



Network of Behavioral Health Providers

Network of Behavioral Health Providers Behavioral Health Blast #17

YOU'RE INVITED...

ANNUAL MEETING
of the

Network of Behavioral Health Providers

NBHP

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 | 4:00 - 6:30 pm
Registration: 3:30 pm
Program: 4:00 pm
RECEPTION FOLLOWING PROGRAM

keynote remarks by
Sandra Lopez, LCSW, ACSW

UNCERTAIN TIMES CALL FOR CERTAIN MEASURES
Cultivating Hope, Promoting Resiliency, and Rekindling Passion

1.0 CE hours for LPCs, LMFTs, LCDCs, Social Workers, and Psychologists
Psychologist CEs provided by
the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program of the University of St. Thomas
Free of charge | Seating is limited.

LOCATION
Scanlan Hall, Jerabeck Athletic and Activity Center
University of St. Thomas, 4000 Mt. Vernon St.

PARKING
We recommend parking in the Moran Center Parking Garage, located at the corner of West Alabama and Graustark streets (enter on Graustark). Parking at the Center is available to all students, employees and visitors 24 hours a day for a \$5.00 fee. Pay machines are located at each exit and accept \$1 bills, \$5 bills, quarters and credit cards. Some street parking is also available in the neighborhood.

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We hope you will consider attending our annual meeting. Since seating is limited, we ask, that if you are an agency staff person and believe that several staff might want to attend, please internally coordinate which staff members will be attending. We will be limiting non-NBHP member agencies to two staff. If we have slots still available on September 6, the publication date of the next Blast, we will let you know.

All the best,

The NBHP Team

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Clinical Practice

- ***Webinar - Recovery and Reentry - The First 30 days***

Date & Time: Thursday, August 24, 1:00 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: SAMHSA

Description: In this virtual event, SAMHSA's Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) will convene leaders working to support justice-involved individuals returning to their communities following incarceration. Panelists will discuss essential recovery services for the first 30 days of reentry and share examples of challenges experienced and offer strategies for supporting successful reintegration during this critical period of time.

- ***Webinar - Long Acting Injectables and Justice Involved Populations: Continuity of Mental Health and Addictions Treatment for Jail Inmates***

Date & Time: Thursday, September 7, 11:00 AM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health

Description: While the five-year jail recidivism rate remains steady at 75%, implementing evidence-based behavioral health services continues to be a leading intervention that improves the likelihood of successful community reintegration for former inmates. With more than half of county jail inmates experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders (MH/SUD), solutions are needed to promote continuity of treatment for justice involved populations. Meanwhile, navigating the complexities of the fragmented criminal justice and healthcare systems can be challenging for providers who treat justice involved people living with MH/SUD. Long Acting Injectables (LAIs) are an innovative and evidence-based treatment delivery modality that are designed to address barriers to continuity and improve patient experience.

EHRs, Security, and IT

- ***NQF maps out measures for interoperability:*** The National Quality Forum moved closer to finalizing a framework for measuring interoperability. NQF said the framework will help identify in the nation's progress to enable widespread health data exchange. The agency's initiative comes as hospitals and electronic health records vendors are struggling with interoperability and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT is working to advance standards that enable information sharing. To read more of this Healthcare IT News article, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Webinar - Scaling the Managed Care Mountain, Pt. 3: C-Suite's Role in Value-Based Care***

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 12, 12:00 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: Behavioral Healthcare Executive

Description: In moving from fee-for-service to value-based care, C-level executives face a substantive organizational change management opportunity. The types of change they may address include: business processes, staffing models, revenue projections, program mix, and populations served, among other people, process, and technology-related changes. The way to interpret data can shift, and C-level executives need to learn to look at data through a different lens. Why? In the new healthcare economy, cost control and population management become life or death for an agency. When managing fund balances, for example, C-level executives must now consider more complex formulations of data and make decisions with more unknowns.

- ***National Council Submits Comments on New Medicare Payment Rule:***

The National Council submitted comments to CMS on a proposed rule that will make changes to Medicare's Quality Payment Program (QPP), which is an effort to reform the way clinicians are reimbursed by moving from volume-based payment to payment for quality and value. The comments praise CMS's proposed changes to QPP that will benefit behavioral health providers, including: 1) increasing the low-volume threshold, exempting smaller Medicare practices from participation; 2) awarding bonus points for small practices and practices that serve high-risk populations; 3) establishing "virtual" groups that will enable solo practitioners to pool resources and reduce their reporting burden. The National Council also recommended modifications to each Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance category, as well as the final MIPS scoring methodology, which would incentivize voluntary MIPS participation, broaden the measures available to behavioral health care providers and reduce the overall reporting burden. To read the comments, [click here](#).

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***New Behavioral Health Barometers Provide In-Depth Data for All 50 States and DC:*** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released the fourth edition of its Behavioral Health Barometer state reports that provide a powerful overview of behavioral health in each state and the District of Columbia (DC). Each report includes data about key behavioral health issues such as the prevalence of substance use, serious thoughts of suicide, serious mental illness, and related treatment, as well as their comparisons with the corresponding national annual averages. The Barometer state reports also include analyses using several demographic categories such as gender, age, income level, health insurance status and race/ethnicity. These data representations can help

decision makers identify behavioral health differences among these groups. Information such as this can assist in developing programs to address potential health disparities. To view this data, please [click here](#).

Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***Members Appointed to New Federal Effort to Address Serious Mental Illness:*** The Department of Health and Human Services announced the appointment of 14 national experts to the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC). The ISMICC was established as part of the 21st Century Cures Act to improve the federal coordination of efforts that address the pressing needs of adults with serious mental illness and children and youth with serious emotional disturbance. The selected ISMICC members represent mental health researchers, providers, patients, judges, law enforcement officers and professionals working with individuals living with serious mental illness. The [first meeting of the ISMICC](#) is scheduled for August 31st. Interested persons may submit public comment to the committee before August 24th ([find instructions here](#)). To read more, [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.