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# Substance Use Disorder Symposium

June 7-8 • Austin Marriott South

Registration is Now Open for the TACHC Substance Use Disorder Symposium

### June 7-8 • Register

The TACHC “SUD Symposium & Workshops” is scheduled for June 7 - 8, 2019. The agenda was developed based on requested needs and goals from our SUD Advisory group and SUD-MH Grantees and for those interested in applying for HRSA supplemental IBHS funding, who would like guidance on developing successful integrated Behavioral Health and SUD programs. The Symposium on Friday will be didactic and interactive, with presentations for clinical and operational staff regarding what it takes for a successful SUD program (including access to both Behavioral Health and Medication Assisted Therapy, even if done through linkages and referrals). Saturday workshops are on Motivational Interviewing for any staff that interacts with SUD patients as well as a section on Behavioral Health therapies for SUD (this is to give providers an understanding about which therapies are available and how they work, in order to refer and recommend to patients with a diagnosis of SUDs. The conference will be held at Austin Marriott South - Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-844-473-3959 to receive the group rate of \$139/night or [visit here](#). The deadline to make reservations is Thursday, May 16th. The hotel offers complimentary self-parking and Wi-Fi in the guestrooms. For more information contact [Roxana Cruz](#).



Above- At the TACHC HIT Clinical Conference, l-r: Fernando Martinez (Texas Hospital Association); Vincent J. Felitti (University of California); Amanda Venta, (Sam Houston State University); Roxana Cruz (TACHC); and Durado Brooks (American Cancer Society)

### TACHC HIT-Clinical Conference Draws 225 Attendees

The TACHC HIT-Clinical Conference, which runs through April 27, drew more than 225 Attendees this past week. Hosted at Lakeway Resort & Spa in Austin, the event featured sessions including plenaries on addressing health disparities, building a data team for quality, novel approaches for Project ECHO, emergency preparedness with use of IT, addressing chronic conditions through a team-based integrated approach, trauma informed care and social determinants of health, pain management strategies, and much more. [View photo slideshow here!](#)



### Share Your Thoughts Now: UDS Reporting Survey

As part of the [UDS Modernization Initiative](#), new functionalities within HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) and new offline reporting features were introduced for the 2018 reporting period. We invite all health centers to provide feedback for improvement through a [short survey](#), which should take no more than five minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and all responses are anonymous. Thank you to those who completed the survey. If you haven't yet, please take it soon—it will close on Friday, May 3.



## Upcoming Events



### **Americares/Coastal Health & Wellness Disaster Planning Workshop**

**May 6-7, 2019 • Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center in League City** [Register Here](#)

Coastal Health & Wellness has partnered with Americares to host a **two-day hands-on disaster** preparedness bootcamp for outpatient facilities with disaster planning requirements in accordance with the 2016 CMS Preparedness Rule. This workshop is free to attend and will be of tremendous benefit to attending FQHCs. [View the flyer here for details.](#)

### **OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast: Employment Law and OSHA Series (Part 3 of 3)**

**May 23, 2019 9:00 a.m. CDT •** [Register Here](#)

Part 3 of this three-part webcast will feature TACHC staff Lisa Allen, SHRM-CP, and Verne LaGrega, LMSW and former health center COO will join host Cecile Carson, Esq. for Part 3. They will review the assigned webcast homework, and address remaining problems revealed by the homework based on their experience working at and with health centers and other organizations on employment matters and especially OSHA. This final part of the webcast series is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 9am-11am CDT. [Please visit the event registration link on the TACHC.org website](#), or contact [Alfredo Garcia](#) for more information.

### **Mid Manager Development Training – Frisco**

**June 12-13 •** [Details and Registration](#)

**Drury Inn & Suites Dallas Frisco Hotel**

As part of meeting its mission to provide training to strengthen health centers, the Texas Association of Community Health Centers will provide a Mid-Level Manager Development Training program at the Drury Inn & Suites Dallas Frisco Hotel on June 12 – 13, 2019. Questions? Please contact [Daniel Diaz](#).

### **FQHC Billing Boot Camp**

**June 27-29 •** [Details and Registration](#)

**Courtyard Marriott Austin Pflugerville and Pflugerville Conference Center**

On June 27-28th billing, coding and finance staff will focus on effective revenue cycle management, accounts receivable, FQHC billing and coding audits. On June 29th, clinicians will receive a coding overview, evaluation and management services review, and review of medical records processes.

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## **Group Purchasing**

### **CDC Publishes Report; Demonstrates Impact of the HPV Vaccination Program**

CDC published Estimated Number of Cases of High-Grade Cervical Lesions Diagnosed Among Women—United States, 2008 and 2016 in the April 19 issue of MMWR. [Read the report here.](#)

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**Policy**



## 86th Texas Legislature

# Update

### Legislative Update (Week of 4/26/19)

#### Workforce

This week **SB 998** (by Sen. Hinojosa and Sen. Flores, coauthored by Sen. Creighton and Sen. Buckingham) was heard in the Senate Higher Education Committee on Wednesday, April 24th. This is the Senate version of the bill to increase the loan repayment cap in the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program from \$160,000 to \$180,000. Dr. Alan Schalscha, CMO of CommUnityCare in Austin, TX testified in support of the bill. The issue was also **highlighted by KXAN**, Austin's NBC TV affiliate with an interview with Dr. Karen Welch, a pediatrician with CommUnityCare.

