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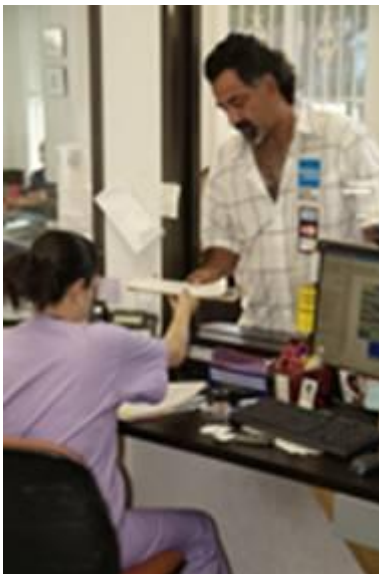
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Weekly Wrap-up - March 23, 2012

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*Patient Registration  
El Centro de Corazon  
Houston, TX*

## Upcoming Events

### [TACHC Hospital Financing/Regional Healthcare Partnership Webcast](#)

*March 28, 2012, 10:00 AM – Noon*

This free webcast will provide health centers an overview of the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 demonstration waiver approved on December 12, 2011 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This waiver is broadly conceived as a healthcare delivery system redesign for the state of Texas. The waiver provided for the expansion of managed care statewide and also restructures hospital financing to preserve the upper payment limit (UPL) program and create Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHPs). Kevin Nolting will lead the webcast and provide health centers with detailed information on how funding will work under the waiver and how health centers can participate in the design and implementation of RHPs. Centers will have plenty of time to ask questions of Mr. Nolting and TACHC staff during the webcast. To register click [HERE](#). Please contact [Ashley Foster](#) or [Laura Martin](#) for further information.

### [TACHC ACO “OC<sup>3</sup> Booster Session”](#)

*April 13, 2012, Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel, Houston, TX*

All those interested in participating in the TACHC ACO are strongly encouraged to attend the OC<sup>3</sup> “Booster Session” on Patient Centered Model of Care beginning April 13 or else join the next OC<sup>3</sup> Learning Year in June. Faculty presentations will be given on Spread and Sustainability issues as participants move forward in their change and improvement efforts with particular attention placed on understanding *team dynamics* and *senior leadership commitment*. Other presentations include a review of the NCQA PCMH Standards as well as the importance of Care Coordination. Centers, alongside current OC<sup>3</sup> teams, will be presented with the “Big Picture” of how the changing landscape of federal requirements, medical home, quality assurance monitoring and reporting relate to health care reform initiatives. Following the interactive and dynamic presentations, participants will have an opportunity to develop specific plans for Communication, Data Collection and “Sustain and Spread”. This event will be a great opportunity for participants to ask questions, address concerns and network with peers facing similar changes at their centers. For more information and registration click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Verne LaGrega](#), Clinical Care Coordinator at the TACHC office, 512-329-5959.

Information regarding all upcoming events hosted by TACHC can be found [HERE](#).

### **Governance and Finance**



**1. HHSC 1115 Transformation Waiver Meetings - Last One in San Benito:** The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has been holding a series of meetings this month on the 1115 Transformation Waiver, also known as the Hospital Finance Waiver. There is one left in San Benito on the 28th! For a schedule of these meetings, please click [HERE](#).

**2. Request for Proposals - 2012 Integrated Health Care Planning and Implementation Grants:** The Hogg Foundation invites nonprofit behavioral health and primary care providers in Texas to submit proposals for integrated health care planning and implementation activities. The foundation is funding this program to support behavioral health and primary care providers as they integrate behavioral and physical health care services, with the ultimate goal of making integrated health care the standard practice in Texas. View proposal details, including eligibility, deadlines and submission information [HERE](#). Please read the request for proposals thoroughly before submitting a proposal. Feel free to forward this invitation to others who may be eligible or interested.

