



Network of Behavioral Health Providers

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SAVE THE DATE!

NBHP Annual Meeting: Being a Behavioral Health Provider in an Uncertain World

Speaker: Sandra Lopez, LCSW, ACSW

Location: University of St. Thomas (Scanlan Hall)

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 4:00pm to 6:30pm

CEU Credit: 1 hour of CEUs available for psychologists, social workers, LMFTs, LPCs, and LCDCs

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Clinical Practice

- ***HHS Stakeholder Listening Session:*** The Department of Health and Human Services will host a public stakeholder [listening session](#) on how it can best work to improve parity for mental health and substance use disorder coverage. The meeting will be held online on Thursday, July 27, 2017 from 8:30 to 10:30 AM CT. To register for the live event, please email Parity@hhs.gov. For those who cannot participate, feel free to submit comments to Parity@hhs.gov.
- ***Webinar - Scaling the Managed Care Mountain, Pt. 1: The Provider's Role in Value-Based Care***
Date & Time: Thursday, July 27, 12:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: Behavioral Healthcare Executive
Description: In the new healthcare economy, providers are being asked to do more with less, including spending less time with their clients. With as little as 15 minutes to deliver care to each client, every moment is critical, and focus must be on outcomes and interventions. So how do you get the most value out of the few minutes you have with your clients?

EHRs, Security, and IT

- **Webinar – Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 2017 Cybersecurity Survey Results: Have We Made Progress?**
Date & Time: Wednesday, August 16, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: HIMSS
Description: Rod Piechowski, Senior Director, HIS and Lorren Pettit, VP HIS will present and discuss the findings of the HIMSS 2017 Cybersecurity Survey. This year they took a look at how healthcare is managing the current cybersecurity environment. What are the current trends around management, frameworks and other tools used to protect an organization today?
- **Webinar - Bring Your Own Tech to Work: Risks, Rewards and Realities for Healthcare**
Date & Time: Wednesday, August 17, 10:00 AM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: HIMSS
Description: A recent survey of clinicians by HIMSS Analytics shows that despite the spotlight on HIPAA compliance and security issues in healthcare, clinicians report several IT vulnerabilities at provider organizations. Learn the results of this study and hear from a panel of experts on policies and best practices to securely enable the use of clinician-owned technology.

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

- **CMS looks to launch behavioral health pay model:** The CMS is interested in launching a new pay model that will target behavioral health services and is seeking public comment on what the new effort should look like. The CMS announced that its Innovation Center would like to design a payment or service delivery model to improve healthcare quality and access for Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program beneficiaries with behavioral health conditions. The model may address the needs of beneficiaries battling substance use or mental disorders. It could also target Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Innovation Center will be soliciting ideas at a public meeting on Sept. 8 at CMS headquarters in Baltimore. To read more of this National Council for Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).
- **CMS gives more small practices a pass on MACRA:** CMS wants to exempt more small providers from having to comply with MACRA. Physician practices with less than \$90,000 in Medicare revenue or fewer than 200 unique Medicare patients per year would be exempt under the new draft rule. The move will exclude about 834,000 more clinicians from complying with the quality reporting program under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015. The original threshold was \$30,000 or fewer than 100 Medicare patients. To read more of this Modern Healthcare article, please [click here](#).

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***Residential Versus Outpatient Treatment in the US:*** The purpose of this study was to investigate the relationship between residential versus outpatient treatment and treatment completion, and then to examine how this relationship might vary by demographic characteristics and primary substance. To read more of this Recovery Research Institute study, please [click here](#).

Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***House Resolution Recognizes Importance of Trauma-Informed Care:*** A bipartisan House Resolution would promote the national recognition of trauma-informed care and its use within the federal government's programs and agencies. The Resolution outlines outstanding programs and initiatives across the country, recommends the designation of a national trauma-focused awareness month, and establishes language for Representatives to refer to when discussing trauma and its treatment. To read 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.