

Dear BHACA Community,

We hope you'll join us at [BHACA's webinar tomorrow, Thursday, October 9th, on Financing Integrated Health Care in Texas!](#)

BHACA Blast #21 Headlines:

- ***Last Chance to Register! BHACA Webinar TOMORROW***
Title: Get Paid: Financing Integrated Health Care in Texas
Date & Time: Thursday, October 9, 2014, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm CST
Speaker: Kathleen (Kathy) Reynolds, LMSW, ACSW, Vice President for Health Integration and Wellness with The National Council for Behavioral Health
Additional Information: www.mhahouston.org/events/284/
To Register: www2.gotomeeting.com/register/833958354

- ***Save the date: BHACA Webinar Co-Hosted with the Integrated Health Care Group of the 1115 Region 3 Learning Collaborative***
Title: Utilizing the Organizational Assessment Toolkit for Primary and Behavioral Healthcare Integration (OATI)
Date & Time: Friday, October 24, 2014, 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Presenter: Kenneth Minkoff, MD, is a senior systems consultant with Zia Partners and a board-certified psychiatrist with a certificate of additional qualifications in addiction psychiatry. He is a dedicated community psychiatrist, currently a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School in addition to his work with Zia Partners. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on recovery-oriented integrated services for individuals and families with co-occurring mental health, substance use, and health conditions, plus other complex needs. He is also a leading national expert on the development of welcoming, recovery-oriented integrated systems of care.

- ***Save the Date: First of Four Webinars in a NEW BHACA Webinar Series – Physical Health 101: Understanding Physical Health for Behavioral Health Providers***
Date & Time: Thursday, October 30, 2014, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Focus: Part I: Diseases with Increased Prevalence in People Living with Severe Mental Illness
Presenter: John Oldham, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, The Menninger Clinic

- Presentation from *“Behavioral Health Screening in Primary Care Settings: Integrated Health Care Models for Meeting Clients' Real-Time, Whole-Person*

Needs” and video is now available at: <http://www.mhahouston.org/behavioral-health-screening/>

- We are very pleased to introduce a new BHACA team member, Gabynely “Gaby” Solis who joins our team as a Program Coordinator with her background in Research/Grants and Public Relations/Marketing. Gaby has worked both at the University of Houston and at Rice University for several National Science Foundation and National Institute of Health research programs. We are very happy to have Gaby join us! Gaby can be reached by email at gsolis@mhahouston.org.
- **This Week’s BHACA Featured Outcome Measure is the: BSCQ – Brief Situational Confidence Questionnaire.** Find more information below in the Outcome-Based Evaluation section.

All best,
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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- **Primary Care Provider Curriculum** – This 5-module, PowerPoint-based curriculum is designed for primary care providers working in behavioral health settings or with patients with serious mental illness. Please see – <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/workforce/primary-care-provider-curriculum>
- **New Slide Decks on Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care** – (Description from the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative) – PCPCC's Special Interest Group on Behavioral Health created two versatile slide decks that can be customized for presentations on the value of behavioral health integration into primary care and the patient-centered medical home. The slides also contain information on different models of behavioral health integration. Check out the presentations [here](#) and start using them today!

- ***Lessons Learned from the SAMHSA Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) Program*** – Two resources highlight practical tips, lessons learned, and outcomes from SAMHSA’s PBHCI Program:
 - **Latest Edition of eSolutions**, the Center for Integrated Health Solutions’ online newsletter – Lessons Learned from Integration Pioneers – <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/esolutions-newsletter/e-solutions-sept-2014>
 - **Archived Webinar – How to Integrate Primary Care into a Behavioral Health Setting: Lessons Learned from the SAMHSA Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration Program** – [http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care Webinar 9-26-14 .pdf](http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/Integrating%20Behavioral%20Health%20and%20Primary%20Care%20Webinar%209-26-14.pdf)
- ***Introduction to Co-Occurring Disorders (COD 101)***
 - This 2-hour course provides an introduction to the evolving field of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The course will discuss the impact various substances have on the brain, how substance use affects mental health disorders, and how to identify co-occurring disorders in consumers. Click here: <http://vimeo.com/channels/dmhcod/>

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- At the end of this August, [CMS finalized three changes to the Meaningful Use program](#), including the items below (to quote the National Council for Behavioral Health):
 - Extending Stage 2 of Meaningful Use through 2016 and delaying the start of Stage 3, set to begin in 2016, until 2017;
 - Extending the EHR reporting period to require that providers demonstrate they are meeting meaningful use standards for a full 12 months. Current regulations consider providers to have met the standards if they demonstrate meaningful use for any 3-consecutive-month period in a year.
 - Allowing eligible providers to use 2011 Edition certified electronic health records technology (CEHRT) for the remainder of 2014 and requiring all eligible participants to use 2014 Edition CEHRT in 2015.
- *Healthcare IT News* reports that the changes to the reporting term for Stage 2 of Meaningful Use, requiring 365 days of reporting vs. the 3 month reporting period that many had hoped for, may mean a lower percentage of attestation for Stage 2 and

may even negatively affect clinical work:

<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/do-do-then%E2%80%A6>.

