

Dear BHACA Community,

This is a busy week for BHACA! We have an IHC open discussion meeting on Wednesday and an event on outcome-based evaluation on Thursday.

BHACA Blast #9 Headlines:

- **Register by Monday for May 5 Site Visit** – A few slots remain available for the Bastrop site visit. The registration deadline is next Monday, April 28. Please find more information below and attached.

We look forward to seeing some of you today or tomorrow, as well as at future BHACA happenings. Have a great rest of the week!

Our best,
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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- **Register by Monday for May 5 Site Visit** – A few slots remain available for the May 5 site visit to an IHC partnership clinic in Bastrop. Attached to this e-mail, you'll find a document with additional information as well as the registration form. To register for the site visit, please fill out the registration form and e-mail it to Yvonne at ymendoza@mhahouston.org. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. In addition, depending upon demand, we may need to limit the number of attendees from the same organization. **The registration deadline is next Monday, April 28.** We look forward to seeing some of you there on May 5!
- **Save the Date – Webinar on Privacy and Integrated Behavioral Health: Special Considerations Under HIPAA and Part 2 – June 20** – Please save the date for our first BHACA webinar! At a BHACA IHC event last November, Marshall Preddy from Lone Star Circle of Care gave a presentation entitled “Privacy and Integrated Behavioral Health: Special Considerations Under HIPAA and Part 2.” It was so well-received that we have asked him to give a similar presentation via webinar. The webinar will take place on Friday, June 20, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Information about how to register is forthcoming. For a “sneak peek,” a link to the Power Point from Marshall’s presentation in November is available at <http://www.mhahouston.org/integrated-health-care-information-and-resources/>.
- **Latest Edition of CIHS e-Solutions** – The Center for Integrated Health Solutions regularly publishes an e-Solutions newsletter; each issue emphasizes a particular topic relevant to

integrated care. The latest edition focuses on self-management supports. It's available at <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/esolutions-newsletter/march-2014-esolutions>.

- **Evaluation of the SAMHSA Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) Grant Program Released** – Many of you are familiar with the SAMHSA PBHCI Grant Program, a multi-year initiative focused on integration of primary care and preventive physical health services into behavioral health settings. Here in Houston, The Montrose Center (in partnership with Legacy Community Health Services) was one of the grantees. The final PBHCI evaluation report was recently released. If you're interested, you can find more information and a link to a PDF of the report at <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/integrated-care-models/primary-care-in-behavioral-health#resources>. Hopefully the experiences of the PBHCI grantees will provide some “pearls of wisdom” regarding lessons learned and best practices that can inform the continued advancement of integrated care.

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

- **“Q&A: Getting paid in behavioral healthcare”** in *Behavioral Healthcare* magazine – an interview with a CEO of a billing service specialized in maximizing reimbursement: <http://www.behavioral.net/article/qa-getting-paid-behavioral-healthcare>

Other Resources of Interest

- **National Council for Behavioral Health Webinar Archives** – While we try to provide you with information about upcoming webinars of interest, we know that it's often not possible to watch a webinar live. Fortunately, most webinars are archived for future viewing. The National Council has a great collection of archived webinars at <http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/events-and-training/webinars/webinar-archive/>. Recent topics that may be of interest include “Sharing Mental Health Information: Details of the New HIPAA Privacy Rule,” “Strategic Business Development: Helping Behavioral Health Organizations Flourish” and “Create a Culture of Wellness to Support Health Behavior Change” (very relevant to today's open discussion meeting).
- **Understanding Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)**, specifically regarding their possible influence on increased provider consolidation over time, as published by *Kaiser Health News*: <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Stories/2011/January/13/ACO-accountable-care-organization-FAQ.aspx>