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## **Network of Behavioral Health Providers Behavioral Health Blast #8**

What do mental health professionals need to know about the recent executive orders regarding immigration? NBHP member agencies report that many of the immigrant and refugee families they serve are experiencing significant distress and serious mental health challenges following the release of these orders.

Join NBHP and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Houston/Galveston on Tuesday, May 16, for a free continuing education presentation addressing the legal and clinical issues that have arisen in the last few months regarding these new immigration and deportation policies.

Attorney Zenobia T. Lai, program director of legal services for Catholic Charities, will provide clinicians with clear and accurate legal details regarding the executive orders. Following a break, Dr. Selma D. Yznaga, associate professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and a leading expert on mental health care for immigrant children and families, will explore how best to support the mental health needs of immigrants and refugees at this time. Both sessions will allow ample time for participant questions.

### ***The Executive Orders on Immigration: Providing Information and Support to Families***

**Presenters:** Dr. Selma D. Yznaga, Associate Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Zenobia T. Lai, Esq, Program Director Legal Services, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

**Location:** University of St. Thomas, Scanlan Hall (4000 Mt Vernon Street, Houston, TX 77006)

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 8:30am to 11:45pm

**CEU Credit:** 2.5 hours of general CEUs available for social workers, LMFTs, LPCs, and LCDCs,

**To Learn More and to RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/May2017NBHP>

All the best,

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### **Clinical Practice**

- **Webinar - Partnership to Improve Health for Children Zero to Three**  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 27, 11:30 AM Central time



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**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE)

**Description:** Join HPOE and the American Hospital Association Section for Maternal and Child Health for a webinar about Indiana's statewide partnership for early diagnosis and treatment of autism, autism spectrum disorder and developmental delay. To address a national shortage of pediatric developmental specialists and the ever increasing pediatric neurodevelopmental needs such as autism (1 in 50 children), autism spectrum disorder and developmental delay, hospitals and health systems are in search of partnerships to develop a new model of care.

- ***Webinar - Motherhood: What It Means for Women's Recovery***

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** SAMHSA

**Description:** For many women, caretaking—especially caretaking in motherhood—is their most defining and most meaningful role. Substance use and mental health problems may challenge a woman's ability to parent effectively. During pregnancy, health behaviors have lasting impacts for both the mother and the fetus. This session explores the opportunities and challenges associated with motherhood in recovery as well as effective interventions and supports available for women, their children, and their families. Learn more about using motherhood as a pivot point to access help in substance use and mental health, family-centered approaches for women with behavioral health disorders and their children, meeting the needs of complex families, and more.

- ***Transitioning from Prison to Community:*** Jails and prisons house significantly greater proportions of individuals with mental, substance use, and co-occurring disorders than are found in the general public. Upon release from jail or prison, many people with mental or substance use disorders lack access to services and, too often, fall into a recurring, costly cycle of involvement with the justice system. Experts in the justice, behavioral health, and public policy fields agree that by providing behavioral health support services to these people in transition they can increase their chances of returning to healthy and productive lives in the community. To support this goal, SAMHSA recently released [Guidelines for Successful Transition of People with Mental or Substance Use Disorders from Jail and Prison: Implementation Guide](#). The guide provides behavioral health, correctional, and community stakeholders with approaches for effectively transitioning people with mental or substance use disorders from institutional correctional settings into the community. To view more of this SAMHSA article, please [click here](#).

### **EHRs, Security, and IT**

- ***Webinar - From Improved Data to Improved Outcomes***  
**Date & Time:** Friday, April 21, 11:00 AM Central time



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**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** HIMSS Analytics

**Presenter:** Matt Schuchardt, Director of Business Development and Innovation, HIMSS Analytics

**Description:** As more and more data becomes available, the challenge of understanding what is happening in health IT shifts from acquiring information to discerning the signal from the noise. This webinar will discuss the value of continued HIT investment and ways healthcare organizations are successfully evolving their HIT platform to improve quality and reduce costs.

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

- ***(Updated) Paul Ryan resurrects GOP healthcare bill, adds federal risk pool amendment:*** House Speaker Paul Ryan unveiled an amendment to the American Health Care Act that would create a federal risk sharing program for insurers. The idea has support from both moderate and conservative Republicans. On Thursday afternoon, a House Rules Committee approved a mark-up of the amendment that moves the proposal on to the House for a vote. Ryan said the program would lower premiums and raise the number of insurers offering plans, which would increase competition and give consumers more choice. To view more of this Healthcare Finance article, please [click here](#).

### **Outcome-Based Evaluation**

- ***Webinar - Managing the Business of Helping: Overcoming the Myths of Outcomes Management***  
**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 3, 12:00 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** Behavioral Healthcare Executive  
**Presenter:** John S. Lyons, Ph.D., Senior Policy Fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago  
**Description:** In this presentation, Dr. Lyons will provide a brief overview of some of the more common misconceptions surrounding outcomes. He will then present an approach that attempts to build on this learning and transcend some of these myths with the goal to create a more meaningful approach in how to effectively help others. This approach is called Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) and has influenced the creation of the CANS and ANSA assessment tools among others.
- ***The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) releases initial data from outcomes project:*** The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) released the first results from its Outcomes Pilot Program (OPP), with the data depicting a patient population with significant



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mental health comorbidity and past experiences in treatment. The eight NAATP member treatment programs participating in the pilot have fully enrolled their patient populations in the study, and are tracking measures that include sobriety, physical health, service delivery, continuing care and quality of life, among others. To view more of this Behavioral Healthcare Executive article, please [click here](#).

### **Public Policy/Advocacy**

- ***New Senate Bill Mandates Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs:*** Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Rob Portman (R-OH) have introduced legislation mandating the creation and use of strict prescription drug monitoring programs by states who receive federal funding to fight opioid abuse. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Act would require states to require pharmacies to submit data within 24 hours of filling a prescription. Providers would have to check the PDMP before each prescription of the drugs, and PDMPs would have to notify providers when patients showed worrisome opioid prescription patterns. To view more of this National Council on Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).
- ***Unite4BH:*** 2017 is a critical year to advocate in support of addiction and mental health priorities. With major proposed changes to Medicaid and behavioral health funding, the National Council is reliant upon its members to unite to protect behavioral health care. Visit [their page](#) regularly to see their latest opportunities and Unite4BH!

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](http://nbhp.org).