

Dear BHACA Community,

We hope you're enjoying your week! We have a lot of great resources below for your summer reading list. ☺

BHACA Blast #13 Headlines:

- **THIS FRIDAY, June 20 – BHACA Webinar on Privacy and Integrated Behavioral Health: Special Considerations Under HIPAA and Part 2**– Register at <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/1473496573153403393>. More information is available below.
- **We have added a “Funding” section below** where, when we come across them, we will post opportunities for you to fund work relevant to one of the four BHACA project areas: IHC, EHRs, Outcome-based Evaluation, or Maximizing 3rd Party Funding.

All best,
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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- **THIS FRIDAY, June 20 – BHACA Webinar on Privacy and Integrated Behavioral Health: Special Considerations Under HIPAA and Part 2**
Date & Time: Friday, June 20, 10:00 – 11:30 AM Central time
To Register: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/1473496573153403393>
Information on MHA Website: <http://www.mhahouston.org/events/246/>
Description: Questions about confidentiality often arise when integrating behavioral health care with primary care. Sharing patient/client information among health care providers in an integrated setting is often quite permissible, yet many misconceptions exist about what data can and cannot be shared. This webinar will help correct such misconceptions and provide clarity about the regulations for sharing mental health and substance use information.
Marshall Preddy, JD, Associate General Counsel and Privacy Officer with Lone Star Circle of Care, will provide precise yet comprehensive information about how the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2 (42 CFR Part 2) apply to sharing mental health and substance use information in integrated health care settings. Mr. Preddy presented on this topic at a BHACA event last November. His presentation was so well-received that we asked him to present again via webinar.
- **Webinar – An Introduction to Integrated Primary and Behavioral Healthcare for Social Workers**

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 9, 1:00 to 2:30 PM Central time

For more information or to register for this webinar produced by a partnership of the National SBIRT ATTC, NORC at the University of Chicago, The BIG Initiative, and NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals, please see

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/459570454>. *Of note - One of the webinar learning objectives is to help participants understand the policy implications of the Affordable Care Act on the provision of integrated healthcare.*

- **Infographic: Why Mainstream Healthcare Can't Ignore Substance Use** – This new infographic from the Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions underscores the importance of integrating substance use services with other health care services. The infographic provides data that may be useful when educating others about this issue, and the webpage includes links to relevant resources. <http://iretablog.org/2014/05/28/infographic-why-mainstream-healthcare-cant-ignore-substance-use/>
- **Webinar - The Role of Onsite Labs in Clinical Integration**
Date & Time: Thursday, June 26, 1:00-2:30 PM CST
Register for free at www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars
To create fully integrated behavioral health systems and to create better outcomes for individuals with mental illness and addictions, some behavioral health organizations have incorporated onsite pharmacies and labs into their service array. This webinar will feature SAMHSA Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) grantees that have included pharmacies and labs in their organizations as part of their integrated primary care services. Hear about nuts and bolts issues such as the volume of clients needed to make the services financially worthwhile, the impact on care for clients, logistics required for space, licensing and staffing, and the impact on workflow and communication between prescribers and behavioral health staff.

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

- **Webinar – Transitioning to DSM-5 and ICD-10-CM**
Date & Time: Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 to 3:30 PM Central time
For more information or to register for this webinar from the American Psychiatric Association, please see <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/570458474>.

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- **Self-Assessment Quiz: How well is your practice doing in terms of “population management”?**
The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) has created a 10-question quiz that allows for agency self-assessment regarding your practice’s progress toward population management. Population health is defined as “the health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group,” (Source: Institute for HealthTechnology Transformation, 2012). Increasing population management is a trend in health reform. The

idea of population management spans the BHACA focus areas, from integrated health care, to health information technology such as EHRs, to billing and coding to maximize third party funding, to developing quality outcome measures for population health. **Take the population management quiz here:**

http://www.ihl.org/education/InPersonTraining/PopHealthMgmt/2014SeptPopMgmt/Pages/Progressing-to-Population-Management.aspx?utm_campaign=Pop%20Management%20Sept&utm_medium=WIHI%20email&utm_source=email

- **Trends: Medicare, Increased Transparency, and Accountability for Quality Outcomes**
Recently a lot of Medicare data was made public by the federal government. We see this as a trend in health reform toward increased transparency that makes it incumbent upon providers to increasingly be able to report on and demonstrate quality outcomes (which includes: 1. improving the patient experience of care, including quality and satisfaction, 2. improving the health of populations, and 3. reducing the per capita cost of health care, according to the IHI Triple AIM). Read more here:
 - *New England Journal of Medicine*: www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1405026
 - **NPR coverage**: www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/06/08/319551380/a-doctor-takes-a-look-in-the-medicare-mirror?utm_medium=facebook&utm_source=npr&utm_campaign=nprnews&utm_content=06092014
 - *ProPublica's treatment tracker* (searchable database of Medicare reimbursements by provider, including some Houston area providers) - projects.propublica.org/treatment/

