

Hello,

We hope you're all doing well! We enjoyed seeing some of you last week at the BHACA education event on selecting a certified EHR. Next week, **we have our first IHC Open Discussion Meeting, on Wednesday, February 19. Please find more information below; please make sure to register online if you plan to attend.** We look forward to seeing some of you there!

Some of you had the chance last week to meet Elizabeth Reed, NBHP's new Assistant Project Manager for BHACA. Elizabeth is an LMSW, having received her masters from New York University, with experience in medical social work, bilingual mental health services, and media. She moved back home to Houston to get away from the cold – haha we fooled her. As Assistant Project Manager, Elizabeth will work closely with the rest of the BHACA team on all aspects of the initiative. She can be reached at nbhp.bhaca@gmail.com. We are thrilled to have her on board and hope you will join us in welcoming her!

Finally, many of you have indicated an interest in accessing the presentations and resources from the education events held thus far. We are loading this information onto the NBHP and MHA websites:

BHACA Project – NBHP Components – Medicaid/Medicare Credentialing, EHR, and Outcomes-Based Evaluation: www.nbhp.org/bhaca.php

BHACA Project – MHA Component – Integrated Health Care (IHC):

<http://www.mhahouston.org/integrated-health-care-information-and-resources/>

As always, please contact us with any questions or input.

Thank you,

The BHACA Team

Marion Coleman, NBHP Executive Director

Alejandra Posada, MHA IHC Project Director

Elizabeth Reed, Assistant Project Manager

Yvonne Mendoza, Project Assistant

BHACA: Electronic Health Record (EHR) - As a follow-up to our recent event, Choosing a Certified Health Record (Feb. 5, 2014), please find the following resources:

(1) EHR Toolkit: Event speaker Nora Belcher (Executive Director, Texas e-Health Alliance) referenced this guide -- the "Six Step Approach to EHR Implementation" provided by the National Learning Consortium: www.hinfonet.org/providers/ehr-toolkit-mental-health.

(2) EHR Consultant / IT Links: Mary Beck (COO, The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston) discussed finding an EHR consultant already vetted by the National Council for Behavioral Health.

- Here is a link to the National Council's "Behavioral Health IT: The Foundation for Coordinated Care": <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/topics/behavioral-health-information-technology/>
- Additionally, Nora Belcher (Exec. Dir., TeHA) discussed these consultant certifications AFTER getting names from the National Council:
 - AHIMA (a common certification for an EHR consultant/ higher skillset) - <http://www.ahima.org/>
 - HIMSS (IT folks/ certification) - <http://www.himss.org/AboutHIMSS/index.aspx?navItemNumber=17402Local>
 - HIMSS (Houston/ South Central Texas) - <http://www.himsssct.org/>
- For information on joining the regional information exchange (Greater Houston HealthConnect) go to <http://ghhconnect.org/>

(3) EHR Event PowerPoints:

- Presentation: Nora Belcher (Exec. Dir., TeHA) PowerPoint Presentation - "Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record" (attached)
- Presentation: Mary Beck (COO, Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston) - "Electronic Health Record: A Journey Like No Other" (attached)

(4) NBHP Website: BHACA resources, for future reference, are being linked to NBHP's website - www.nbhp.org/bhaca.php

BHACA: Medicaid Credentialing - Coding Classes/ CEU's: As a follow-up to NBHP members' interest in receiving coding training (specifically on the ICD-10), we are gathering information over the next few of weeks in hopes of developing some specialized training specifically for this project. We will keep you updated as this develops.

BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC) Activities and Information

- **Reminder – IHC Open Discussion Meeting** – In their evaluations/feedback forms, several participants at the October and November IHC education events expressed an interest in having a forum for open discussion around IHC issues, challenges, and so forth – as one participant expressed it, “a place to talk through issues.” To respond to this interest, we will be holding regularly scheduled IHC Open Discussion Meetings. The first one is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM at the MHA office, 2211 Norfolk, Suite 810 (77098)**. Since it will be the first such meeting, we'll start out with introductions and some discussion about how best to structure and schedule future meetings and about what kind of support from the BHACA Initiative will be most useful for you in terms of integrated health care. Then we'll open up the floor for other thoughts, questions, etc., that you may have around integrated care.

From my experience with learning communities, I've found that this kind of regular sharing of ideas in a not-too-structured format can be quite fruitful. In addition, the input from this meeting (and future meetings) will be used to help set the agenda for BHACA-IHC activities in the months to come. For both of these reasons, I hope that many of you will be available to attend and share your thoughts. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP at <http://www.mhahouston.org/events/201> by Friday, February 14.** We hope to see you there!

- **Information from IHC events now available online** – The Power Points and other resources from the 10.17.13 and 11.21.13 BHACA-IHC events are now available on MHA's website at <http://www.mhahouston.org/integrated-health-care-information-and-resources/>. Links to other integrated health care resources are also available on this page. We will continue adding resource information to the page, so check back regularly!
- **CIHS eSolutions** – The Center for Integrated Health Care Services publishes a monthly online newsletter, eSolutions. The latest edition focuses on services for veterans, though other topics/resources are also included. You may view the newsletter at <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/esolutions-newsletter/e-solutions-january-2014>.