



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

Veterans Mental Health Grant Request for Applications

A joint grants program by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) has posted a new Veterans Mental Health Grant request for applications (RFA). It can be accessed [HERE](#). The purpose of the RFA is to seek applications from eligible applicants for grants to address the mental health needs of Veterans and their families. The amount available for this 1-year grant is \$1,500,000. Applicants can request a grant from \$5,000 to \$500,000. **Applications due by 4 PM CST on January 9, 2014.**

Spotlight on Fighting Fraud at Community Mental Health Centers

HHS OIG spotlights how despite the pay off attained by devoting resources to fraud-fighting, we still face many challenges in our efforts to protect Medicare mental health services. Read the [HHS OIG Spotlight Report](#).

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Flu on the Rise in Texas; DSHS Encourages Vaccination, Prevention

The level of flu-like illness is currently classified as “high” in Texas, and medical providers are seeing an increase in flu in multiple parts of the state. Getting vaccinated is the best way for people to protect themselves and their families from the flu during the holiday season, when there is typically an increase in flu cases. DSHS recommends everyone six months old and older get vaccinated. Click [HERE](#) for flu reporting requirements and more information.

Managing Ambulatory Health Care Course Offering

The Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN) and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) will offer a “Managing Ambulatory Health Care Course” on February 17-20, 2014 in Austin, Texas. This is especially important for new Chief Medical Officers but may be relevant to all clinical leaders. Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information.

Midland Community Health Services receives TJC PCMH Certification

Congratulations to Midland Community Health Services who recently achieved the Joint Commission (TJC), Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) Certification. During a recent on-site survey, TJC traced the patient experience, conducted patient interviews, had discussions with organization leaders and reviewed the centers delivery of care infrastructure, all of which are the key to providing patient-centered, comprehensive, and collaborative primary care to the residents of Midland. The Joint Commission has long had the reputation as Gold Seal of Approval™ for quality & safety.

Congratulations to Jasmine Sulaiman, MD, FAAFP

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Sulaiman, MD, FAAFP from the Health Center of Southeast Texas for becoming a Patient Center Medical Home’s Certified Content Expert. This professional and prestigious credential from the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognizes Dr. Sulaiman as an expert in the field to improve the quality of health care and to demonstrate her knowledge and expertise of the NCQA PCMH Recognition Program.

OUTREACH

WHAT’S ON THE BACK OF YOUR EXAM ROOM DOOR?

Is it a [My Texas My Health](#) poster? Send us a cellphone snapshot of where your health center displays My Texas My Health posters and table tents. We’ll give your

health center a shout out and post the pics on the [My Texas My Health Facebook](#) page. Like us on [Facebook](#) and look for your pics! Email pics to [TACHC's Communication Director Andrea Abel](#). My Texas My Health is a statewide program created by TACHC to inform Texans about their various health insurance options under the Affordable Care Act through the use of Certified Application Counselors.

R & R

28 in 2013!

TACHC's R&R Department thanks all of you for working so closely and diligently with us throughout 2013. Your collaboration and team spirit resulted in a successful recruitment year with 28 placements! In addition, a new onboarding and retention initiative was launched that will produce tools and templates that will be available to all members in 2014. We look forward to another great year of working with you! Happy Holidays!

NEWS

No TACHC Wrap-Up on 12/27/13

Happy Holidays from all of us at TACHC. See you in 2014!

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