

Dear BHACA Community,

**BHACA Blast #49 Headlines:**

**We are pleased to announce that registration has now opened for the next Clinician's Roundtable event:**

**DSM-5 Personality Disorders: The Current Approach and Alternative Model with Dr. Joel Carr, Ph.D., LCSW, LPC!**

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

**Date & Time:** Friday, December 4, 2015, Registration and Lunch: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Presentation: 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**CEU Credit and Cost:** Four hours, \$40 for members of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers, \$60 for nonmembers

**Honoring Our Collaborators:** Thanks to the Harris Center for working with the BHACA team to make this training possible!

**Reserve your spot and lunch:** <http://bit.ly/DSM-5December2015>

There will not be a BHACA Blast on November 25 so the BHACA team would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving from all of us. Our next Blast will be sent on December 2, 2015.

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**BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)**

- **November 19 & 20 – Behavioral Health Summit in San Antonio** – The Texas Association of Community Health Centers, the Texas Council of Community Centers, and the Department of State Health Services' Division for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services are hosting a behavioral health summit in San Antonio later this month. Integration of behavioral health services with primary care will be a major topic of discussion at the summit. National and state experts on integrated health care will be presenting. For more information or to register, please [click here](#).
- **Webinar – Common Myths, Misconceptions and Mistakes Regarding the PCBH Model**  
**Date & Time:** Wednesday, November 18, 11:00 AM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** Collaborative Family Healthcare Association  
**Speaker:** Jeff Reiter, PhD, ABPP, is co-author (with Patricia Robinson, PhD) of a leading book on primary care integration, *Behavioral Consultation and Primary Care: A Guide to Integrating Services*. He is currently the Lead Psychologist for

Swedish Medical Group, in Seattle, where he is helping roll out a new primary care behavioral health service. Previously, he led the Behavioral Health Consultation service for HealthPoint, the largest community health organization in King County (Seattle).

**Description:** The Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) model is often referenced in the literature and now widely used by healthcare organizations around the country. Yet, there appears to be great variation in how the model is defined, conceptualized, and applied. In this webinar, one of the experts most associated with the PCBH model gives his take on what the model is all about. After first outlining a basic conceptualization of the model, he will then discuss what he perceives to be common misunderstandings about it. This webinar is suitable for those with any level of understanding of the PCBH model.

- ***Webinar – Using Apps and Other Technologies to Support Physical Health in Behavioral Health Settings***

**Date & Time:** Thursday, November 19, 12:00 – 1:00 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** National Council for Behavioral Health

**Presenters:** Pam Pietruszewski, Integrated Health Consultant, National Council for Behavioral Health; Andrea Che, Integrated Behavioral Health Program Manager, Asian Americans for Community Involvement; Eileen Williams, Chief Compliance Officer, North Central Behavioral Health Systems; Jodi Mahoney, Chief Operating Officer, North Central Behavioral Health Systems

**Description:**

Hear from behavioral health leaders who learned to embed technology-based applications and devices to monitor diabetes and hypertension in their integrated treatment programs by participating in the National Council's Technology Learning Community. Find out what they learned and how they use the experience to shape their organizations' future.

- ***Co-Occurring Disorder Toolkit*** – The Institute for Research, Education, & Training in Addictions (IRETA) offers this compilation of resources for individuals and organizations who treat clients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The site includes resources for clients, for counselors, and for organizations. To view, please [click here](#).

- ***Meta-Analysis of Referral to Treatment for Alcohol Use*** – This study recently published in the journal *Addiction* reviewed 13 randomized controlled trials on brief interventions and referrals to treatment for alcohol use. To read more about the study, its results, and implications, please [click here](#).

- ***Facebook Q&A: Adult Bipolar Disorder***

**Date & Time:** Tuesday November 17, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Central time

**Description:** Do you have questions about adult bipolar disorder? Ask them during our Facebook Q&A on Nov. 17 with National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) expert Dr. Matthew Rudorfer.