BHACA: Maximizing Third Party Funding Streams – Insurance Credentialing and Billing & Coding Resources

- The Texas Department of Insurance offers a page of “Prompt Page FAQs” that are helpful resources both to those starting out in billing and coding and to those with more experience seeking answers to specific questions. This [online resource](#) covers the following areas:
 - Claims Filing and Deadlines
 - Electronic Claims, Clearinghouses, and Payers
 - Filing Deadlines
 - Filing to the Wrong Carrier
 - Proof of Receipt
 - Secondary Payor
 - Contracts
 - Clearinghouses and Third Party Administrators
 - Form-Specific Questions
 - General Prompt Pay Questions
 - Payment
 - Preauthorization and Verification
 - Privacy Issues

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***BHACA Blast #21: Featured Outcome Measure – BSCQ – Brief Situational Confidence Questionnaire.***
 - **What is the BSCQ?**

The Brief Situation Confidence Questionnaire (BSCQ) was developed as an 8-item alternative to the Situational Confidence Questionnaire (SCQ) because of the length of the SCQ was too time consuming. (Refer to page 136 in link provided above)
 - **What does it measure?**

The BSCQ assesses situation self-efficacy, in other words, it measures the respondent’s confidence, at the time of taking the questionnaire, in resisting using alcohol or a primary drug in 8 major relapse situational categories, on a scale from 0 (not at all confident) to 100 (totally confident).
 - **For which populations/age(s) is the BSCQ appropriate?**

The BSCQ can be used with adults.
 - **How long does the measure take to complete?**

The BSCQ can be administered in a few minutes and provides immediate feedback.

- **How is it administered?**

The BSCQ is administered by the clinician in a variety of care settings; primary care, nonaddiction-specific and substance use.

- **Can I get the BSCQ in other languages?**

The BSCQ is available in English and Spanish.

- **To view the questionnaire, [click here](#).**

- **A note about BHACA's Featured Outcome Measures**

Our intention is to expand awareness of and knowledge about existing outcome measures within the BHACA community. In featuring a measure, we do not mean to endorse it as the right fit for your practice, because the appropriateness of a measure for any one behavioral health practice must be evaluated with that specific practice in mind. We hope you enjoy our featured outcome measures section!

- **To access a growing list of measures we are compiling, along with brief summaries, visit [BHACA's outcomes page](#) on the NBHP website.**

Additional Outcome-Based Evaluation Related Webinars

- ***WEBINAR Next Week: Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE) – Making Data Meaningful: Monitoring Performance in Quality and Equity***

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. CST

To Register: <http://www.hpoe.org/resources/hpoe-live-webinars/1672>

Description: This HPOE webinar held by the [Institute for Diversity](#) and [Symposium for Leaders in Healthcare Quality](#) highlights key lessons learned from the Disparities Solutions Center (DSC) at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). DSC Disparities Leadership Program alumnus CHE Trinity Health will share lessons learned, key do's and don'ts, and practical steps to get started on, and advance ongoing initiatives in, equity measurement and monitoring.

- ***WEBINAR: Identifying Value in Multi-Payer Payment Reform: The Nuts and Bolts of Quality Measurement***

Date & Time: Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm CST

To Register: cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=u6r4x4xlp75

Speakers: Lori Coyner, Director of Health Analytics, Oregon Health Authority; Anne Gauthier, Senior Program Director, NASHP (National Academy for State Health Policy); Stefan Gildemeister, State Health Economist and Director, Health Economics Program, Minnesota Department of Health; Kevin Larsen, Medical Director of Meaningful Use, Office of the National Coordinator for HIT

Description: This webinar will highlight technical and strategic approaches to identifying, selecting, aligning, and implementing quality measures across payers and delivery system models. A national expert will provide a federal perspective on the current and future state of quality measurement to identify, reward, and improve value in health care.

BHACA: Additional Items of General Interest

- ***Save the Date: SAMHSA Listening Session on Improving Community Mental Health Services***

Save the Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 8 am–4 p.m. CST

Description: A listening session about criteria development for the Demonstration Programs to Improve Community Mental Health Services ([Section 223](#) of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014).

Registration information is forthcoming from SAMHSA.

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 and United Way of Greater Houston Community Response Fund.