Dear BHACA Community,

BHACA Blast #51Headlines:

As we come to the end of 2015, we want to thank all of you for your continuing support of the BHACA Initiative. It has been our goal and pleasure to provide you with quality programs and resources to assist you in your own journey through healthcare reform. We are grateful for all the input you provide us as your suggestions and expressed needs directly guide our program planning. So please keep telling us what assistance you need, and we will do our best to find a way to provide that help.
Our next Blast, which will be sent on January 6, 2016, will have announcements of our first major events of the new year so make sure you look for its arrival so you can register for the ones you want to attend!
The BHACA team would like to extend our warmest holiday wishes to all of you during this season of giving.

Happy Holidays!

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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)
- ***Webinar from SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) – Strengths-Based Supervisory Skills for Integrated Care Success***
  Date & Time: Tuesday, December 22, 2:00 PM Central time (1:00 PM Mountain time)
  To Register: Click here
  Presenters: Nick Szubiak, MSW, LCSW, Integrated Health Consultant, National Council for Behavioral Health; Pam Pietruszewski, MA, Integrated Health Consultant, National Council for Behavioral Health
  Description:
  Employees don't leave bad jobs, employees leave bad managers. The interdisciplinary, cross-function team is what defines integrated primary and behavioral health care, and your role as a leader on the team is critical to overall success of your integrated care program. Take the time to gain a better understanding of your personal strengths and key areas for continued growth as a leader of the most important behavioral health and primary care team – yours. Join this webinar to hear from two professionals with significant experience leading integrated care teams in safety-net primary care providers. They'll help you build your confidence as a supervisor and as a leader by sharing the skills you need to improve team communication, patient care and team effectiveness. Learn strategies to help you partner with your diverse team of employees to develop shared expectations, elicit needs and enhance their autonomy. Come prepared with your questions and challenges as a supervisor and join in on the

robust discussion of what it really takes to lead an effective integrated care team. Already have a burning question? Send it to Nick Szubiak in advance of the webinar and we may be able to work it into the presentation.

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- ***Webinar Wednesday Series – SBIRT and EHRs - What's Your Take?***
  Organizer: The Institute for Research, Education & Training in Addictions
    - **My Take on EHRs and SBIRT**
    Date & Time: Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Central time
    Presenter: Jim Winkle
  To Register: Click here

- ***2015 in review: John Halamka's take***
  John D. Halamka, MD, MS, is CIO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Chairman of the New England Healthcare Exchange Network and Co-Chair of the HIT Standards Committee. In this blog post he covers the major changes and challenges of 2015 in regards to Electronic Health Records(EHRs). In this article, he covers ICD-10, Meaningful Use and other major happenings over the past year in preparation for 2016.
  For more information: Click here

- ***6 things healthcare CIOs need to know about migrating to Windows 10***
  With the release of Windows 10, Microsoft is radically changing the way they think about the operating system. Instead of discrete OS releases every couple of years, Microsoft is encouraging the world to move toward continuous OS updates. Windows 10 introduces a variety of new features. While some features have been dropped, there is a considerable amount of innovative new features in the Windows 10 release that will be useful to healthcare users.
  For more information: Click here

- ***9 organizations urge Congress to oppose delay of Stage 3***
  Healthcare IT News reports that nine organizations, including Intel, Verizon and the National Institute for Mental Illness, have written to Congress to oppose any changes to the meaningful use program including the proposed delay of Stage 3, "that do not also include reforms to improve the interoperable use of health information technology."
  For more information: Click here

- ***EHRs: Key to population health? Real-time, genomic data***
  While population health remains an increasingly emphasized piece of healthcare, putting it into practice has been a challenge for many institutions. And although the amount of ingestible electronic information is increasing, fully utilizing its potential has yet to occur. As healthcare moves from disease-centric to prevention-centric care, the need for real-time technology will increase. The biggest challenge for providers isn't necessarily the lack of technology on the market to support a move toward

community-based models, but rather bridging the gap between political and business issues.
For more information: Click here

BHACA: Maximizing Third Party Funding Streams Revenue—Resources Related to Insurance Billing and Credentialing