BHACA: Funding Relevant to BHACA Project Areas

- **IHC: Apply for an SBIRT Grant/The National Council for Behavioral Health:**
The National Council for Behavioral Health is announcing a request for applications for the 2014 [Reducing Adolescent Substance Abuse Initiative](#) to support community behavioral health organizations interested in implementing screening for substance use. View project commitment criteria and download the RFA/State Lead Application, Community Behavioral Healthcare Organization Profile, and Program Structure Attachment on The National Council's 2014 Reducing Adolescent Substance Abuse Initiative [website](#). **Applications must be submitted by State Leads by July 11, 11:59pm Pacific.** Please direct any questions to Aaron Williams, Project Director, at aaronw@thenationalcouncil.org or to Chris Bodner, Project Coordinator, at chrisb@thenationalcouncil.org.
- **Houston Methodist Community Benefits Grant – Deadline to Apply is July 31st.**
A Methodist Community Benefits RFP recently opened. Focus areas include mental health, indigent populations, Greater Houston. You have to be a non-profit to be eligible. For more information: grants.houstonmethodist.org/

BHACA: Additional Items (of general interest)

- **SAMHSA – Submit Your Comments on Patient Confidentiality**

Deadline: Wednesday, June 25, at 5:00 PM

Don't forget to submit comments on the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records Regulation! SAMHSA held a public listening session last week but is accepting written comments until **Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 5 p.m.** You may submit comments using any of the following methods:

- Mail: SAMHSA, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857, Room 5-1011
- Hand Delivery or Courier: 1 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20857, Room 5-1011, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays
- Email: PrivacyRegulations@SAMHSA.hhs.gov
- Fax: [1-240-276-2900](tel:1-240-276-2900)

[Download the Voluntary Comment Template](#) [PDF — 126 KB]

[Learn About Substance Abuse Confidentiality Regulations](#)

- **CMS – Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Exchange and Insurance Market Standards for 2015 and Beyond, A Rule by the Health and Human Services**

Department on 05/27/2014. Detailed information here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/05/27/2014-11657/patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act-exchange-and-insurance-market-standards-for-2015-and>

- **TOMORROW: Webinar – WIHI: New Roles, New Routes for Managing Populations**

Date & Time: Thursday, June 19, 1:00 to 2:00 PM Central time

“If you’re wondering why health care quality and clinical leaders have been talking a lot more with their counterparts in finance or IT, look no further than the latest value-based contract they’ve likely just entered into with a payer. Within a hospital, these leaders may be putting their heads together to figure out how to deliver better care and better value for whole populations of patients. How might their data systems, for instance, help them better understand the utilization patterns and needs of everyone they see with Type 2 Diabetes? Or, within an accountable care organization (ACO) comprising a major hospital system, several physician practices, and a skilled nursing facility, how can the representative senior teams guide operations to reflect new, shared responsibilities and forge new ways to work together?

“It’s early going with these new types of arrangements, and no one has it all figured out. But as organizations from across the continuum of care get up to speed, they’re eager to share what they’re learning.” **Register and learn more here:**

http://www.ihl.org/education/AudioVideo/WIHI/June192014NewRolesNewRoutesforManagingRiskandPopulations/Pages/default.aspx?utm_campaign=wihl&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=13166107&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8GyE6RvbZ-

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- **Webinar - The Excellence Act Explained: Opportunities, Benefits, and Strategies for Planning Your Application**

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 2, 1:00-2:30 PM CST

Register for free at <https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1037029>

Presenters: *Chuck Ingolia*, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Practice Improvement; *Nina Marshall*, Director, Public Policy; *Rebecca Farley*, Director, Policy and Advocacy, National Council for Behavioral Health

The Excellence in Mental Health Act demonstration program is the most significant investment in the community behavioral health system in decades. But wait – what does the demonstration program mean for mental health and substance use providers, again? Join the National Council’s team of policy experts to get the 4-1-1 on the new law and how it will affect service delivery and payment. You’ll learn about new enhanced payment standards and certification criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and understand the benefits these changes could bring to your organization and state. Get an overview of the implementation process and discuss concrete strategies you can use now to ensure your state is ready to apply.