

Dear BHACA Community,

BHACA Blast #71 Headlines:

BHACA Event: Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD): Assessment and Diagnosis with Dr. Joel Carr, Ph.D., LCSW, LPC

Location: The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD (9401 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77074)

Date & Time: Thursday, October 13, 2016, Registration and Breakfast: 8:00am to 8:30am, Presentation: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

CEU Credit: 4 hours CEUs available for social workers, LMFTs, LPCs, and LCDCs

Cost: Pre-event pricing is \$35 for members of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers, \$55 for nonmembers. Regular event pricing is \$40 for Network members and \$60 for nonmembers. Credit cards, cash and checks made payable to the Network of Behavioral Health Providers will be accepted both in advance and at the door. All pre-event payments must be received by October 10, 2016.

Reserve your spot and breakfast: <http://bit.ly/CliniciansOct2016>

MACRA: We are continuing to include MACRA webinars and articles in our blasts. While behavioral health providers are not currently considered eligible providers under MACRA, they will be in a few years. Starting in 2017, clinical social workers and clinical psychologists will be included in the list of eligible providers. For this reason, it is important to stay up-to-date on news and regulations. For any previous MACRA articles you may have missed, please visit our website at <http://www.nbhp.org/macra.html>.

All the best,

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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- ***New Study on Depression and Diabetes*** – A new study points to the benefit of integrating care to treat individuals with depression and diabetes. Intermountain Healthcare in Salt Lake City, UT, tracked 113,000 patients over 11 years, and found that patients receiving care in integrated clinics were more likely to adhere to their diabetes care, more likely to be screened for depression, less likely to go to the emergency room, and less likely to end up in the hospital. To read more about the study, please [click here](#).

- **Webinar – Medication Assisted Treatment: Lessons Learned from the Field**

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 4, 2:00 – 3:30 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health

Description:

In response to the opioid epidemic and the dramatic increase in heroin- and opioid-related overdoses as well as continued negative health outcomes stemming from tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, the National Council for Behavioral Health and the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, with funding from the Open Society Foundations, invite you to hear from the organizations that completed our Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Learning Community. This yearlong learning experience provided behavioral health organizations the tools and support necessary to expand their use of MAT. Please join us to hear their stories of how they implemented MAT in their organizations, the challenges they faced, and the creative and dynamic solutions they used to overcome these obstacles. The organizations will be sharing how MAT has impacted their organizational culture, treatment outcomes, and has improved the lives of the people they serve in their communities.

- **New SBIRT App to Support Providers** – The University of California San Francisco (UCSF) SBIRT group, with funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, has released a free SBIRT app for use by providers. The medical app walks the user through a typical SBIRT interaction from screening to brief intervention and referral to treatment. It includes background information on the current epidemiology of alcohol and substance use, evidence for SBIRT, step-by-step instructions on how to perform an evaluation, links for referral sites, embedded videos and demos, and follow-up questionnaires. Unfortunately, at this time it's only available for iPhones, not Androids. To read more about the app, as well as another SBIRT app from Baylor College of Medicine, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- **Webinar – Measure Your Level of Security Readiness and Become More Resilient**

Date & Time: Thursday, September 29, 12:00 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: HIMSS

Presenters: Anne Connell, Member of the Cyber Risk and Resilience Management Directorate of the CERT Division Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute

Description: Healthcare IT managers are faced with decisions to make about appropriate levels of resourcing to expend in protecting their organizations. In this educational webinar, you will gain insight into the standards that are recommended by security experts to provide adequate protection without wasteful spending.

