

Network of Behavioral Health Providers

Behavioral Health Blast #5

Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

We hope you are finding the new expanded NBHP Blast helpful to your work. We wanted to alert you that, in addition to adding new sections for clinical practice and public policy/advocacy, we are broadening the former “Choosing a Certified EHR” area to “EHRs, Security, and IT” to reflect the much broader scope of topics that we believe need to be brought to your attention.

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Clinical Practice

- **Webinar – Serious Mental Illness and Opioid Use Disorders**

Date & Time: Monday, March 13, 1:30 PM Central time

Cost: Free

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

Description: Individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) frequently suffer from serious mental illness (SMI). Over half of patients with bipolar affective disorder and schizophrenia have a co-occurring SUD. Co-occurring disorders, however, can be difficult to manage in a fragmented treatment system. Care outcomes respond best to comprehensive treatment with culturally competent practices. Understanding why providers often underutilize medication assisted treatment (MAT) is important to overcoming provider bias, as well as the discriminatory bias and perceptions around substance use disorders mental illness. This webinar will discuss the evidence base for treating OUD and co-occurring disorders simultaneously, the benefits and advantages of utilizing MAT for individuals with SMI, and empower mental health providers to utilize and translate evidenced-based behavioral health skills to diagnose and manage SMI among patients with OUD.

- **Toolkit for the Surgeon General’s Report on Addiction:** Surgeon General Vivek Murthy made the goal for the report clear: ignite meaningful conversation to ‘turn the tide’ on our nation’s addiction crisis. The conversation will only be meaningful if key players in solving the addictions crisis – you – take part in the conversation. We want you to be prepared. This toolkit can help you engage media, craft compelling stories and inform your community about addiction. As providers of critical addiction services to millions of Americans, you know what helps people recover. You work to create a strong continuum of prevention, treatment and recovery support services. You have expertise and an informed perspective to share. The toolkit is designed to help you share that expertise widely. To view more, please [click here](#).

EHRs, Security, and IT

- **Webinar – 'Don't Click This' is Not a Security Strategy**

Date & Time: Friday, March 17, 12:00 PM Central time

Cost: Free

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: HIMSS

Description: “Don’t Click Here” is no longer a viable security tactic. Healthcare providers need to rethink their security posture by stopping threats before they reach clinical staff augmented by an ability to respond quickly when attacks inevitably occur. This presentation will focus on current research that explains the most prevalent cyber-attacks plaguing the healthcare industry, outline security technology that can best keep clinical staff safe from cyber-attacks and provide a framework that hospitals can utilize to augment their security posture.

- **Webinar – E-Signatures & Digital Onboarding for Your Healthcare Organization**

Date & Time: Thursday, March 9, 1:00 PM Central time

Cost: Free

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: HIMSS

Description: There’s no way around it –healthcare industries are document-intensive, involving countless forms and agreements that often require signatures. Despite continuous investments in electronic health record (EHR) technology, many providers still default to paper simply to capture a signature – diminishing productivity and ultimately impacting the quality of care. For this reason, healthcare organizations of all sizes are moving to fully digital onboarding, including electronic signatures. As a result, they no longer chase paperwork and ultimately improve quality of care by eliminating error-prone manual data entry. Join this 60-minute HIMSS webcast to learn best practices and requirements for a secure digital onboarding. Key topics will include:

- How e-signatures & EHR work together
- Digital adoption trends among healthcare organizations
- E-signature standards & HIPAA Compliance
- Options for getting started quickly

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

- **Republicans roll back Medicaid expansion, pitch tax credits in bill to replace the Affordable Care Act:** House Republicans unveiled their much-anticipated health law replacement plan Monday, slashing the law's Medicaid expansion and scrapping the requirement that individuals purchase coverage or pay a fine. But they opted to continue providing tax credits to encourage consumers to purchase coverage, although they would configure the program much differently than the current law. To view more, please [click here](#).

- ***Five steps physician leaders can take to succeed with value-based care (and where to turn for help):*** Value-based care, a core tenet for federal, state, and private sector payment and delivery plans, is a strategy to reduce healthcare costs in the U.S. while improving patient outcomes. Value-based care is also one of the most disruptive forces of change to sweep over the healthcare delivery system in decades. To prepare for this new era, HIMSS has provided five steps healthcare leaders can take to ensure success with value-based care. To view more, please [click here](#).

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***Webinar – How would outcomes change if you only knew? The Role of Data Analytics***
Date & Time: Thursday, March 23, 1:00 PM Central time
Cost: Free
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health
Description: What would you do differently if you could see the future? How would the health outcomes of those you serve improve if you could predict and trend what is likely to happen next? This webinar will define and discuss the distinctions between the four common types of analytics used in the health care field—descriptive, diagnostic, predictive and prescriptive. Knowing what is likely to happen next isn't valuable unless you know what to do with that information and how to positively impact the quality of care, patient experience and reduce costs. Attendees will be able to identify the definition and business use case for each type of analytic and explore real life examples of improved outcomes applying when applying data analytics to drive performance and outcome improvement.
- ***Payers seek ways to attach value to data:*** Everyone wants data, but the more elusive goal is getting value out of that data, according to John Walsh, chief technology officer for Horizon BCBS of New Jersey. "We think data is going to drive healthcare," Bennett said. "Healthcare is going to be a math problem." To view more, please [click here](#).

Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***Senate Bill Encourages Trauma-Informed Care:*** Before the close of the 114th Congress, Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), and Al Franken (D-MN) introduced a wide-ranging measure aimed at promoting and expanding trauma-informed care across multiple sectors including health care, education, and law enforcement. The Trauma-Informed Care for Children and Families Act of 2016 is a potential vehicle for incorporating the science of adverse childhood experiences and trauma into federal policymaking. The legislation was intended to help individuals who have experienced trauma be identified and supported with the appropriate care. According to the National Survey of Children's Health, nearly 35 million children in the United States have had at least one serious traumatic experience. These

experiences dramatically impact a child's neurological and behavioral development, long-term health, and societal outcomes. To view more, please [click here](#).

- ***Webinar – Uniting to Protect Behavioral Health: Advocacy Webinar Series***

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 15, 2:00 PM Central time

Cost: Free

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health

Description: With numerous emerging threats to Medicaid and behavioral health services, the National Council will hold biweekly policy webinars to provide updates on the latest news and advocacy opportunities out of Washington. They will monitor and provide updates on issues that matter most, including: the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act, proposed reforms to Medicaid and details on government spending for behavioral health care programs. Each webinar will feature a specific Call to Action.

Additional Webinar Dates:

- Wed, Mar 29, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time
- Wed, Apr 12, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time
- Wed, Apr 26, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time
- Wed, May 10, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time
- Wed, May 24, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time
- Wed, Jun 7, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time
- Wed, Jun 21, 2017 2:00 PM Central Time