Dear BHACA Community,

Happy National Minority Health Month!

BHACA Blast #59 Headlines:

We are happy to announce that, in two and half years of BHACA work, we have had 58 events with a total of 1,740 participants and our Blast goes out to 756 people. Thanks to everyone for investing in our vision. We hope we have helped in moving your vision forward.

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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- ***Key Practice Competencies for Integrated Care Delivery – Reference Guide*** – The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions has compiled a one-page reference guide to three key resources that define the skills essential to the integrated care team and provide examples of how to develop and maximize these skills within the team. To view the reference guide, please click here.

- ***Webinar – How to Implement SBIRT: Processes, Tips, and Examples from NY SBIRT and Beyond***
  Date & Time: Wednesday, April 27, 12:00 – 1:30 PM Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Organizer: IRETA (Institute for Research, Education, & Training in Addictions)
  Presenter: Megan O'Grady, PhD, Associate Director of Health Services Research, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse
  Description:
  There are barriers to implementing a successful Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program in any setting. There are also ways to overcome those barriers—before, during, and after you begin. Presenter Megan O'Grady from The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse will share processes and practices to help you 1) identify SBIRT barriers and facilitators in your specific practice setting; 2) understand your workflow and tailor implementation to it; 3) form a practice change team; and 4) monitor implementation and performance. Tips and examples will be provided based on experiences in New York primary care and emergency practice settings.

- ***Additional SBIRT Resources from IRETA:***

- o **SBIRT Case Studies** – Visit IRETA's library of downloadable resources to download several SBIRT case studies as well as other resources related to substance use.
  - o **Free Online Courses** – Click here to access IRETA's free online courses "SBIRT 101" and "SBIRT for Adolescents," as well as a free course on opioid misuse.

- *Webinar Series – Enhancing Access to Behavioral Health Care: A Web-Cast Series on Tele-behavioral Health* – HRSA's Office of Regional Operations is presenting a series of three webinars on tele-behavioral health. For more information and registration links, please click here.
  - o **TOMORROW – An Introduction to Tele-behavioral Health: What's New and Why it Makes Sense** – Thursday, April 14
  - o **The Finger Lakes Community Health Center Model of Tele-behavioral Health** – Thursday, April 28
  - o **Implementing Technology Assisted Care into Behavioral Health Settings: A Framework for Change** – Thursday, May 19

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- *Webinar – Beyond Monitoring: Leveraging Unified IT Performance Management for Patient Care and Satisfaction*
  Presented by: Healthcare IT News
  Date & Time: Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 1:00pm Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Description: Application and desktop virtualization offers substantial promise for smart growth, flexibility and cost savings in healthcare IT, but along with this potential comes some risk. Poor performance and poor user experience can degrade productivity, increase management costs and reduce quality of care and patient satisfaction. During this webinar, you'll learn why monitoring the infrastructure silo by silo is not sufficient to deliver a great user experience, how single-pane-of-glass visibility across all tiers of the infrastructure and throughout each individual stack makes IT performance management dramatically easier, and how automatic correlation of slow performance with root causes drives down MTTR times and empowers your helpdesk to provide excellent service to your caregivers and other enterprise users.

- *Webinar – Security vs. Compliance: What Every Healthcare Executive Needs to Know*
  Presented by: Healthcare IT News
  Date & Time: Thursday, April 28, 2016, 2:00pm Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Description: HIPAA serves as a guide to healthcare organizations in keeping their patient data private and secure; however, it is extensive and broad and requires a working knowledge to ensure proper compliance. Additionally, compliance does not necessarily mean security. What can an organization do to ensure it meets the

compliance requirements of HIPAA, as well as build a comprehensive approach to securing data? Join this webinar to learn how other healthcare executives have managed to successfully tackle this critical priority, including practical examples from a healthcare organization CISO. During this webinar, you'll learn to identify the difference between HIPAA security and compliance, discuss some of the challenges healthcare security professionals currently face in protecting their organization against the countless threats that exist today, and describe best practices utilized, as well as tools and resources available to assist in achieving HIPAA compliance.