- **4 steps to prepare for HIE participation:** The benefits for a behavioral healthcare organization tying into a health information exchange (HIE) are clear and

practical. The path to being ready for participation in an HIE, however, is a bit more complicated. The quick and efficient sharing of patient health information with electronic health records (EHRs) makes it easier to provide a better-informed, higher quality of care, which, in turn, allows behavioral health providers to be ideally positioned for a value-based payment model. Such a smooth operation requires significant groundwork first, though, as providers need to address items ranging from their existing information infrastructure to workflows to state and federal privacy policies and laws. Two experts spoke recently with Behavioral Healthcare to share their insights on the primary challenges behavioral healthcare providers face in positioning themselves to participate in an HIE and the steps they can take to ensure a successful transition. To view more, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Webinar – Success Stories: Building a Robust Data Infrastructure that Supports Alternative Payment Models (APMs)***
Date & Time: Wednesday, October 5, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network (LAN)
Presenters: David Kendrick, MD, MPH, CEO, MyHealth Access Network, Chair, Department of Medical Informatics, University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine; Mylia Christensen, Executive Director, Oregon Health Quality Corporation
Description: This webinar will highlight how two organizations have used different data sharing infrastructure approaches in their market areas and have provided benefits to multiple stakeholders, including payers, providers, and purchasers. Guiding Committee member Elizabeth Mitchell will host panelists David Kendrick of MyHealth Access Network of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mylia Christensen of Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation as they address partnerships established, barriers overcome, sources of funding, lessons learned, and examples of data available to the various stakeholders.
- ***Webinar – Demystifying MACRA***
Date & Time: Tuesday, October 11, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: Healthcare IT News
Presenters: Gregory Forzley, MD, FAAFP, System Ambulatory Chief Medical Information Officer, Trinity Health and Adheet Gogate, MD, Vice President, Healthcare Consulting, CitiusTech
Description: The CMS Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) aims to change the way Medicare pays clinicians who provide care to Medicare beneficiaries. MACRA created a Quality Payment Program (QPP) designed to streamline existing quality reporting programs and reward those who provide higher quality of care based on two different payment tracks: the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the Alternative Payment Model (APM). Significant changes in workflow and quality measurement reporting need to be planned for and implemented this year in order to maximize future reimbursement under these new payment reform models. Many physicians and healthcare

organizations are still struggling to better understand this new legislation and determine the implications on their daily operations. This webinar will provide attendees with a realistic strategy and performance improvement framework in order to be better prepared for this mandate and optimize outcomes.

- ***CMS Chief Slavitt: MACRA flexibility is coming:*** CMS Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt revealed that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is offering clinicians four options to comply and avoid a negative payment adjustment in 2019. With the Quality Payment Program under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act set to begin on January 1, 2017, Slavitt outlined four new options. To view more, please [click here](#).
- ***Updated ICD-10 Flexibility FAQs and 2017 Codes:*** The CMS website offers official resources to help providers with ICD-10, including a [step-by-step resource list](#) to help you quickly locate contacts and the [2017 ICD-10-CM diagnosis code set and guidelines](#). To view more, please [click here](#).
- ***Addressing Consumer Priorities in Value-Based Care: Guiding Principles and Key Questions:*** The Health Care Transformation Task Force (HCTTF), a consortium of patients, payers, providers and purchasers working to transform the U.S. health care delivery system, has released a new framework that systems can use to ensure consumers' priorities remain front and center during all phases of the transformation to a value-based care system. The framework is organized around six broad principles to support person-centered, value-based payment programs: include patients/consumers as partners in decision-making at all levels of care; deliver person-centered care; designed alternative payment models (APMs) that benefit consumers; drive continuous quality improvement; accelerate use of person-centered health information technology; and promote health equity for all. The paper provides a rich set of more than 130 questions that systems can use as an agenda for dialogue and action. To read the white paper, please [click here](#). To read a Health Affairs blog post providing a summary and explanation of the framework, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***2015 Physician Quality Reporting System Feedback Reports and 2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Reports Available Soon:*** The 2015 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) feedback reports will be available in September 2016 for individual eligible professionals (EPs) and PQRS group practices. The PQRS feedback reports will provide the final determination on whether or not participants met the PQRS criteria for avoiding the 2017 PQRS negative payment adjustment. Detailed information about the quality data submitted by the provider is also included. The 2015 Annual Quality and Resource Use Reports (QRURs) will also be available in September 2016 for all groups with 2 or more EPs and solo practitioners nationwide. To view more, 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.