



Network of Behavioral Health Providers

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### Clinical Practice

- **Webinar - Patient Activation and Self-Management of Behavioral and Physical Health**  
**Date & Time:** Monday, June 19, 2:00 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** SAMHSA-HRSA  
**Description:** Peer-led interventions are demonstrating they can increase activation for self-management of chronic physical and behavioral health conditions. Join this webinar to explore promising evidence from a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program adapted to peer intervention for people with SMI. Review a Health Center program serving homeless individuals where previously homeless Peer staff are key to Street Medicine Teams building trust and engagement with clients. Delve into peer staff roles, including teaching self-management skills, coordinating safe housing, and organizing links to community providers and resources. Participants will receive several resources and tools developed by Resources for Integrated Care (RIC) on how to support the efforts of behavioral health peer providers as they expand their capacity to deliver integrated and coordinated care to those individuals they serve.
- **Webinar - HHS Virtual Meeting on the State of Integrated Care** **Date & Time:** Thursday, June 22 (9:00 AM - 3:30 PM) and Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (8:30 AM – 4:00 PM)  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** US Department of Health and Human Services  
**Description:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recognizes the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care. On June 22 and 23, HHS will host a virtual meeting highlighting the evolution of integrated care models, key findings from the research community, service delivery practices and other resources to support integrated care. This event is open to the public and to any interested organizations. To view the agenda, [click here](#).

- ***Webinar - Behavioral Health Services for Sexual and Gender Minority Adults: Where Data and Practice Intersect***

**Date & Time:** Thursday June 29, 1:00 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** National Council for Behavioral Health

**Description:** SAMHSA's 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) yielded data from self-identified sexual minority respondents for the first time in the survey's history. While the data findings represent only a year of information, they indicate a critical need to better understand the relationship between sexual orientation and behavioral health. This webinar will highlight these key results from the 2015 NSDUH, complimented with corresponding practices from three organizations that serve LGBT individuals and communities: Fenway Health in Boston; Rainbow Heights Club in Brooklyn; **and the Montrose Center in Houston.**

### **EHRs, Security, and IT**

- ***NQF maps out measures for interoperability:*** The National Quality Forum has moved closer to finalizing a framework for measuring interoperability. NQF says the framework will help identify in the nation's progress to enable widespread health data exchange. The agency's initiative comes as hospitals and electronic health records vendors are struggling with interoperability and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT is working to advance standards that enable information sharing. "Interoperability is more than EHR to EHR, and all sources of data should be taken into consideration," NQF said. "All critical data elements should be included in the analysis of measures as interoperability increases access to information." To that end, NQF based its work on ONC's shared nationwide interoperability roadmap to measure information exchange happening in four domains: disparate systems, data to facilitate information sharing, interoperability to enable decision making and, broadly, the impact interoperability can have on healthcare outcomes. To read more of this Healthcare IT News article, please [click here](#).

### **Maximizing Third Party Funding Streams Revenue—Resources Related to Insurance Billing and Credentialing**

- ***Webinar - Value-Based Payment Models for Children's Services***  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 20, 12:00 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** National Council for Behavioral Health  
**Description:** Federal, state, and private payers are rapidly shifting from fee-for-service models to value-based payment (VBP) models, which reward organizations for high quality outcomes and efficiency of care. The road to VBP models requires operational, financial, clinical, and workforce changes that can be difficult to navigate, with many challenges unique to child-service providers. Join this webinar to hear an overview of VBP models, common technical assistance needed and available resources to help organizations successfully make this transition.

- ***New Report on Effects of Premiums and Cost Sharing on Low-Income Populations:*** A new issue brief from the Kaiser Family Foundation reviews research showing the effects of premiums and cost sharing on low-income populations enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Among the key findings in the report are: 1.) premiums serve as a barrier to obtaining and maintaining Medicaid and CHIP coverage; 2.) even relatively small levels of cost sharing in the range of \$1 to \$5 are associated with reduced use of care, including necessary services; and 3.) state savings from premiums and cost sharing in Medicaid and CHIP are limited. To read the report, please [click here](#).

## **Outcome-Based Evaluation**

- ***National Behavioral Health Barometer Now Available:*** SAMHSA is pleased to announce the release of the Behavioral Health Barometer, United States, Volume 4. Topics addressed in the report include substance use, serious mental illness, serious thoughts of suicide, and behavioral health treatment. The barometer uses data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services and presents findings by age, gender, racial and ethnic categories, poverty status, and health insurance status. To view the report, please [click here](#).
- ***Webinar - Industry Standards and Best Practices in Crisis Response***  
**Date & Time:** Monday, June 19, 2:30 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** National Council for Behavioral Health  
**Description:** Quality crisis care is a proven approach for suicide prevention, but how do organizations know if they are providing the best services possible? In order to provide the most effective crisis services, it is important to identify gaps and strategize how to fill them. In this webinar, attendees will hear from two leaders elevating the field of crisis response. Content will focus on the Crisis Now Assessment Framework v1.2 Update and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's Crisis Contact Center Metrics project. The updated Framework enables states and regions to quickly assess crisis care readiness, aligning services with industry standards and the four modern principles of suicide care: focus on safety/security, suicide care best practices, trauma-informed recovery model, and a significant role for peers. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline will present efforts to establish best practices for key performance metrics for service, quality, and efficiency in the crisis center context. They will also highlight how agencies can utilize these metrics for improvement. Whether your organization has a robust continuous quality improvement program or you've just started assessing your services, this webinar will help all attendees better understand how their agency can promote best practices, elevating the standards of crisis care throughout the country.

## **Public Policy/Advocacy**

- ***Medicaid Cuts Hit Rural Americans Hardest, Report Finds:*** According to a new report, children and families in rural areas and small towns would be disproportionately affected by Congress's proposed cuts to Medicaid. To view the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute report, please [click here](#).
- ***Webinars – Unite to Protect Behavioral Health: Advocacy Webinar Series (Six Webinars Remaining)***  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** National Council for Behavioral Health  
**Description:** With numerous emerging threats to Medicaid and behavioral health services, the National Council is holding biweekly policy webinars to update our members on the latest news and advocacy opportunities out of Washington. They will monitor and update members on issues that matter most, including: the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act, proposed reforms to Medicaid, and details on government spending for behavioral health care programs.  
**Dates & Times:**
  - Wednesday, June 21, 2:00 PM Central time
  - Wednesday, July 5, 2:00 PM Central time
  - Wednesday, July 19, 2:00 PM Central time
  - Wednesday, August 2, 2:00 PM Central time
  - Wednesday, August 16, 2:00 PM Central time
  - Wednesday, August 30, 2:00 PM Central time

The nonprofit Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP) consists of mental health and substance use providers in the greater Houston area. NBHP provides a forum for the behavioral health leaders in the community to work together on issues of common concern. Working on its own and in partnership with other entities at both the local and state levels, the Network has become a strong voice on behalf of behavioral health service providers and the individuals they serve. To learn more, visit our website at [nbhp.org](http://nbhp.org).