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**Happy Thanksgiving!**

*The TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up will return on November 30!*



U.S. Rep. Kay Granger (center) cuts the ribbon at North Texas Area Community Health Centers Grand Opening

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### **North Texas Area Community Health Centers Celebrate New Facility with Grand Opening**

Approximately 75 people braved near-freezing temperatures Monday evening November 12, to attend the grand opening of North Texas Area Community Health Centers' new facility, which serves as their headquarters. The 33,000- square-foot site (much larger than the 2106 N. Main Street facility's 15,000 square feet) is expected to see over 15,000 patients this year, and was fully operational as of September 24, 2018. In attendance were Mayor Betsy Price, Congressman Marc Veasey, Congresswoman Kay Granger, and Judge B. Glen Whitley who voiced strong support for community health centers and the work they do. The new facility, located at 2332 Beverly Hills Drive in Fort Worth, offers a variety of services, including adult acute care, primary care, pediatric care, OB/GYN services, immunizations, women's health services, and more. [View photos of the event here.](#)

### **TACHC Director of Operations, Daniel Diaz Receives 2018 Henry Fiumelli Patient Advocate Award**

TACHC Director of Operations, Daniel Diaz, was awarded the 2018 Henry Fiumelli Patient Advocate Award earlier this week at the NACHC PCA conference in New Orleans. Established in 2008 in recognition of Henry Fiumelli's immeasurable contributions to the health center movement as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Forum for Primary Health Care, this award is presented to an outstanding staff member of a NACHC-chartered State or Regional Primary Care Association who exemplifies passion and commitment to improving the care and quality of life for health center patients.

At the recent 35<sup>th</sup> Annual TACHC Conference, Daniel was recognized for his 25 years of service to TACHC and his drive to improve health centers and serve the movement overall. His positive attitude is always evident in the day-to-day operations of TACHC and his support of our health centers.



### **Honoring Our Heroes Through Strategic Partnerships: MEHOP and Army PaYS**

This past Veterans Day (November 11) NACHC shined a spotlight on Matagorda Episcopal Health Outreach Program (MEHOP) in Bay City. In keeping with the theme of *Celebrating Health Centers: Home of America's Health Care Heroes*, they recognized and honored a special group of heroes—our veterans. Community Health Centers provide care to more than 350,000 veterans across the country, many of whom would otherwise not have access to care. As mentioned in this [blog](#), MEHOP recently joined forces with the U.S. Army on the Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS) Program, which aims to “reconnect America with its Army” and serve those who serve our country.



MEHOP CEO Celeste Harrison with active duty service members from the Houston recruiting battalion  
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The PaYS program is designed to help soldiers prepare for a career after the Army by connecting them with

employers who understand the skills, discipline, and work ethic that military service members bring to a business. Soldiers who participate in the program develop valuable skills and experience, in addition to gaining opportunities for employment. This partnership connection provides a win-win situation for all. [Read the full story here.](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### UDS Training

**December 5 • Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa, 575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road, Lost Pines, TX**  
[Agenda](#) • [Details & Registration](#)

The Uniform Data System (UDS) Annual Training is a full-day program covering the preparation of the 2018 UDS Report. The training addresses each of the report's tables, focusing on changes that may have been made, definitions necessary to complete the UDS Report, and common problems/errors. This training is targeted toward those who are responsible for gathering and reporting the data elements included in the UDS Report, as well as management, finance, and clinical staff who need to understand the definitions and concepts used, and those who use the data in their program management and quality improvement activities.

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## OUTREACH

### Federal Marketplace Open Enrollment Continues Through December 15

Open Enrollment is underway now through December 15, 2018. With drastic cuts to Federal Navigator funding, it is imperative that all health centers do their part in assisting their patients and communities enroll in coverage. Please see the attached graph and feel free to use if you'd like to promote the [My Texas My Health website](#), which allows the public to search for free outreach and enrollment services through our community health centers. To enroll online, visit <http://www.healthcare.gov> for English or <https://cuidadodesalud.gov> for Spanish. [Use the Open Enrollment Flyer to spread the word!](#)

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## POLICY

### Public Charge Resources: Just Over Three Weeks Left to Submit Comments!

The Public Charge proposal currently published in the Federal Register puts forth rules that would impact certain kinds of immigrants wanting to enter the United States or who are currently present wanting to gain Legal Permanent Residence (also called "Green Card") who have accessed certain kinds of public benefits. As the draft now stands, the rule would NOT impact patients accessing FQHC sliding fee scale services. However, it would impose barriers to health care services for immigrant families, including those who live and work in the U.S. legally.

## MAKE YOUR COMMENTS!

In order to voice your concerns, TACHC urges you to please [FILL OUT THIS QUICK FORM](#) commenting on how the proposed Public Charge rule would affect your center and your patients. *The Comments are due by December 10, 2018*, and TACHC will submit them to the to the federal comment portal. If you are submitting organizational comments, please email them directly to [Courtney Weaver](#). For [talking points](#), [comment instructions](#), and [ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#), [PLEASE VISIT HERE!](#)

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### CLINICAL

#### Health Center Program Diabetes Webpage Launches

This past week, HRSA Health Center Program launched its Diabetes Quality Improvement Initiative webpage, which includes diabetes data, information about the initiative, and its goals, resources, and promising practices. [Visit the page here.](#)

#### Oral Health and Diabetes for Patients Experiencing Homelessness

**November 27, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)**

Hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA) and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, both HRSA-funded NCAs  
1.0 Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credit is available

#### Advancing Oral and Primary Health Care Integration to Support Diabetes Prevention and Management Webinar

**November 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m. CST • [Register](#)**

HRSA will host a webinar that focuses on the relationship and importance between oral health care and diabetes prevention and management in health center settings. Presenters will highlight HRSA and CDC initiatives, health center models, partnerships, and resources that support integrated oral health and diabetes care.

#### Leveraging National Diabetes Prevention Programming for Your Health Center

**November 29 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. CST • [Register](#)**

Hosted by National Nurse-Led Care Consortium, a HRSA-funded NCA

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### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

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!](#)

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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