



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

New Content on TACHC.ORG

TACHC has updated the content on **TACHC.org** to make it more informative and easily accessible for you. While the general look and layout of the site remain the same, take a few minutes to click around. In particular click on Programs & Services which has all new content for each program area. On the homepage, we've enhanced the Quick Links to give you easy access to the items you ask for most. This will always be a work in progress. In fact, staff is already developing a few more features. In the meantime, give us your feedback. We want the website to be as easy to navigate and informative as possible. Send any feedback to TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel**.

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 log in**

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

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Now Accepting Applications: NHSC Loan Repayment Program

See R&R

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

TACHC Clinical Conference, April 7-9, South Padre Island

The conference is geared toward all FQHC clinical staff, including medical practitioners, nurses, dentists, pharmacists and behavioral health providers. This year's theme, ***Bringing the Office of the Future into Today***, will look at where we are heading in health care and how we can start applying some of these concepts right now. Topics will include integrative team-based care, the use of promotoras and leveraging technology to improve care. Additionally, embedded within the conference will be specific skills-based workshops on self-care, group medical visits, oral health and a Clinical Directors' track. Note to pharmacists: there will not be pharmacy CE offered at this conference; pharmacy CE will be offered at the TACHC Annual Conference. The agenda, which is being finalized, is sure to be informative and engaging. **More information here.**

Free Workshop: Joint Commission Accreditation and PCMH Certification, March 19, Washington, D.C.

This workshop held during the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum provides the nuts and bolts needed to understand the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) certification option and Ambulatory Care Accreditation. If you are unable to attend, you can schedule a one-on-one meeting with Lon Berkeley during the P&I to discuss any aspect of accreditation or PCMH certification by contacting **Delia Constanzo**, 630-792-5011. Pre-registration is recommended due to limited space available. **Click Here to Pre-Register.**

FAQs on New UDS Measure About Sealants

The National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA), in consultation with oral health specialists, developed **FAQs** about the new UDS dental sealants measure for children between the ages of 6 and 9 years who are at risk of cavities. This FAQ document answers 28 questions asked during NNOHA training and technical assistance sessions and webinars. **View more HRSA UDS Sealant Measure Resources.**

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Annual Recertification is Here

HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) annual recertification process that was previously postponed is back for FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes. **In order to maintain eligibility for 340B pricing, recertification must occur during the 6 week window of 2/12-3/9.** Do not wait till the last minute!! The Authorizing Official (AO) should already have received an email with a username and password.

ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE QUARTERLY REGISTRATION WINDOWS.

You can listen to a previously recorded webinar about the 2016 recertification process on the **OPA website**, it has excellent tips and best practices to help make this process smooth. The OPA Database Guide for Recertification is also available on the **TACHC website**. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

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. **Here are more details.**

OUTREACH

Sprint to the Finish!

8 out of 10 national markets that showed the biggest growth in health care signups during the final week of open enrollment were in Texas. Congratulations to Corpus Christi, Harlingen, Laredo, El Paso, Midland-Odessa, San Antonio, Abilene-Sweetwater, and Lubbock. **See the full story here.**

TACHC Outreach and Enrollment Update

The 2016 open enrollment period (ending 01/31/2016) showed more consumers returned to the Marketplace compared to 2015. 5.6 million consumers reenrolled in health insurance of which 3.9 million actively logged in to choose a new plan. This means 70% of returning consumers made a personal decision to either keep their same plan or a new plan that best meets their needs. Read more open enrollment trends at [The CMS Blog here](#).

R&R

Now Accepting Applications: NHSC Loan Repayment Program

NHSC Loan Repayment Program is **now accepting applications through April 5, 2016**. This is a great strategy to recruit and retain your eligible providers.

Application and Program Guidance. See if your **site is already approved at the NHSC Jobs Center**.

NEWS

TACHC Welcomes new member **Bee Busy Wellness Center** in Houston!

Help TACHC welcome **Dr. Donald “Skip” Mondragon** who joined **Hope Clinic of Ellis County** as Chief Medical Officer on February 1.

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

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