



Network of Behavioral Health Providers

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Happy [National Prevention Week!](#)

All the best,

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Clinical Practice

- ***Webinar - Identifying and Lifting Barriers to Integrating Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with 12 Step Modalities***
Date & Time: Thursday, May 25, 11:30 AM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health
Description: Medication assisted treatment (MAT) is an evidence-based treatment for individuals with a substance use disorder. Recovery models, such as the Comprehensive Opioid Response with Twelve Steps (COR-12) integrates MAT with a 12 Step-based program to promote recovery. This webinar will focus on best practices for implementing MAT and address financing, stigma, and training challenges. It will also profile an organization that has had success in MAT implementation.
- ***Webinar - How to Effectively Implement Telebehavioral Health in Primary Care – A Dialogue with Experts***
Date & Time: Thursday, June 15, 2:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: SAMHSA-HRSA
Description: Implementing telebehavioral health has the potential to connect individuals to behavioral health services in a way that is convenient, efficient and secure. But how do you make the most of telebehavioral health for integrated primary and behavioral health care and how can you implement technology in a way that eases, not adds to, staff workload? Join this interactive webinar to ask subject matter experts about the key elements of successful telebehavioral implementation and learn about practical tools for how to build capacity for telebehavioral health in integrated primary and behavioral health care settings. Get a brief overview of the basics of telebehavioral health and then dive into discussion on topics such as: how telehealth technology impacts staff and specific roles or responsibilities (on-site and distance-based staff), how to sustainably finance telehealth technology, implications for practicing across state lines, considerations for developing operational and procedural manuals, specific components of telehealth for mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs.

EHRs, Security, and IT

- ***For better EHR deployments, execs are finally listening to their staffs:*** Healthcare organizations are getting smarter about the ways they deploy their technology, and doing better at putting it to work for clinicians, a new report shows. Forty-three percent of respondents to a survey from the Experience Innovation Network say they involve front-line staff and physicians in the selection and configuration of new IT systems. That may sound like a no-brainer, but it's become a common complaint that clinicians are frustrated by poorly configured EHRs that don't fit with their workflow and were implemented with little input from them. To view more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).
- ***Texas Hospital Association helps 2 hospitals get serious about phishing threats:*** The Texas Hospital Association has helped one of its participants achieve a 70 percent improvement in anti-phishing techniques and worked with another more sophisticated provider to help pinpoint unknown weaknesses, according to THA chief digital officer Fernando Martinez. THA runs a cybersecurity awareness program to help members strengthen their anti-phishing efforts. “The program is designed to go to organizations that have not developed a plan for building a culture of cybersecurity,” Martinez said. “Healthcare has been focused on compliance for a long time, but it’s not there for cybersecurity preparedness. So the program is built around launching a series of phishing e-mails at an organization.” To view more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).

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

- ***CMS Releases Tool to Help Clinicians Determine MIPS Participation Status:*** Providers can now check to see if a clinician who bills to Medicare will need to submit data to MIPS through this [interactive tool](#). Clinicians can determine their status by entering their national provider identifier (NPI) into the entry field on the tool. The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) was established with the final [Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 \(MACRA\)](#) rule and is effective this year. MIPS combines three existing reporting programs – the Physician Quality Reporting System, Value-based Modifier Program, and EHR Incentive Payment Program—and adds a new category to incentivize clinical quality improvement activities. MIPS-eligible clinicians who do not report could be subject to negative payment adjustments. See this [MIPS Participation Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

- Webinar - An Ounce of Prevention: Strategic Planning with Confidence in Uncertain Times**
Date & Time: Wednesday, May 24, 12:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: Behavioral Healthcare Executive
Description: Change for behavioral healthcare providers has been fast and furious. Looking forward, the future looks as murky as the Mississippi River. The challenge facing many organizations is how to plan while managing immediate challenges amid so many federal and state regulatory concerns. With a steadfast commitment to providing the best possible care, honest self-assessment, and an unwavering ability to execute, Heritage Behavioral Health Center in Decatur, Illinois has been able to navigate the waters of uncertainty. Heritage leadership has developed a strategic plan that allows them to thrive now and, more importantly, given them the ability to face and adapt to most any regulatory or legislative mandates. In this webinar, Heritage will share insights, best practices, and the processes they adopted while developing their plan to be the best possible organization today and tomorrow.
- Webinar - Partnering for Success: Spotlight on Missouri Medicaid and Department of Mental Health**
Date & Time: Wednesday, May 31, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: SAMHSA
Description: Medicaid is the largest payer for mental health services in the United States. Given that mental illness and addiction are twice as common among Medicaid beneficiaries, the effective and amicable working relationships between the State Mental Health Authority and the State Medicaid Office are at the core of helping individuals in need of behavioral health services. MO HealthNet, Missouri's Medicaid program, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) have a long history of successfully partnering to improve the lives of individuals living with mental illness or addiction. This webinar will explore the reasons MO HealthNet and DMH chose to work together, identify principles and techniques that go into an effective partnership, summarize the benefits of a symbiotic relationship, and provide examples of initiatives that were a direct result of this collaboration.

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- Webinar - Value Driven Health Care; Define, Drive and Deliver**
Date & Time: Wednesday, May 17, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: HIMSS
Description: Our nation aspires to achieve value-based healthcare. As clinicians and providers, you work daily to deliver high quality patient care. Do you know how to measure your quality driven efforts? This webinar will provide you with side-by-side comparisons of healthcare delivery and Value Score determination.
- National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services 2015:** This [report](#) presents findings from the 2015 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services, an annual census of facilities providing substance abuse treatment.

Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***Congressional Briefing Highlights Children’s Mental Health:*** On May 8th, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), Mental Health America, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health partnered to host a Congressional briefing titled, “The Benefits of Collaborative Care for Children’s Mental Health.” Kicking off National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week, providers, officials, and family members discussed the prevalence of childhood mental illness, the lack of resources to address these illnesses, the importance of collaborative care, and potential solutions to the problem. To view more of this National Council for Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).
- ***White House Announces New Members to Opioid Commission:*** The White House has named four new members to President Trump’s commission on fighting opioid addiction. The commission, led by Jared Kushner and Governor Chris Christie (R-NJ), was created back in March to tackle and combat the nation’s ongoing opioid addiction and overdose crisis. The new members include two governors, a former congressman in recovery and an addiction researcher. To view more of this National Council for Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).

The nonprofit Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP) consists of mental health and substance use providers in the greater Houston area. NBHP provides a forum for the behavioral health leaders in the community to work together on issues of common concern. Working on its own and in partnership with other entities at both the local and state levels, the Network has become a strong voice on behalf of behavioral health service providers and the individuals they serve. To learn more, visit our website at nbhp.org.