

Dear BHACA Community,

BHACA Blast #17 Headlines:

- **Upcoming BHACA Event** – Friday, September 19, 2014, 2pm-4:30pm – “Behavioral Health Screening in Primary Care Settings” presented by Stacy Ogbeide, PsyD, a Behavioral Health Consultant with Healthcare for the Homeless of Houston. This event is co-sponsored by the Network of Behavioral Health Providers, Mental Health America of Greater Houston, and Harris County Healthcare Alliance. Of particular interest to behavioral health provider agencies, following Dr. Ogbeide’s presentation there will be break-out group(s) focused specifically on developing partnerships with primary care providers such as FQHCs for the delivery of integrated health care.
Please register at www.mhahouston.org/events/257/ by Wednesday, September 17th.

All best,
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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- **Hogg Blog – “Our journey through integrated health care, and what we have learned”** – <http://hoggblogdotcom.wordpress.com/>.
(For those interested in additional information, we are fortunate that BHACA’s Alejandra Posada is the coordinator for the Hogg-funded integrated health care learning community, and may be contacted at aposada@mhahouston.org.)
- **Webinar from Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) – “Taking Science to the Trenches: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Collaborative Family Healthcare”**
Date & Time: Tuesday, August 19 at 12PM CST
To Register: <http://www.cfha.net/?page=Webinars>
Description: If you are an administrator or clinician who wants to conduct program evaluation in a way that has impact beyond your own clinic, or if you are an academic who wants to make your findings impact the “endpoint,” this webinar is for you!

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- **Exponential EHR adoption in the past few years (primarily in medical settings):** As of November 2013, a brief on EHR adoption published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) highlighted the success of meaningful use incentive programs such that, “More than 93% of all eligible hospitals have registered to participate in the EHR Incentive Programs.”
http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/Downloads/DataBrief_November2013-.pdf
- **From the literature – advantages and drawbacks of EHRs:** “The purpose of this study is to review the literature on the impacts of EHR. Impacts include both benefits and drawbacks...” Link:
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3270933/>
- **The Urban Institute details “Lessons Learned from the Literature on Electronic Health Record Implementation,”** including such topics as having staff participation from the very start in order to cement buy-in and achieve successful implementation at a later date:
http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/hit_lessons_learned_lit_review_final_08-01-2013.pdf

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

- **Webinar on Value-Based Contracting:** Navigating the Gap Between Volume and Value
Date & Time: Thursday, August 14, at 1pm CST
To Register: <http://www.hpoe.org/resources/hpoe-live-webinars/1652>
Description: “The nation’s health care delivery system is in the midst of a transition from a fee-for-service approach to one based on value. This transition poses numerous challenges for hospitals and health care systems, including declining utilization and the need to invest significant capital in new infrastructure and competencies. Organizations seeking to effectively navigate these challenges must be proactive in developing and implementing a comprehensive financial plan based on traditional corporate planning principles.”
- **Resource on Value-Based Contracting:** Working in conjunction with management consulting firm Kaufman Hall, Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE) has published a **new guide** offering hospital leadership step-by-step advice and information on the financial planning process and how it can help organizations plan for value-based care and payment.

- **Senate Bill 58 and September 1, 2014** – reminder of a number of Medicaid Managed Care expansions as of September 1, 2014 –

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/managed-care/mmc.shtml>

Of particular note, the expansion regarding behavioral health services, is as follows:

STAR, STAR+PLUS, and STAR Health Medicaid managed care programs will add new behavioral health services. STAR and STAR+PLUS will add **mental health rehabilitation** and **mental health targeted case management.** STAR Health, which already offers mental health targeted case management, will begin offering mental health rehabilitation services.

The mental health rehabilitation and mental health targeted case management services will be available to two groups of Medicaid members who are assessed and found eligible:

- Adults with a severe and persistent mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder or other severely disabling mental disorders.
- Children and teens ages 3 through 17 years with a diagnosis of a mental illness or who exhibit a serious emotional disturbance.

Additional information: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/managed-care/mmc/adding-mental-health-svcs.shtml>

- **Texas STAR+PLUS Provider Training PowerPoint** by the Health and Human Services Commission:
<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/managed-care/STARPLUS-Provider-Training.pdf>

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation:

- **BHACA Blast #17: Featured Outcome Measure – The DSM V (released in May, 2013) features screening tools! We wanted to share information about them in place of this week’s featured outcome measure –**
<http://www.psychiatry.org/practice/dsm/dsm5/online-assessment-measures#Disorder>

BHACA: Additional Items of General Interest

- **HHS Awards \$54.6 Million Under ACA to Expand Behavioral Health Services:**
Congratulations to these Houston recipients of this new ACA BH grant funding:
 - Healthcare for the Homeless Houston (HHH)
 - Houston Area Community Services, Inc. (HACS)

- Central Care Community Health Center (also known as South Central Houston Community Health Center)

For additional information, go to

<http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2014tables/behavioralhealth>.