



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

- ***Webinar - Understanding the Opioid Crisis: What's at the Heart of the Matter?***

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 9, 11:00 AM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: SAMHSA

Description: National attention is focused on the opioid crisis, and communities are struggling to respond. In this webinar, national leaders from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will share data and the science about opioid addiction, and dispel some common misconceptions about treatment and recovery.

Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and will receive information about additional resources.

- ***Webinar - There is Hope: Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention***

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 16, 11:00 AM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: SAMHSA

Description: Connecting people to treatment and recovery support has shown to be effective and can save lives. Join this webinar where the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will review early intervention and treatment, and the essential role the community plays in recovery support and prevention. They will also talk about getting ahead of the problem, the impact of adverse childhood experiences on the development of a substance use disorder, and how upstream preventative action can restore hope and a

brighter and healthier future to generations to come. The webinar will close with a Q & A and a review of resources

EHRs, Security, and IT

- ***CMS finalizes 90-day reporting for meaningful use:*** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has cemented a 90-day reporting period for attesting to meaningful use of electronic health records, part of a variety of flexibilities for hospitals and physicians in a final rule published. For 2018, CMS will allow a 90-day reporting period. This is a significant difference from the complete year that CMS had aimed for under the Obama administration. This change applies to hospitals and physicians in the Medicare and Medicaid meaningful use programs. To read more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).
- ***ONC kicks off EHR certification tool transition:*** The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology revealed a new 5-year transition of its Health IT Certification Program's existing testing portfolio to replace the current taxpayer-funded tools with as many industry-created options as possible. The Health IT Certification Program then can more efficiently focus its testing resources and better align with industry-developed testing tools, which potentially could help support the "real-world testing" envisioned by the 21st Century Cures Act, the ONC said. To read more of this Healthcare IT article, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Webinar - Medicaid Coverage and Financing of MAT, Current Status and Promising Practices***
Date & Time: Thursday, August 17, 2:30 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: SAMHSA
Description: The webinar will cover a forthcoming update to the SAMHSA report on Medicaid Coverage and Financing of Medications to Treat Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders and will review information on state payment policies for medication assisted treatment (MAT). Speakers will also present case studies of innovative MAT models. This up-to-date information about Medicaid MAT coverage will be helpful for consumers and family members, providers, health plan and Medicaid staff, policymakers and government officials.
- ***Webinar - Scaling the Managed Care Mountain, Pt. 2: Finance's Role in Value-Based Care***
Date & Time: Wednesday, August 23, 12:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: Behavioral Healthcare Executive
Description: Today's value-based care environment turns the former approach on its head. Many of today's value-based care models use a lump sum reimbursement to cover all services for a given time period - regardless of the utilization volume. The

reimbursement remains the same, despite the number and type of services provided. In this webinar, our experts provide insight on how better service utilization and cost can improve business risk management while going beyond revenue reporting to predict revenue impact.

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***Self-Paced Course- BHBusiness Data Driven Decision Making***

Date & Time: On Demand

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: SAMHSA

Cost: Free

CEUs: 3 credit hours from NAADAC

Description: Behavioral health care organizations collect a lot of data – on staff productivity, service recipient health outcomes, reimbursement rates, budgets and more – but do not always effectively use this data to make informed business decisions. Integrating data into your decision-making process when planning and enhancing your operations means learning how to accurately collect, catalog and communicate data. This course offers strategies for how to map out your data needs, create a data-driven culture and connect outcomes to organizational goals.

Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***Senate Confirms SAMHSA Asst. Secretary, Surgeon General:*** The Senate voted to confirm a slate of President Trump's HHS nominees including Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz as the first-ever Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and Dr. Jerome Adams as the new Surgeon General. Both nominees were vetted by a Senate committee on their experience and qualifications. Dr. McCance-Katz and Dr. Adams will oversee key federal mental health, addiction, and public health initiatives in their new roles. 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.