

Dear BHACA Community,



Pictured above: Dr. Joel Carr at the Clinician's Roundtable event on Friday, February 12, 2016. Dr. Carr offered a wonderful presentation titled DSM5 Personality Disorders: The Current Approach and Alternative Model.

BHACA Blast #55 Headlines:

SAVE THE DATE! – BHACA Event: Addressing Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care: A New Frontier in Integrated Health Care

Presenter: Alicia Kowalchuk, DO, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

Location: 9th Floor Auditorium, GW Strake Building, St. Joseph's Medical Center (parking and walking instructions will be provided when RSVPs are received)

Date & Time: Friday, April 1, 2016, 11:30am to 1:00pm

CEU Credit and Cost: 1 hour of general CEUs available for social workers, LMFTs, LPCs, and LCDCs, as well as 1 hour of CMEs for licensed physicians. \$20 for 1 hour of CEUs for members of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers and \$30 for nonmembers. Credit cards, cash and checks made out to the Network of Behavioral Health Providers will be accepted at the door.

RSVP: Registration will open on March 1, 2016

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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- ***Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records: Proposed Revisions Open for Public Comment*** – HHS has published proposed revisions to the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records regulations – 42 CFR Part 2. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, titled “Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records,” was published in the *Federal Register* on February 9, 2016. This proposal was prompted by the need to update and modernize the regulations. The goal of the proposed changes is to facilitate information exchange within new health care models while addressing the legitimate privacy concerns of patients seeking treatment for a substance use disorder. The regulatory changes will ensure that patients with substance use disorders have the choice to participate in and benefit from new integrated health care models without fear of the risk of adverse consequences.

To read the proposed revisions in the Federal Register, please [click here](#). On that page, you will also find a link to submit comments. To be assured consideration, **comments must be received by 5:00 PM Eastern time (4:00 PM Central time) on April 11, 2016**. HHS will consider all comments received by that date and time, and will respond to the comments in the preamble of the final rule.

- ***Webinar on Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records*** – This Friday, SAMHSA will host a webinar on the proposed revisions to 42 CFR Part 2 described above.
Date & Time: Friday, February 19, 12:00 – 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
- ***Webinar – Five Implementation Essentials for Integrating Primary Care and Wellness into Behavioral Health***
Date & Time: Tuesday, February 23, 1:00 PM Central time
Organizer: SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description:
The Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) program is SAMHSA’s investment in addressing the health disparities faced by individuals living with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders. Now in its sixth year, this demonstration program is showing how the coordination and integration of primary and specialty medical services in community-based behavioral health settings can improve the physical health of adults with multiple chronic conditions – and creates access to primary care services. Join this webinar to learn some key elements of successful PBHCI implementation as well as tips for how behavioral health centers can sustain these services long-term. In addition, learn what tools from CIHS offer further integration lessons and examples of success (and challenges) from the field.

- Webinar – Using Technology to Enhance Addiction Treatment**
Date & Time: Thursday, February 25, 2:00 PM Central time
Organizers: SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions & American Telemedicine Association
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description:
 Tele-behavioral health and other technology-based treatment and recovery supports can assist primary care safety net providers and addiction treatment providers in expanding their efforts, particularly in rural areas where resources and people are scarce. Join this webinar, co-hosted by the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions and the American Telemedicine Association, to explore a variety of the latest technology-based interventions for delivery of addictions treatment and recovery services in safety-net settings. Bring your questions about challenges to implementation and be ready to discuss the opportunities and key policy developments for using technology-based interventions in safety-net settings to expand workforce capacity.
- Webinar – Moving What We Know About Integration: The Integrating Behavioral Health in Primary Care Trial (IBH-PC)**
Date & Time: Tuesday, March 22, 12:00 PM Central time
Organizer: Collaborative Family Healthcare Association
Presenter: Rodger Kessler, PhD, ABPP, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Vermont College of Medicine; Associate Chair for Research and Evaluation, Doctorate in Behavioral Health Program, Arizona State University; Director, Collaborative Care Research Network, National Research Network AAFP
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description:
 This presentation will review the rationale, background and design of the IBH-PC trial recently announced for PCORI. We will discuss the research team, aims, the training and quality improvement components of the interventions and recruitment of the project. After this overview we hope to spend a good amount of time in discussion about the trial and questions it raises.
- Recommendation for Universal Depression Screening** – Earlier this month, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force issued a recommendation statement calling for primary care providers to screen *all adults* for depression – an important step towards integrated care! To view the recommendation statement, please [click here](#). To read a SAMHSA blog post on the topic, please [click here](#).
- Call for Presentations – Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) 2016 Conference** – CFHA’s annual conference will take place in Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 13 – 15, 2016; this year’s conference theme is “Celebrating the Many Faces and Places of Integration.” CFHA is currently accepting submissions for presentations. For more information or to submit a presentation proposal, please [click here](#). **Submissions will be accepted through March 14.**

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- ***Webinar – Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records***
Presented by: SAMHSA
Date & Time: Friday, February 19, 2016, 12:00pm Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description: SAMHSA will hold a webinar to provide an overview of the 42 CFR Part 2 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
- ***Webinar – How to Successfully Implement a Big Data Solution***
Presented by: HIMSS
Date & Time: Thursday, March 17, 2016, 2:00pm Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description: Big data solutions are key to providing the new and insightful analytics that determine innovations in population management and patient engagement. The most successful solutions are driven by a partnership between technology and business and result in integration into day-to-day business operations. Learn about tools and frameworks that can help businesses achieve spectacular results.
- ***Senate panel passes electronic health record bill in unanimous, bipartisan vote:*** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on Tuesday passed the bipartisan Improving Health Information Technology Act with a vote of 22-0. The bill addresses electronic health record usability and seeks to reduce burdens tied to documentation. It also calls for transparent ratings on EHR usability and security, calls out information blocking and gives the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General the authority to establish deterrents. To view, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Webinar: Reaping the Rewards of Pay for Performance: Which Model is Right for You?***
Date & Time: Thursday, March 3, 2016, 12:00pm Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description: Pay for performance models are designed to reimburse for positive outcomes and keep people healthy while controlling costs. So which model is best for your organization? Join this webinar to get a better understanding of multiple pay for performance models, the risk and benefit for program implementation, and how to improve your outcome measures through your electronic health record (EHR).

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the risks and benefits of pay for performance models
2. Review the most common reporting options for measuring outcomes
3. Illustrate the clinical and financial impact of outcomes and how to capture outcomes using an EHR

- ***The pros and cons of in-network contracts:*** The decision whether to become an in-network provider for local payers is a critical one for behavioral healthcare organizations. And like anything, organizations must consider the pros and cons of obtaining and maintaining in-network provider status. Here are some of the key issues behavioral healthcare organizations should carefully weigh before making this decision. To view, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Additional Items of General Interest

- ***Open enrollment nets 12.7 million for Obamacare, exceeding expectations, HHS says:*** The last-minute surge lifted the total enrollment in Obamacare to 12.7 million this year, accounting for 9.6 million consumers enrolled or re-enrolled for coverage through Healthcare.gov and the 3.1 million people who selected plans through the state-based marketplaces. To view, please [click here](#).

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.