

Hello,

We sincerely hope you are surviving the recent citywide dusting of spring pollen!

BHACA Blast #7 Headlines:

- **Save the Date – Thursday, April 24, 1:00 to 4:00 PM** – Community Educational Event focused on Outcome-Based Evaluation for the Affordable Care Act and Behavioral Health Providers with Dr. Toni Watt, researcher and professor of sociology at Texas State University. The event will take place at The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston. Additional information and registration details are forthcoming.
- **Registration for Upcoming Site Visit to Open Next Week** – On Tuesday, April 1, community registration will open for an exciting integrated health care site visit opportunity with Bluebonnet Trails Community Services and Community Health Centers of South Central Texas, located in Bastrop, TX. The site visit will take place on Monday, May 5. More details are available below; if you're interested in attending, please be on the lookout for registration information next week!
- **Webinar This Friday Will Introduce New Tool to Help Behavioral Health Organizations Assess Their Ability to Integrate Primary Care Services** – The Behavioral Health Integration Capacity Assessment (BHICA) is a new tool designed specifically for behavioral health organizations to assist them in assessing their ability to integrate primary care services. The tool will be introduced on a webinar this Friday; please find more details below.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments and to share this information with others who may be interested (all are welcome to contact Yvonne to be added to the BHACA email list).

Our best,
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BHACA: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Resources

- **Confused about laws and regulations as regards privacy and substance use services in health information technology? We hear you.** Here is a great resource from SAMHSA, conveniently in an "easier" to read FAQ format:
<http://www.samhsa.gov/healthprivacy/docs/ehr-faqs.pdf>
- For future reference, the above SAMHSA resource has also been linked to the FAQ page on

the NBHP website: <http://www.nbhp.org/faqs---behavioral-health-and-the-affordable-care-act.html>

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

- "ICD-10: All systems go? Testing readiness for ICD-10 Transition," *Behavioral Healthcare*: www.behavioral.net/blogs/lisette-wright/icd-10-all-systems-go-testing-readiness-icd-10-transition

BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC) Events and Resources

- **May 5 Site Visit – Community Registration Will Open on Tuesday, April 1** – We have arranged an exciting opportunity to visit and learn from a thriving integrated health care partnership between Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS) and Community Health Centers of South Central Texas (CHCSCT). The partnership that these organizations have formed allows residents of several Central Texas communities to receive integrated mental health and primary care services. Those of you who attended our first BHACA IHC education event last October had the opportunity to hear from Andrea Richardson, Executive Director of BTCS and Henry Salas, CEO of CHCSCT. In response to the very positive feedback regarding these speakers, we are now planning a site visit to one of their partnership sites where we will have the opportunity to hear not only from Andrea and Henry but from staff members who have diverse roles across the two agencies but who all contribute to the continued success of the partnership.

The site visit will take place on Monday, May 5, at the partnership's Bastrop clinic, located at 275 S. Jackson Street, Bastrop, TX 78602. It will be a full-day affair, starting at 9:00 or 10:00 AM and possibly running until about 4:00 PM (plus the drive to and from Bastrop). Until March 31st, registration has been limited to NBHP member organizations, along with primary care clinics participating in BHACA. Registration will open to others on April 1st. If you're interested, please be on the lookout for registration information next Tuesday!

- **Next IHC Open Discussion Meeting – Wednesday, April 23, 2:00 – 3:30 PM** – Please save the date for our next IHC Open Discussion Meeting on Wednesday, April 23, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the MHA offices. As we decided at the first Open Discussion Meeting, we'll have a topic and a brief related presentation to start off the discussion. The topic for April 23 will be "Wellness in Integrated Health Care Programs," with a brief presentation from Kerri-Anne Parkes, MPH, a current doctoral student at the UT School of Public Health. Although this topic will serve as a starting point for discussion, the meeting will also be open to discuss other IHC-related topics according to your needs and interests. A link for registration will be sent out with the next blast.
- **TOMORROW – Webinar – Overcoming Collaboration Barriers Among Behavioral Health and Primary Care Providers**
Date & Time: Thursday, March 27, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central time
To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/755448905>

Description: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) Privacy Rule can present barriers to collaboration between behavioral health and primary care providers. However, many of those barriers are more perceived than real. Dayna Matthew, JD, joins us to present an overview of HIPAA barriers and to debunk common misunderstandings about data-sharing under HIPAA.

- **THIS FRIDAY – Webinar on the Behavioral Health Integration Capacity Assessment – A New Tool to Assist Behavioral Health Organizations in Assessing Their Ability to Integrate Primary Care Services**

Date & Time: Friday, March 28, 12:00 PM Central time

To register: <https://ihi.webex.com/ihi/onstage/g.php?d=657471727&t=a>

Description: The Behavioral Health Integration Capacity Assessment (BHICA) tool is designed to assist behavioral health organizations in assessing their ability to integrate primary care services. The BHICA allows behavioral health organizations to evaluate their current processes related to three approaches to integrated care: coordinate care; co-locate care; or build primary care capacity in-house. The tool was developed by The Lewin Group and The Institute for Healthcare Improvement under a contract with the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office. The webinar will introduce the assessment tool, provide background on the development, and discuss how organizations can use the tool to enhance their integration approach.