside at all meetings and generally supervise the conduct of the committee's affairs

Please indicate if you are interested in one or more of the following standing committees. Please read the description of each committee carefully to ensure you are eligible. If you are unsure, note that in the comments section below.

Audit – The purpose of this committee is to address the audit functions of the Corporation and report to the Board on issues related to the audits of the Corporation. A majority (51%) of this committee's members shall be Board members. No member of this committee may also be a member of the Finance Committee.

Bylaws – The purpose of this committee is to make recommendations to the general membership regarding Corporation Bylaws revisions and updates as needed.

Clinical Affairs– This committee shall be chaired by the provider on the Board, shall be composed of a minimum of six (6) members, one from each TACHC region, and shall not exceed twelve (12) members. The committee shall be composed of medical (physician and/or midlevel) professional, dental professional, behavior health professional, pharmacy and nursing (RN and/or LVN) staff from Organizational Members. The purpose of this committee is to provide guidance and feedback to the Board and staff on various clinical matters.

Compliance – The purpose of this committee is to assist the Board in ensuring that the Corporation is in compliance with all applicable laws, regulatory requirements, industry guidelines and policies. A majority (51%) of this committee's members shall be Board members.

- Finance** – The purpose of this committee is to review and report to the Board on issues related to the financial management of the Corporation. The committee shall review all budgets and financial statements. A majority (51%) of this committee's members shall be Board members. No member of this committee may also be a member of the Audit Committee.

- Membership** – The Membership committee shall be composed of at least six (6) members, each representing a different TACHC region. The purpose of this committee shall be to review all applications for membership and make recommendations to the Board as to whether the applicant should be granted or denied membership.

- Policy and Issues** – The Policy and Issues committee shall be composed of at least six (6) members, each representing a different TACHC region. The purpose of this committee shall be to provide guidance to TACHC Board and staff on positions regarding federal and state legislative and administrative policies.

- Recruitment and Retention** – The Recruitment and Retention committee shall be composed of at least six (6) members, each representing a different TACHC region. It shall be comprised of a majority (51%) of EDs or CEOs of Organizational Members and shall include the provider representative from the TACHC Board as well as other clinicians from TACHC Organizational Member entities. The purpose of this committee is to provide guidance to TACHC staff on the Recruitment and Retention program.

Advisory Committees

The Board President may appoint (1) or more advisory committees with input from Organizational Members. Advisory committee members are not required to be members of the Board or the Corporation and should have knowledge, expertise or experience with committee issues. Advisory committee members shall serve at the discretion of the Board President and may be removed from any advisory committee by the Board President at any time.

Please indicate if you are interested in the following advisory committee. Please read the description of the committee carefully to ensure you are eligible. If you are unsure, note that in the comments section below.

- Pharmacy and Therapeutic** – This committee shall be composed of at least eight (8) members who are administrative staff, pharmacists and physicians. The purpose of this committee shall be to provide guidance to the TACHC Board and staff on the TACHC Pharmacy Purchasing Program.

Comments?
