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Patient Exam at

Upcoming Events

[July CPI Webcast: Meaningful Use \(MU\) of the Health Center Electronic Health Record \(EHR\)](#)

July 20, 2012, 9:00am to 11:00am CST

Eligible healthcare professionals can receive as much as \$63,750 over a six-year period through the MU incentive program. Established under the provisions of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program started in 2011. It offers incentive payments to eligible professionals at health centers as they adopt, implement, or upgrade (AIU) certified EHR technology in their first year of participation and demonstrate meaningful use for up to

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five remaining participation years. Learn more about the program background, eligibility, and how to participate. Learn also how meaningfully using your EHR can help you achieve Patient Centered Medical Home recognition.

NOTE: Registration for all CPI Webcast Trainings is for two webcasts, Parts 1 and 2, at once. Thus, please register for July and August 2012 CPI Webcasts by logging in on the TACHC website [Events](#) page, clicking the Register button, and paying for one registration covering both months.

TACHC Clinical Director Institute

July 27-28, 2012, in Austin, TX
Attention all Chief Medical Officers, Chief Dental Directors, and Behavioral Health Directors: please join your colleagues this year for an interactive 2-day session that will help you prepare for the upcoming challenges at your community health center. The Institute will be held at the Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 701 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 788701. Presentations include, but not limited to: “Accountable Care, the Sustainability Model”, “How to Spread the Knowledge or Proper Coding and Improve the Skills of CHC Providers”, “ICD-10 Coding for Clinicians”, “Peer Review” and “How to Manage Physicians in Good Times and Bad”. To download a registration form, click [HERE](#). For more information, contact [Davelyn Eaves Hood, MD, Director of Clinical Affairs](#) at TACHC, 512-329-5959, Ext. 2130.

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



1. TACHC Essential Care Partners ACO Application Approved! We are extremely pleased to announce that on June 21, 2012, we received notification from CMS that our application for an Accountable Care Organization (ACO), Essential Care Partners, LLC was approved with a start date of July 1, 2012. Essential Care Partners, LLC was formed as a partnership between the TACHC and Collaborative Health Systems (CHS) and brings together fourteen Federally Qualified Health Centers representing 83 locations across the state of Texas. CHS will provide a range of care management, analytics and reporting, technology, and other administrative services to enable physicians and other healthcare professionals to deliver high quality healthcare efficiently. Essential Care Partners, LLC combines dedicated providers delivering healthcare within the FQHCs system with the proven ability of CHS services to coordinate care for people with Medicare. This collaboration is expected to successfully

achieve the CMS objectives of better overall care, improved health and lower per capita costs for Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries attributed to the ACO.

Essential Care Partners, LLC II was incorporated last week and TACHC plans to file the Letter of Intent by June 30, 2012. **If you would like to join the second wave of health centers** leading the way in efficiently delivering high quality healthcare, please be sure to let us know! Please join us in thanking these first fourteen health centers for believing in this endeavor and for leading the way for all Texas FQHCs!

2. TACHC Innovations in Leadership Conference: On August 24 – 25, 2012, TACHC will convene a two day advanced leadership training for community health center executive leadership staff at the lovely San Luis Resort, Spa and Conference Center in Galveston. During this training, participants will gain the skills and competencies necessary to shift away from focusing on “individual experts” and departments to develop a culture in your health center that leverages cross-boundary groups and teams and spans disciplines, levels, functions, generations and professions. Both an internal and external focus in this training will allow participants to better understand how to improve overall leadership team functioning, staff productivity and workforce retention as well as how to more effectively collaborate with other community providers and stakeholders. This session will also showcase best practices in health centers across the state to highlight successful community partnerships, innovations in service delivery, service excellence, workforce recruitment and retention, and performance management. We have limited space available, so register today! Click [HERE](#) for more information or see the attached registration form to register for this event.

3. TACHC 29th Annual & Clinical Conference: October 14-17, 2012, TACHC will host its 29th Annual & Clinical Conference at The Worthington Renaissance Hotel, 200 Main Street in Fort Worth, TX. For reservations, call 1-800-433-5677 and reference the group name (TACHC) or click [HERE](#) to book rooms online.



AHRQ Effective Health Care Program Offers FREE Men's Health Resources: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) invites you to explore free resources on men's health conditions made available by the AHRQ Effective Health Care Program. They offer tools in both English and Spanish. Some of the materials include summaries for clinicians and patients, research reviews, research reports and continuing education modules. The materials are both web based and available in printed form and cover topics including:

- Measuring Your Blood Pressure at Home: A Review of the Research for Adults
- Choosing Medicines for High Blood Pressure: A Review of the Research on ACEIs, ARBs, and DRIs
- “ACE Inhibitors” and “ARBs” To Protect Your Heart?
- Radiofrequency Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation
- Treating High Cholesterol
- Renal Artery Stenosis Treatments
- Treating Prostate Cancer: A Guide for Men With Localized Prostate Cancer

To download the latest resources and to empower your clinicians and their male patients to compare their treatment options, click [HERE](#).

Recruitment and Retention



TACHC Upcoming Recruitment Activities: In our continued mission to help promote member health center career opportunities, TACHC recruiting staff will be attending the TAFP Annual Assembly Conference in Austin (July 13-14), the NHSC Scholar Orientation Conference in Grapevine (July 19-21), the Hispanic Dental Association Conference in Florida (July 20-23), and speaking with AAFP Family Medicine Residents & Medical Students in Kansas (July 26-28). Please take a moment to verify that your job postings are current. If you have changes/additions or need assistance, please contact [April Sartor](#) at the TACHC office. You can also click [HERE](#) to complete the easy, online position profile and get us started on creating your center's job posting.

Other News



1. Bon Voyage to Amanda Johnson: After nearly seven years of working with and for community health centers, Amanda is leaving TACHC to pursue her dream job in the world of health and fitness. Please join TACHC in wishing Amanda the best of luck in her new career.

2. New Access Point (NAP) Grantees Announced: June 20, 2012 HRSA released the list of Health Center NAP Grantees. From Texas, the centers awarded NAP funding include:

- New FQHCs People's Community Clinic in Austin and Health Services of North Texas in Denton
- Current FQHC Look Alikes Mission East Dallas, Tejas Health Care in La Grange and Asian American Health Coalition DBA Hope Clinic in Houston
- Current FQHCs Frontera Healthcare Network in Eden, South Central Houston Action Council, South Plains Rural Health Services in Levelland and Atascosa Health Center in Pleasanton

The total NAP funding awarded to Texas is \$5,312,499. Congratulations to these centers! To view the announcement with a full listing of grantees, click [HERE](#).

3. TACHC Member News: To learn what your fellow health centers are involved in or read news that may affect your health center, 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), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.



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