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UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC Policy & Issues Forum January 26-27, 2015

Registration for the **TACHC Policy and Issues Forum** is now open! This conference provides health center CEOs, Board Members and other high level staff the opportunity to learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the upcoming

state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers, and visit with legislators to engage them on the health center legislative agenda. This year, TACHC is asking that health centers bring a patient advocate with them to the P&I Conference to help tell the health center's story. Please contact **Shelby Massey** with questions or comments.

TACHC Health Information Technology Summit, February 12-13, 2015

Registration is now open! Hotel reservation deadline is Monday, January 12th. The 2015 TACHC Health Information Technology Summit is designed to disseminate best practices and share innovative projects within the FQHC environment that directly supports health information technology efforts. Topics will include using technology to improve patient experience; Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement; ICD-10 preparation; data security; Meaningful Use; and Health Information Exchanges. Contact TACHC IT Director **Todd Radloff** for more information.

OC3 CPI Webcast: Ending Invisibility: Improving Access and Care For Your LGBT Patients Part 1

Registration is now open! Community health centers have a history of assisting with closing gaps in disparities, and many health centers may already be serving the LGBT in their communities but do not even know it. This **2-Part CPI session for January 16 and February 20, 2015** will offer health centers an introduction to the LGBT population, including definitions and concepts, the disparities they experience, and the importance of addressing the health care needs of this population. Learn from our guest experts how to end the invisibility of these patients by implementing methods to identify them, customizing your services, creating a welcoming environment, and providing culturally-sensitive care.

ATTENTION CLINICIANS: ICD-10 Transition Webcast Clinicians, 6-part series begins 1/29/15

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ATTENTION BILLING & CODING STAFF: TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training for Coding and Billing Staff, February 12-13, 2015

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CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Register Now for the Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition Webcast Series

TACHC will host a Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition webcast series from January through June 2015. Marilyn Masick, M.Ed., CPC, CCP will walk through the most common ICD-9 codes for FQHC providers, crosswalk them to ICD-10 and discuss the associated documentation needs to aid in making the transition

to ICD-10 a smooth one for the medical staff at your centers. Each webcast will be recorded and made available for you to share with your medical staff that are not able to attend the live sessions. Each will also include a post-test to ensure your medical staff has learned the key items from the lessons. The webcast series is $400 for members, $500 for non-members. **Click Here to Register.** For more information, please contact **Britt Kushner** or **Davelyn Eaves Hood.**

TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training for Coding and Billing Staff, February 12-13, 2015

Code Set Training will consist of introductory ICD-10 information and chapter by chapter code set training. The training is tailored for FQHCs and contains a lot of practice on how to look up codes, including chapter specific exercises at the end of each chapter. At the conclusion of the two days, there will be case notes (as opposed to coding lookup exercises) that will be coded.

In order to keep working page numbers consistent we will use 2014 AAPC Draft ICD-10-CM. Every person attending needs to bring a copy of same. All attendees should also bring small post-its and colored highlighters. Post-it tabs would also be helpful.

Participants will also be given a copy of the Coder's Reference Lookup List for FQHCs developed by Masick with coding frequency information provided by several Texas FQHCs. For more information, contact **Britt Kushner**.

Updated HIV Prevention Guidelines

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with HRSA and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) published a new evidence-based guideline, **Recommendations for HIV Prevention with Adults and Adolescents with HIV in the United States, 2014.** The recommendations comprise an all-in-one set of comprehensive interventions for clinical providers, nonclinical providers, as well as staff of health departments and HIV planning groups focused on optimizing health outcomes for people with HIV and reducing their risk of exposing others to HIV.

POLICY

Sunset Advisory Commission Adopts Recommendations for Health and Human Services Agencies

The **Sunset Advisory Commission adopted recommendations** to consolidate the Health and Human Services Commission with the four agencies it oversees into a single agency. The set of recommendations also included substantial changes to state-funded women's health programs.

GROUP PURCHASING

HRSA's 340B Registration Window

January 1st through January 15th is your next window to register with the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) for a new site to be eligible for 340B pricing. This is also the window if you want to add a retail pharmacy to contract with for pharmacy services ("bill to/ship to"). When registering in this window of time, the new site/pharmacy will be eligible for 340B pricing effective April 1st.

The registration process occurs electronically via the **OPA website.** There are additional bullets listed under the 'Covered Entities' section to use for registering. A guide to registering can be found **HERE**. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing till it listed in the EHB and must have the site ID (found in the EHB). For more information, contact TACHC Purchasing Program Coordinator **Lynn Ford** or (512) 329-5959.

R&R

TACHC Congratulations to Heart of Texas CHC for a New Hire!

Dr. Uzma Jalal a TACHC referral accepted an offer for the Heart of Texas CHC Family Medicine Physician position!

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? Complete the **TACHC online position profile**. Contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

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TACHC Health Information Technology Summit, February 12-13, 2015

See Upcoming Events.

NEWS

Davelyn Eaves Hood, Director of Clinical Affairs, will be leaving TACHC as of January 30th, 2015. TACHC thanks Davelyn for her service to TACHC and our members.

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel**.

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