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# NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK



## National Health Center Week 2018: Health Care Heroes Abound



Health Centers across Texas have been celebrating National Health Center Week, and we'd like to share two NHCW articles that ran this past week. Health Services of North Texas CEO **Doreen Rue** published a piece in the [Denton Record-Chronicle](#), while **Congressman Henry Cuellar** (TX District 28) published several commentaries, including articles in the [McAllen Monitor](#) and [Laredo Morning Times](#). [Click here for a photo slideshow](#) of Health Centers during National Health Center Week.



## National Health Center Week in the News

- [Denton Record-Chronicle](#) commentary by Health Services of North Texas CEO Doreen Rue
- [Laredo Morning Times](#) commentary by Congressman Henry Cuellar featuring Gateway Community Health Center
- [McAllen Monitor](#) commentary by Congressman Henry Cuellar featuring Nuestra Clinica del Valle



## Message from HRSA—National Health Center Week: YOU are America's Health Care Heroes

During [National Health Center Week](#), we are proud to recognize the nation's nearly 1,400 HRSA-funded health centers and the more than 220,000 hardworking, dedicated staff caring for more than 27 million people across the country. To the thousands of providers and staff who dedicate their lives to helping patients access

quality health care, *thank you for the difference you make in your communities.*

### **Texas Health Center Quality Improvement FY 2018 Grant Awards (August 2018)**

To further its commitment to improve the overall quality, efficiency, and value of health care services for the more than 27 million patients served at health centers, HRSA provides **Quality Improvement Awards (QIA)**. These awards recognize the highest performing health centers nationwide as well as those health centers that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year. [View the Texas funding here.](#)

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **National LGBT Health Education Center Advancing Excellence in Transgender Health Conference**

The National LGBT Health Education Center, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, is holding their annual Transgender Health conference **September 21-23, 2018** in Boston, Massachusetts. A myriad of topics will be discussed through didactic presentations led by experienced clinicians specialized in transgender health. Please click [here](#) to see course information or [here](#) to view as a PDF document. Accreditation is available. [Contact this email for questions.](#) [Register here.](#)



**35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures***  
**October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • SAVE THE DATE!**

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### **OUTREACH**

#### **PCMH Support for Community Health Center**

TACHC is offering free PCMH support for community health centers. If you are interested in training/technical assistance opportunities that include NCQA PCMH 2017 on-site training for your staff, documentation review and/or coaching, please contact [Ana Sierra](#).

#### **CMS CDO Applications- Hard Deadline Friday, September 14**

There is still time for you to submit your Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization (CDO) application if your health center missed the soft deadline on Friday, June 22. CMS opened the application to all interested parties and the hard deadline to submit a CDO application is Friday, September 14, 2018. Please contact [Sonia Lara](#) if you need any assistance with this process. Health centers that received HRSA OE grant funds are required to obtain CDO designation. Also, OE staff cannot take their 2019 CAC training until the new CDO ID number is received. With the drastic cuts this year to Federal Navigator funding, it is critical that all health centers required for this designation complete this process so that assistance is available during the next open enrollment – our communities depend on it. To view the CMS invitation letter and the link to apply, **click [here](#)**. If you submitted a CDO application and would like to know the status, please **email [here](#)**. This is the only

way to communicate with CMS regarding the CDO process, including submitting requested information or revisions unless otherwise instructed by [CMS](#).

### **National Council on Aging (NCOA) Funding Opportunity for Benefits Enrollment Centers**

Benefits Enrollment Centers help provide wider access to benefits for low-income elderly, including benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and assistance with utilities among many other resources. NCOA is seeking qualified organizations through a request for proposal to establish Benefits Enrollment Centers and hopes to expand grant awards to more FQHCs. A notice of intent was due by Wednesday, July 25. However, if you missed the intent deadline, you can still apply by submitting a letter of intent to receive instructions to complete a grant application. Proposals are due by Wednesday, August 29, 2018 by 11 AM CDT. View the [BEC Request for Proposals \(RFP\) Here](#). View the [BEC Fact Sheet here](#) [Questions?](#) Contact [NCOA here](#)

### **Registration Now Open for the Texas State of Enrollment Conference**

TACHC is partnering with the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) in delivering a joint statewide Outreach & Enrollment conference for Certified Application Counselors, Federal Navigators and other assisters. The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 20 & 21, 2018 at the Drury Plaza Hotel – North Stone Oak in San Antonio, Texas. Due to fundraising efforts by CPPP, there is **no registration fee** to attend this year's OE conference and priority to attend will be given to OE staff and their supervisors. With the CMS announcement this week of further cuts to Federal Navigator funding, it is crucial that our health center OE staff are prepared for the upcoming open enrollment period. [Click here to see the draft agenda](#) • [Registration & Hotel Reservations Here](#) • [Hotel rate \\$109/night expires Saturday, September 1, 2018](#).