- ***Webinar: Global Budgeting for Hospital Services: The Future from the Federal Perspective***
  Organizer: The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Maryland Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association's Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence platform
  Date and Time: December 18, 2015, 10:30–11:30 a.m. Central Time***:***
  Presenter: Dr. Patrick Conway
  To Register: Click here

- ***Webinar –Alternative Payment Models (APMs) Framework White Paper***
  Date & Time: Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Central time
  Presenters: Anne Gauthier, LAN Project Leader, CMS Alliance to Modernize Healthcare; Sam Nussbaum, MD, Executive Vice President, Clinical Health Policy and Chief Medical Officer at Anthem, Inc. & Chair, APM FPT Work Group
  Description:
  The Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network (LAN) is a large, national collaborative of public and private stakeholders working to move health care payments towards alternative payment models (APMs). The LAN's APM Framework and Tracking Progress (APM FPT) Work Group recently released and requested comments on a draft white paper. During this webinar, Sam Nussbaum, APM FPT Work Group chair, will summarize the comments received and provide an overview of how they were incorporated into the final paper. The webinar will also feature case studies that exemplify categories in the APM Framework.
  To Register: Click here

- ***UnitedHealth Group signals potential exit from Obamacare exchanges amid financial losses***
  UnitedHealth Group may exit the insurance exchange market, as the deterioration in product performance has weakened its financial outlook, the company said in an earnings update released Thursday and they have already pulled back on its marketing efforts for individual exchange products in 2016.
  For more information: Click here

- ***CMS credits new payment models in averting $19.8 billion in costs***
  The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has reported that they have pledged to have 30 percent of Medicare payments tied to value by 2016; and 50 percent by 2018. As a result of their current changes from reimbursement for fee-for-service to one which rewards quality and value, there has been 87,000 fewer hospital-acquired condition related deaths from 2010 to 2014.
  For more information: Click here.

- ***Average silver plan premiums for HMOs and PPOs rise significantly***

Consumers seeking health policies with the most freedom in choosing doctors and hospitals are finding far fewer of those plans offered on the insurance marketplaces next year. And the premiums are rising faster than for other types of coverage. None of the plans available through the federal exchange in Houston include the city's well-known MD Anderson Cancer Center in their networks.
For more information: Click here

BHACA: Additional Items of General Interest

- ***Call for Presentations – Texas Behavioral Health Institute 2016***
  Deadline to Submit: Friday, January 8, 2016
  Theme: Transforming Texas: Connecting the Dots of Behavioral Health
  For More Information: Click here
  Description:
  As part of their effort to communicate and educate on ways to partner with people in recovery from mental health and substance abuse disorders, DSHS encourages presentations that promote the integration of the behavioral health system both in terms of mental health/substance abuse and behavioral health/primary care. Sessions should help promote individual, program, and system-level approaches that foster health, resilience and recovery; increase permanent housing, employment, education, and other necessary supports; and reduce barriers to social inclusion. DSHS is especially interested in offering sessions across these domains that focus on cultural competency. Prospective session topics should highlight the overarching continuum of care and will ideally coordinate with one of the tracks listed below. Topics should address prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery solutions. *Tracks:*

  - Innovative Behavioral Health Practices
  - Recovery & Recovery Supports
  - Prevention & Promotion
  - Special Populations
  - Workforce Development/Workforce Competency
  - Integrated Approaches to Healthy Living
  - Co-Occurring Challenges
  - Trauma-Informed Care

About BHACA: The Behavioral Health Affordable Care Act (BHACA) Initiative is a major collaborative endeavor of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP) and Mental Health America of Greater Houston (MHA) designed to support Greater Houston area mental health and substance use providers in responding to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and other recent healthcare reforms across four domains: (1) enhancing and increasing the delivery of integrated health care (IHC), (2) maximizing third party funding streams revenue, (3) adopting certified electronic health record (EHR) systems, and (4) developing outcome-based evaluations. The BHACA Initiative is generously funded by Houston Endowment Inc., The Meadows Foundation the United Way of Greater Houston Community Response Fund and the Rockwell Fund.