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

- *TOMORROW! Webinar – Application of Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 to Medicaid and CHIP*
  Presented by: SAMHSA
  Date & Time: Thursday, April 14, 2016, 12:00pm Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Description: Speakers from CMS will provide an overview of the final rule on mental health and substance use disorder parity for Medicaid and CHIP. This rule implements the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) for 23 million beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), Medicaid alternative benefit plans (ABPs), and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), ensuring that benefits for mental health and substance use disorder treatments and services are offered on equal footing with medical and surgical benefits. This presentation will include a discussion of the application of parity to Medicaid and CHIP programs, key changes from the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and answers to frequently asked questions.

- *Conference Call – 2016 PQRS Reporting: Avoiding 2018 Negative Payment Adjustments*
  Presented by: CMS
  Date & Time: Thursday, April 21, 2016, 2:00pm Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Description: This call gives an overview of the 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) and related resources. The presentation will cover guidance and instructions on how individual eligible professionals and PQRS group practices can get started, satisfactorily report/participate, and avoid the 2018 PQRS negative payment adjustment. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. For a PQRS overview prior to the call, watch the 2016 Updates video.

- *Benefits of Medicaid Expansion for Behavioral Health:* Across the country, state and local officials are increasingly focused on improving health outcomes for people living with mental illness or substance use disorders. This brief analyzes national data on behavioral health and reviews published research focused on how Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act advances the goal of improving treatment for people with behavioral health needs. To view, please click here.

- ***Here's why your claims are being rejected:*** Lack of compliance with the ICD-10 CM ultimately puts organizations at risk. Medicare and Medicaid programs have been rejecting claims for certain diagnoses. It seems the common thread for these rejections is the utilization of certain unspecified diagnoses that are obtained directly out of the DSM-5 purple book. To view, please click here.

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***CMS updates electronic clinical quality measures for 2017:*** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has updated the electronic clinical quality measures for eligible hospitals and eligible professionals, who will use these eCQMs to report 2017 quality data to CMS. There are 29 updated measures for eligible hospitals and 64 updated measures for eligible professionals for the 2017 performance period, defined as the measure data capture period of the calendar year between January 1 and December 31. To view, please click here.

- ***Webinar – Join a Virtual Office Hour Session Focused on 2016 PQRS Reporting Measures Series, Session 2: Measures Overview***
  Presented by: CMS
  Date & Time: Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 12:00pm Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Description: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce the second session of a three-part Virtual Office Hours series regarding 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) quality measures. The series includes three separate sessions that cover topics related to PQRS measures, such as a brief explanation and overview of a quality measure, measures-related resources, and next steps for participation in 2016 PQRS. Topics to be discussed in this session include an overview of the 2016 PQRS measures, a live walkthrough of the 2016 PQRS Measures List, the 2016 PQRS Individual Claims/Registry Measure Specification Supporting Documents, and the new web-based measure search tool, which are all available on the Measures Codes page of the CMS PQRS web site. This PQRS Virtual Office Hours session will allow stakeholders an opportunity to ask a CMS representative questions about 2016 PQRS quality measures.

- ***Webinar – Technology Immersion: Optimizing Your Use of Excel in Healthcare***
  Presented by: HIMSS
  Date & Time: Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 12:00pm Central time
  To Register: Click here
  Description: Are you an Excel user? Ever wanted to know how you could be more efficient, and do more with Excel and Microsoft's analytics tools? By attending this session, you'll learn some valuable tips and tricks which will help you more effectively use Excel, and you'll also get an introduction to Microsoft's analytics tools. Learn how to efficiently produce charts, tables, and other images which are relevant to the work you do in healthcare. You'll also get valuable tips on data analysis, and on using formulas which can help save you time. During this webinar, you'll learn how to efficiently manipulate data and use Excel and other Microsoft tools to use data to help make faster, more informed decisions. In addition, you will be exposed to technologies

that can be integrated into daily workflows to use data and help others visualize how data can impact care decisions.

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.