



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Zika Virus

In TACHC's last Weekly Wrap-Up, we shared information regarding the on-going developments of the Zika virus. Please visit the CDC link [here](#) for resources, including [information for providers](#). Here are additional resources in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) you can print and distribute to patients that explains the control of mosquitoes that spread the virus. Printable factsheets regarding mosquito bite prevention for travelers to countries where Zika virus or other viruses spread by mosquitoes exist can be found [here](#). Mosquito bite prevention information in the United States is also available [in the same link](#). In addition to these resources, you can access [the CDC travel advisory](#) for a full list of the countries involved.

As stated by the CDC, in 2016, Zika virus disease became a **nationally notifiable condition**. Healthcare providers are encouraged to report suspected cases to their state or local health departments to facilitate diagnosis and mitigate the risk of local transmission. [Here](#) is a listing of contact information for local and regional health departments in Texas. As there has been a confirmed case of the Zika virus through sexual transmission in Texas, we encourage routine education on safe sexual practices. Additionally, the CDC has issued an [advisory](#) that pregnant women whose male sexual partners have spent time in a Zika-infected territory should either abstain from sex or use condoms during intercourse for the duration of their pregnancy.

As an additional resource, please [watch](#) the messaging Legacy Community Health and their Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ann Barnes, is providing for their patients and community. TACHC will continue to monitor developments and share information with you. If you have any questions or specific resource needs from TACHC regarding the Zika virus, please email [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#) or [Lily Mitchell](#). Please alert TACHC Communications Director [Andrea Abel](#) if you receive **Zika media calls**. She can provide you with tips for responding to the media on this issue and will share more information shortly.

2016 TACHC Membership Director Now Available

The TACHC Membership Directory is available as a digital download. To access the directory:

- Log in to the [TACHC website](#)
- Scroll down the homepage to the Membership Directory - the last item in

Quick Links

- The directory is available to view, save or print
- [Request a website log in](#) if you don't have one

We will update the directory as health center information changes throughout the

year. Members can always update their information by **logging onto** the TACHC website.

NCFH Announces 2016 Annual Migrant Health Scholarship Application

National Center for Farmworker Health **announces it is accepting applications for 2016 Migrant Health Scholarships** awarded to individuals pursuing a college degree and employed by a Community/Migrant Health Center funded through the PHS 330(g) program. Applicants should be clinical, administrative or support staff members who desire to further their education in a curriculum relevant to migrant health. Nine scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded. **Application information.** Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the 2016 National Farmworker Health Conference, held in Portland, OR in May. Deadline to apply is Friday, March 18. Contact **Janie Favre** for more information.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Reporting on Public Housing Residents for the 2015 UDS

Are you correctly reporting the number of patients known to live in public housing in your UDS reports? Are you unsure? Community Health Partners for Sustainability has put together a **guide** for “place-based” strategies for counting public housing residents. For more information, contact **Britt Kushner**.

UDS is Coming

It's that time of year again! All FQHCs are required to complete their HRSA UDS Reporting by February 15, 2016. If you have any questions about your reporting, please contact TACHC at **billingcoding@tachc.org**. Shortly after February 15, you will receive an email from Nancy Gilliam requesting a copy of your submitted report with instructions on how to download your report. Please get your report submitted to her as soon as you can after receiving the email. TACHC uses this information as we prepare materials for the legislative visits that are part of NACHC's Policy and Issues conference in March.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Finding Patients with Undiagnosed Hypertension

Tune into a **free webcast**, 8am CT, Feb 18 on finding patients with undiagnosed hypertension who may be hidden in your patient population. Later this month, on the 23rd, the CDC will host **another webcast** on the same topic. Both connect to the Million Hearts Initiative and to TACHC's work with the HCCN. One of the tools available to HCCN members is **registry of patients who have a pattern of high blood pressure measurements** but haven't been diagnosed with hypertension – exactly the kind of tool that could help find “hidden” patients. Wondering if your health center can join the HCCN? We're recruiting participants for the next grant cycle. Please contact **Todd Radloff** if you'd like to learn more about the HCCN.

New DSHS Resource for Community Health Workers

DSHS is piloting a new free bilingual resource for CHWs helping clients make healthy lifestyle choices, called "Living Healthier." If you are interested in this service for your clients through community health workers, educators or other staff, please email **Maggie Hartman** or call 512 533 9555 by February 13.

National Acupuncture Detox Assn Protocol Training, Austin, March 11-13

We were pleased to have Claudia Voyles, LAc at our Behavioral Health Summit last fall to teach about Acudetox for addiction prevention and treatment providers. She is teaching a full training in the NADA protocol next month at the AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine in Austin. This training is geared towards physicians, RNs, social workers, LPCs, LCDCs and psychologists who work with patients with alcoholism, substance abuse and chemical dependency (including tobacco). Acudetox is meant to be an adjunct to traditional behavioral health care and has been shown to be effective in numerous studies. **More information.**

GROUP PURCHASING

Meet the 340Basics President

If you will be in San Diego for the February 17-19 340B Coalition Winter Conference, meet with the President of 340Basics, Colleen DiClaudio. You can stop by Booth #64 or schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss details further. **More details.**

340B Annual Recertification is Postponed

HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) has **postponed the Annual Recertification** till further notice for FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes. OPA has not yet determined a new start date. The Authorizing Official (AO) will receive an email with a username and password once recertification begins again later. At this time, there is no update on when recertification will happen. **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE QUARTERLY REGISTRATION WINDOWS.**

Now is still a good time to:

1. Check the OPA database and make certain ALL clinic address information is current and correct.
2. Check the OPA database and make certain the "Contact Info" name and email is correct. The AO (not the Primary Contact) listed is the person/email that will be getting login details for recertification.

If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

OUTREACH

TACHC Outreach and Enrollment Update

Congratulations on a successful third Open Enrollment period. Be proud of

yourselves! Certified Application Counselors (CACs) using the TACHC online reporting tool reported over 36,000 assists since the start of open enrollment November 1, 2015. Stay tuned for the official CMS final snapshot for OE3.

Health Outreach Partners Webinar: Assessing How Outreach Can Increase Revenue & Avoid Costs (Part 2)

Part 2 of the webinar is Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 1:00-2:00pm CT. The focus will be increasing revenue and avoiding costs. While intended for health center administrators and outreach program coordinators, we encourage participation of all those interested in understanding the financial benefits of outreach. You did not have to participate in Part 1 to participate in Part 2. **Register here.**

NEWS

Welcome to TACHC new database developer Paul Christie! **Learn more about Paul.**

TACHC is hiring a **Paralegal.**

Happy TACHCiversary to Anita Mitchell (16 years), Nancy Gilliam (3 years), Britt Kushner (2 years) and Sharad Kohli (1 year)!

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