#### Medicaid

A committee substitute for **HB 342** by Rep. Cortez, cosponsored by more than 30 other House members, passed from the House Human Services Committee on Thursday, April 25th. The original bill called for 12-months of continuous eligibility for children enrolled in Medicaid. The final version that passed the committee included a compromise and some key protections for Medicaid clients. The bill now:

- Allows for HHSC to check a child's eligibility at the 6-month mark through automated means, removing the current five income verifications that happen throughout the second 6-months of enrollment in Medicaid;
- Requires HHSC to give enrollees who have income misalignments based on the automated income verification 30 days, rather than the current 10 days, to respond and the child cannot be disenrolled from Medicaid during those 30 days;
- Requires HHSC to notify parents of disenrolled children that their children may be eligible for CHIP coverage;
- Requires HHSC to automatically enroll children into CHIP when they are found to be not eligible for Medicaid because of income, but are eligible for CHIP;
- Requires HHSC to consult with health care providers, children's health care advocates, family members of children enrolled in Medicaid, and other stakeholders to determine the most user-friendly method to provide the notice to a child's parent or guardian;
- Requires HHSC to report data around children's Medicaid coverage and periodic income checks to the legislature annually.

The bill will next be sent to the Calendars committee and scheduled for a floor vote. The Senate version of the bill, **SB 637** by Sen. Zaffirini has not been heard in committee yet.

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## Clinical

### IM4US Toolkit Officially Launched!

The IM4US Toolkit is an ever-growing member-created collection of resources open to all who care about integrative health for the underserved. From the start, IM4US has been sharing tools and resources that support the diverse practice of integrative health and medicine in an affordable and accessible way, and we are eager to carry on that tradition with our brand new Toolkit! **Check out the Toolkit now!**

### Infection Prevention & Control in Dental Settings Resources

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) develops evidence-based recommendations to guide

infection prevention and control practices in all settings in which dental treatment is provided. This site includes guidelines and recommendations, frequently asked questions, resources to support the evaluation of and adherence to guidelines, and a glossary of terms. [Click Here For Resources](#).

### **Learn from Leaders: Building Your Leadership Skills**

**April 30, 12:00-12:30 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**

Join your colleagues for a webinar on Apr 30, 2019 at 1:00 PM EDT to learn more about how to become a leader and what does that mean to be one. The speaker, Anita Karcz MD MBA Senior Vice President at Zurich Davis, will provide you with a framework for analysis and taking action. This Webinar will cover developing your leadership skills to create positive personal and organizational change.

### **National Center for Farmworker Health (NCFH) Spanish Language Lifestyle Coach Training**

**May 1-2, 2019 • [Details and Registration](#)**

NCFH, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement, is co-hosting a Lifestyle Coach Training with the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE). The Lifestyle Coach Training gives diabetes educators, healthcare professionals, community health workers, promotoras de salud, and others the skills they need to deliver the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Prevent T2/Prevenga el T2 lifestyle change program. This 2-day training offers an interactive, small group setting where participants learn to motivate, facilitate, and achieve participant and program goals for attendance, tracking, and weight loss. The training will be held May 1-2, 2019 at NCFH in Buda, TX. **Please note that in order to attend this training, you must be fluent in Spanish, as the training will include very little English spoken in the classroom.** Please contact [Gladys Carrillo](#) at 512-312-5456 for additional information.

### **Clinical Aspects of Prescribing PrEP and Patient Assistance Programs**

**May 9, 12:00-1:30 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)**

Save-the-Date! In partnership with the Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC), the South Central AIDS Education and Training Center ((SCAETC) is pleased to announce this webinar focused on the clinical aspects of prescribing PrEP and patient assistance programs. This event will be presented LIVE over the Internet in an online environment. The first hour will be focused on prescribing PrEP and the last 30 minutes will cover patient assistance programs. Sessions will be recorded.

Target Audience: Health Educator, Mental Health Professional, Nurse, Nurse practitioner, Public Health Professional, Professional, Other Advanced Practice Nurse, Pharmacist, Physician, Physician Assistant, Social Worker, Substance Abuse Professional, Other

For questions please contact [Brent Pimentel](#).

### **Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience**

**May 28-29 • [Details & Registration](#)**

On May 28-29, 2019, the [Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience](#) will host a public meeting in Chicago, IL. This meeting will feature expert panels on issues related to redesigning the clinical learning environment.

### **Texas Primary Care Consortium**

**June 20-21 • [Registration & Details](#)**

The 2019 Summit will be held June 20 – 21, 2019 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel and will feature five in-depth pre-summit sessions on Thursday morning. There are a total of 30 breakout sessions. Be sure to ask about a group discount! Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Nursing Education Credits will be offered!

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## **[Recruitment & Retention](#)**

### **Recruitment and Retention Department is Here to Help With Your Recruiting Needs!**

Over the next few months, TACHC R&R staff will be visiting various residency programs, job fairs, and professional provider conferences to meet and connect with some of our current and future health providers. If you have any current openings and would like them marketed please go to [tachc.org/position](#) and complete a position profile. Once the profile is completed the position will be posted on the TACHC website as well as other external job boards. Thanks in advance! If you have any questions feel free to reach

Jonathan Davis or 512-329-5959.

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