### **Clinical Affairs**



**TACHC Clinical Director Institute:** Save the Date! [The Institute](#) will be July 27-28, 2012 at the Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 701 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 788701. More information to come.

## Group Purchasing



**TACHC/Novartis Flu Vaccine Agreement Available to the Membership for Pre-booking NOW:** TACHC and Novartis Vaccines now have an agreement in place for Novartis' flu vaccine: Fluvirin. *Pre-booking is currently available now through April 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2012/13 flu season.* The details of how to order and the cost are outlined on the attached memo. There are some price breaks available if you pre-book prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> and then another smaller break prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Orders are made directly via Novartis. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#) at the TACHC office.

## Recruitment and Retention



- 1. Double Congratulations to Gulf Coast Health Center!** Arlene Cowie and Carricka Thomas, both TACHC referrals, have accepted offers from Gulf Coast Health Center for their Family Nurse Practitioner positions.
- 2. TACHC Upcoming Recruitment Activities:** Beginning next week, TACHC recruiting staff will be attending a network meeting hosted by CareerMD in Lubbock, speaking with Texas Tech-Amarillo residents and visiting the Pan-America PA program in Edinburg.

## Other News



- 1. Community Health Development Inc. Grand Opening of Center for Community Wellness:** You are invited to attend CHDI's grand opening of its brand new Center for Community Wellness. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at **10:00 AM** this **May 5, 2012** at 908 S. Evans St., Uvalde, TX 78801.
- 2. TACHC Member News:** To learn what your fellow health centers are involved in, click [HERE](#) for news coverage. We also encourage you to post your news, questions and comments to each other on the TACHC members listserv ([members@tachc.org](mailto:members@tachc.org)), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.



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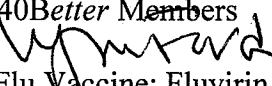
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MEMORANDUM

To: TACHC 340Better Members  
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Subject: Novartis' Flu Vaccine: Fluvirin  
Date: February 22, 2012

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The Texas Association of Community Health Centers (TACHC) 340Better Pharmacy Program is proud to announce the addition of Novartis Vaccines' (Novartis) flu vaccine, Fluvirin, to the contract for the 2012/13 flu season. Fluvirin will be available for purchase direct from Novartis.

Purchases direct from Novartis Vaccines have the following prices and conditions:

- Orders must be placed via Novartis Vaccines' website at [www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com](http://www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com) or by phone at (877) NV-DIRECT (877.683.4732)
- Once an order is placed, the order is 'firm' and may not be cancelled.
  
- For orders placed between February 1 but before March 1, 2012, (price listed reflects a 15% discount from the 'standard' list price) the price is:
  - 10-dose vials (NDC: 66521-0115-10) at \$82.37 (\$8.23/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
  - Packets of pre-filled syringes (NDC: 66521-0115-02) at \$90.36 (\$9.03/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
- For orders placed between March 1, but before April 1, 2012, (price listed reflects a 10% discount from the 'standard' list price) the price is:
  - 10-dose vials (NDC: 66521-0115-10) at \$87.21 (\$8.72/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
  - Packets of pre-filled syringes (NDC: 66521-0115-02) at \$95.67 (\$9.57/dose) (excluding applicable Federal excise tax)
  
- For each order of Fluvirin placed between February 1, but before March 1, 2012, 15% of the aggregate number of doses may be returned. The return shipping fees are at the member's expense.
- For each order of Fluvirin placed between March 1, but before April 1, 2012, 10% of the aggregate number of doses may be returned. The return shipping fees are at the member's expense.

- For each order placed after April 1, 2012, no doses may be returned.
- Each member is obligated to pay for all doses, including doses returned to Novartis. For any doses properly returned, Novartis will provide that number of doses of replacement product for the 2013/14 flu season, free of charge, equal to the number of doses returned.

As always, if you have any questions, you can contact either your Novartis Vaccines' representative or me at [lford@tachc.org](mailto:lford@tachc.org) or (512) 329-5959.