



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OC³ CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans at FQHCs Part 1, July 24, 9-11am CST

Did you know that the Veteran's Choice law which passed in November 2014 allows military veterans to see non-VA providers if the patient is more than 30 miles away from a VA Center or if the waiting time is more than 30 days. **This**

has increased the number of veterans seen in FQHCs. This **two-part CPI Webcast** geared towards clinicians and behavioral health staff will discuss military cultural competency, focus on the most common clinical and behavioral health issues faced by veterans and highlight effective treatment options for these conditions. **Register for the webcast.** For more information contact **Sharad Kohli.**

Last Chance! Join Your Colleagues & TACHC at CDI 2015

Don't miss out on the TACHC Clinical Directors' Institute, ***Focusing Care by Expanding Our Vision***, July 17-18 in Frisco, TX. We will use diabetes as a lens to look at improving care, with the understanding that lessons learned from diabetes care can apply to other chronic conditions. **Full agenda and registration information.** The group block is full. To make reservations call 1-888-627-8116.

Outreach & Enrollment Conference: September 15-16 in Austin

This year's conference theme is ***Putting the "Outreach" in Outreach and Enrollment***. Contact **Sonia Lara** for more information. **CLICK** or call 512-733-6767 to reserve your guest room rate of \$120/night by September 2nd.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

HHSC Rules on Presumptive Eligibility for Qualified Entities

HHSC final rules on Presumptive Eligibility allow Community Health Centers to become Qualified Entities (QEs). As a QE, health centers can determine if their eligible pregnant patients can obtain short-term Medicaid the same day they receive services while HHSC processes their application for regular Medicaid. Find **more information on HHSC presumptive eligibility rules.** To learn how to become a Qualified Entity, please click on **Become a QH/QE.** For more information on PE in Texas, **visit the new website.** For any other questions, please contact **Sonia Lara.**

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Webcast: Inclusive and Affirmative Health Care for LGBT People

The **National LGBT Health Education Center will host a free webinar Tuesday, July 21st, 1pm-2pm CST** on 10 key practices to support LGBT people who seek care at your clinics. If you missed TACHC's CPI webcasts that addressed LGBT care as part of health centers' service to vulnerable populations, or if you are looking to build on those trainings, this should be a great opportunity for you and your staff.

Back-to-School Vaccine Orders Taken July 1 – July 15

If you provide vaccines to pediatric patients through the **Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC)** program, please note that you must order ahead for the upcoming back-to-school period, which means that you may need to update your

vaccine orders. This is a change from the process in earlier years because the DSHS pharmacy no longer maintains large vaccine inventories. Please find more information at the **TVFC website**.

See Group Purchasing for **GSK and Novartis Transaction** and **Menveo Available on DSHS's Adult Safety Net**

POLICY

4 Weeks Til National Health Center Week (NHCW)

Be on the lookout soon for Governor Abbott's proclamation declaring NHCW in Texas. In the meantime, TACHC encourages health centers to invite their state and national elected officials (state representatives and senators and national representatives and senators) to visit during NHCW and to attend your health center week events! **NACHC makes inviting your Member of Congress easy with this tool**. Need help? Contact **Shelby Massey** or **Andrea Abel**. Already have an elected official attending? Let **Shelby** or **Andrea** know so we can keep track. Be sure to **post your NHCW events** as soon as possible.

GROUP PURCHASING

GSK and Novartis Transaction

In case you have not heard, **GSK has acquired the Novartis vaccine line**. What this means to the health center is that the Novartis vaccines will now be manufactured by GSK (Menveo, RabAvert and flu vaccine).

Menveo Available on DSHS's Adult Safety Net

If your health center is purchasing the Menveo vaccine, you may have noticed that the price has increased noticeably recently. Please be aware for your adult uninsured patients that Menveo is now available on the **DSHS Adult Safety Net program**.

OPA's Registration Window is OPEN!

The Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) **July window is open and will remain open till midnight eastern time on 7/15/15**. This is the time to register a clinic site and/or contracted retail pharmacy. Registration that occurs during the July window will be eligible for 340B pricing effective October 1st. Please remember that any and all clinic sites listed in the EHB needs to be listed in the OPA database (OPA database needs to match EHB perfectly!!).

R&R

Congratulations Gateway CHC, Inc. for a New Hire!

Dr. Eduardo Ricaurte, a TACHC referral, accepted an offer for the OB/GYN position with Gateway!

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.

TACHC R&R Salary & Benefits Compensation Survey!

TACHC would like to **thank all those who participated in completing our TACHC Compensation and Benefits Survey**. We had a total of **61 TACHC members submit their data**. Your participation will strongly contribute to the quality of the results and produce a valuable resource for compensation and benefits planning for all of our members. **Results will be presented to TACHC members in September via webinar**. Thank you again!

IT

TACHC is hiring a **Database Developer!**

NEWS

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

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