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UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC 12/17/13 ACO Quality Review Training Webcast

During the December training we will review the basics of the ACO measures and walk through a tool that was developed by one of our very own center staff members during the review process last year. For more information contact Davelyn Eaves-Hood at deaveshood@tachc.org or click [HERE](#).

TACHC 1/17/14 CPI Webcast: Behavioral Health Integration Part 1

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

HHS Announces \$58 Million FY14 for CHC ACA

Outreach & Enrollment Funding

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$58 million in grants to 1,157 U.S. health centers currently enrolling patients and others in new health insurance coverage to expand outreach and enrollment activities. Texas will receive \$5,431,370 in FY 14 for 66 health centers. Click [HERE](#) to read the press release. Click [HERE](#) for a complete list of Texas funding.

HHS Announces \$50 Million FY14 ACA Mental Health

Services Funding

HHS announced \$50 million in ACA funding to expand mental health and substance use disorder services that will be awarded to about 200 CHCs nationwide. Click [HERE](#) to read the press release. **Be on the lookout for the RFP guidance.**

NACHC Needs CHC Participation in QHP

Contracting Assessment

NACHC needs real Texas data to develop a national QHP ACA strategy and has **extended the deadline until December 20th**. Click [HERE](#) for a list of Texas centers who have not completed the assessment or completed or partially completed the assessment. Click [HERE](#) to see the assessment tool. Questions: Contact NACHC's Allison Abayasekara at aabayasekara@nachc.com or 301-347-0426.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Congrats Los Barrios on PCMH Level 2 Recognition

Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic has been granted Level 2 Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition status from the National Committee on Quality Assurance. The patient-centered medical home is a way of organizing primary care that emphasizes care coordination and communication to transform primary care into *what patients want it to be*. Medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs and can improve patients' and providers' experience of care.

POLICY

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 requirements [HERE](#).

R & R

TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities

TACHC staff continue to support member organizations in their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs. **We will be speaking with Family Medicine residents December 18th in Conroe.** If your center has a new Family Medicine opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, click [HERE](#) and complete the easy online position profile. **To have your opening included with the information distributed at this recruitment event, you must submit a position profile no later than 12:00 p.m. Monday, December 16th.** Have questions or need assistance? Contact [April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.](#)

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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