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## **CLINICAL**

### **Webinar Recording Available: Diabetes Performance Improvement and Action Plans**

HRSA recently hosted a webinar on diabetes performance improvement and action planning. [Watch the webinar recording](#). Health center colleagues shared how they prepared for the root cause analysis discussion of their UDS diabetes measure at recent site visits and their performance improvement action plan. The webinar featured presentations from Lorain County Health & Dentistry (Ohio) and Share Our Selves (California).

### **Million Hearts® Focus on Health Centers**

This National Health Center Week, CDC's Million Hearts campaign is focusing on health centers! Read [Caring for Underserved Populations](#) to learn what steps two [2017 Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Champions](#), Lorain County Health & Dentistry and North Hudson Community Action Corporation, took to achieve blood pressure control rates over 75%. The Million Hearts campaign is also sharing the National Association of Community Health Centers' self-measured blood pressure monitoring videos. You can [download them from the Million Hearts® Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring site](#) to display in your health center's waiting room.

### **MHP Salud Publications on Childhood Obesity and Social Determinants of Health**

MHP Salud, a HRSA-funded NCA, produces *La Esperanza*—a bilingual newsletter dedicated to the work of Community Health Workers across the country. The summer edition (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) addresses childhood obesity through family physical activity and includes resources such as the Niños Saludables Program Implementation Guide to promote healthy eating and living. MHP Salud also produced [“Community Health Workers and the Social Determinants of Health.”](#) This publication presents general information on the social determinants of health (SDOH), available tools for data collection on SDOH, and the role that community health workers may play in implementing SDOH programs.

### **Register Now for TeamSTEPPS Online Course to Improve Safety and Quality in Office Settings**

[Registration](#) is open for AHRQ's [TeamSTEPPS®](#) patient safety training course. TeamSTEPPS for Office-Based Care is designed to enhance communication and teamwork skills among office-based professionals.

Attendees may receive credit for quality improvement under the [Merit-based Incentive Payment System](#). Participants may begin pre-course work now and will earn free continuing education credits for completing the training modules. They will receive a Master Trainer certificate for completing course requirements. This course, which begins Wednesday, August 15 (tomorrow), and concludes Wednesday, December 12, is the final AHRQ-sponsored web-based course for this year.

### **View ARHP's On-demand Webinar & Clinical Minute Videos on HPV Counseling and Awareness**

[View the HPV: Increasing Vaccine Uptake Webinar Here](#) (Receive FREE CME-/CE- Credit)

### **Clinician Consultation Center Substance Use Warmline**

HRSA sponsors the University of California-San Francisco's Clinician Consultation Center Warmline to support primary care providers at health centers. Get free, expert clinical advice on substance use disorder treatment for managing complex patients with addiction, chronic pain, and behavioral health issues. Both online and phone consultations are available. The Warmline is accessible toll free at 855-300-3595 and operates from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday. Providers can also upload cases online. [Learn more.](#)

### **Best Practices for Sustaining Behavioral Health Integration Models in Health Centers Using Health Information Technology**

**August 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m. • [Join the webinar the day of the session](#)**

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) will host a webinar featuring subject matter experts in health information technology and technologies that support population health management and data aggregation from Clinica Family Health and Colorado Community Managed Care Network.

### **National Institute on Drug Abuse Launches Clinician-informed Tool on Opioid Use Disorder Medication Treatment**

The first in this series—Science to Medicine: Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)—offers quick, targeted information on how to get started offering OUD treatment medications and other recovery support services. [Learn more.](#)

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## **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

### **Would You Like Us to Help You Recruit?**

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help recruit? [Complete the TACHC online position profile](#). [Contact Jonathan Davis](#) for more information.

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? [Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!](#)

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