



The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

Weekly Wrap-up - November 15,
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**IMPORTANT:
Before You Continue...**

Important Changes Are Coming Soon to the TACHC Weekly Wrap: TACHC needs your input! We are updating the look and delivery method for the Weekly Wrap to best meet our members' needs.

- Please participate in this [2-3 question survey](#) by **Wednesday, November 20, 2013**.
- To continue to receive the Weekly Wrap, you **must** be signed up as a TACHC Health Center Advocate by clicking [HERE](#).
- Have your center staff [sign up](#) to receive the Weekly Wrap and its important updates directly.

Questions? Contact [Andrea Abel](#), [Communications Director](#) at TACHC.

Upcoming Events



[TACHC UDS Training](#)

December 9, 2013, Hilton Austin Airport 9515 Hotel Drive Austin, TX 78719

The Uniform Data System (UDS) in-person training is a full day program covering the preparation of the 2013 UDS Report. The training addresses each of the tables, including a discussion of the changes that have been made and the definitions necessary to complete the reports. The UDS training is aimed at those who are responsible for gathering and reporting the data elements included in the UDS report, as well as management and clinical staff who need to understand the definitions and concepts used. **The hotel reservations deadline is Sunday, November 17th**. To register for this event, click [HERE](#).

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

Governance and Finance



1. TACHC Update on State Affiliation Agreement Requirements: HHSC has finalized new rules on FQHC Affiliate Agreements. You can find TACHC's summary of the new requirement [HERE](#).



2. TACHC ACOs Plan Merger: Essential Care Partners and Essential Care Partners II have approved a merger of their Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) **effective January 1, 2014**. This means 24 Texas health centers will be working together more efficiently to achieve best practices in care coordination, quality measurement and shared savings.



Clinical Affairs



1. Texans Standing Tall Presents a Regional Forum on Advanced Smoke-Free Strategies: You're invited to join TST in conjunction with the Smoke-Free Texas Coalition as they host the Forum on **December 4, 2013 in Dallas**. The Forum focuses on preventing youth alcohol and tobacco use with the ultimate goal of reducing all youth substance abuse and will provide participants the opportunity to develop skill sets and learn how to educate and civically engage community members for healthier and smoke-free communities! Click [HERE](#) for all Regional Forum information, location details, registration information, and agendas or call 512-442-7501.



Texans Standing Tall
Together creating healthier
and safer communities.

2. IHI New Leadership Skills for Better Health and Health Care: The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) has been doing a lot of thinking of late about leaders and leadership, in particular the skills, behaviors, and outlook necessary to steer today's health care organizations toward a very different future. This **free audio program** will take place on **Thursday, November 21, from 1:00-2:00 PM CT**.



One of the goals of this WIHI is to describe the interdependence between the growing focus on population health, the shift from volume to value, and the corresponding leadership skills required to address these challenges. Speakers include: Gary R. Yates, MD, Lee Sacks, MD, Derek Feeley, and Andrea Kabcenell, RN, MPH. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

3. Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education & Training Center World AIDS Day Webinar Series: Registration is now open for an upcoming webinar series in honor of World AIDS Day. Session 1: "HIV Routine Testing" will be on December 2nd, 2013 (12-1 pm CT) and guest speaker will be Cordella Lyon, RN & Ken Malone, *CDC testing initiative. Session 2: "We Test, but it Ain't Easy" Strategies for Testing People of African Descent for HIV will be on December 3rd, 2013 12-1pm CT) and guest speaker will be R.J. Shannon, BA, *MAI (Minority AIDS Initiative). Participants will be able to view slides, hear audio,

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participate in polls, and ask questions directly to each presenter. This webinar series will be presented LIVE over the internet. FREE Social Work CEs are available for this series! Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Recruitment and Retention



TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities: With great enthusiasm, TACHC staff continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs. As such, we will be speaking with **Family Medicine residents in Conroe on December 18th**. If your center has a new Family Medicine opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, simply click [HERE](#) and complete the easy online position profile. Have questions or need assistance? Contact [April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant](#) at TACHC.



Other News



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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