**For More Information:** [Click here](#)

## **BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System**

- ***Webinar Wednesday Series – SBIRT and EHRs - What's Your Take?***

**Organizer:** The Institute for Research, Education & Training in Addictions

- **What's Your Take on EHRs and SBIRT?**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 2, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Central time

**Presenter:** John McAteer

- **My Take on EHRs and SBIRT**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Central time

**Presenter:** Jim Winkle

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

- ***Mobile health: a largely untapped market for healthcare***

A recent study published by the Journal of Medical Internet Research and designed by New York University revealed the consumer perspective of health app use in the U.S., Healthcare IT News reports. According to the article, more patients want access to their own EHRs to be able to track their health over periods of time. More than half of mobile users utilize health and nutrition apps on their phones and this number is increasing in popularity.

**For more information:** [click here](#).

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

- ***Gary Jessee Named HHSC Medicaid Director***

Gary Jessee, a 20-year veteran of state service, will be Texas' new state Medicaid Director, Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Chris Traylor announced Oct. 30.

**For more information,** [click here](#).

- ***HHSC announces managed care organization contracts for STAR Kids program***

The Health and Human Services Commission announced contracts for the STAR Kids program have been awarded effective Oct. 1, 2015.

**For more information,** [click here](#).

- ***The Open Enrollment Period for Affordable Care Act Health Insurance is now open!***

Residents in need of healthcare coverage may now enroll using healthcare.gov. For coverage starting on January 1, 2016, participants must enroll by **December 15, 2015**. The last day to enroll for this open period will be **January 31, 2016**, for coverage starting **March 1, 2016**.

**For more information:** <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

- ***State Medicaid Coverage for Tobacco Cessation Treatments***

Medicaid enrollees smoke at a higher rate than the general population, and smoking-related disease is an important contributor to Medicaid costs. More individuals who smoke would quit if state Medicaid programs covered more proven tobacco cessation

treatments and removed barriers to coverage. This article shares barriers that make it difficult for Medicaid enrollees to access tobacco cessation treatments and how state Medicaid programs are improving efforts by increasing coverage and utilizing evidence-based cessation treatments.

**For more information, [click here](#).**

- ***The Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network (LAN), a multi-stakeholder collaborative, has released a white paper regarding reducing barriers and accelerating adoption of alternative payment model (APM) frameworks. The HCPLAN White Paper is open for public comment now through November 20, 2015.*** “To achieve the goal of better care, smarter spending, and healthier people, the U.S. health care system must substantially reform its payment structure to incentivize quality, health outcomes and value over volume...a fundamental change in how health care is organized and delivered... The Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network was established as a collaborative network of public and private stakeholders, including health plans, providers, patients, employers, consumers, states, federal agencies, and other partners within the health care ecosystem... the LAN can help to reduce barriers and accelerate adoption of alternative payment models (APMs).” **Read the White Paper here:** <https://publish.mitre.org/hcplan/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2015/10/2015-10-22-APM-Framework-White-Paper-Public-Release-Draft-FPO.pdf>. **Submit comment here:** <https://publish.mitre.org/hcplan/>.
- ***CMS Open Comment Period Through November 17<sup>th</sup> That Will Reshape Medicare Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), such as the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS).*** Comments are accepted re. Section 101 of Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), which includes the following:
  - Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) methodology
  - updates to the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)
  - higher update rate for “qualifying participants in Alternative Payment Models (APMs)” beginning in 2026
  - new Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for eligible professionals (EPs)
  - sunsets payment adjustments under the current Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS)
  - sunsets the Value-Based Payment Modifier (VM)
  - sunsets the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program
  - consolidates aspects of pre-existing Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) (listed above) into new MIPS
  - promotes the development of APMs by providing incentive payments for certain EPs who participate in APMs and by encouraging the creation of additional Physician-Focused Payment Models (PFPMs)
  - Submit a comment here:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/10/01/2015-24906/request-for-information-regarding-implementation-of-the-merit-based-incentive-payment-system#open-comment>

**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.