

Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting Oklahoma providers

May 2017

Will you be prepared?

OHCA will pass a New Rule

The three day rule went to the board on March 23rd. This will go into effect on September 1st.

For more information on the rule.

Go to OHCA Website

<http://www.okhca.org/>

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Mental Health Month

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition, as 1 in 5 U.S. adults will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime. However, everyone is affected or impacted by mental illness through friends and family.

Throughout May, NAMI and participants across the country are raising awareness for mental health. Each year, we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care. Each year, the movement grows stronger.

Help us spread the word through the many awareness, support and advocacy activities below by showing you're #IntoMentalHealth. - See more at: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Raise-Awareness/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Month#sthash.TPYO5ENd.dpuf>

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May 1-31
National Mental Health Awareness Month

May 5
Cinco de Mayo

May 11
Spring Specialty Court Judges Forum
OKC, OK

May 11
Addiction Severity Index
Tulsa OK

May 11
Opioid Use Disorder-Methadone
OKC, OK

May 12
SBIRT
OKC, OK

May 14
Mother's Day

May 15
Therapeutic Options Train the Trainer Recertification
OKC,OK

May 17-19
2016 Children's Behavioral Health Conference

May 26
Mental Health First Aid Adults
OKC, OK

May 29
Memorial Day

May 30
Strengthening Families Program-Prevention
OKC, OK

May 31
World No Tobacco Day



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Annual Webinar for ThinkHealth

Did you know OrionNet Systems offers its ThinkHealth members a low cost option for extra training? ThinkHealth "Annual Subscribers" provides its members two live training sessions per month via the online webinar tool, GoToWebinar.

These live webinars give the advantage of following along and asking questions in a live setting right from your desk computer or mobile device. Annual Subscribers also have access to a specific archive library of all the training webinars previously recorded. This allows you to view short videos at your own pace and as many times as you need.

Our intent is to provide more frequent, low-cost training on topics requested by agencies and its members. In the past few years, we have seen an increase in centers contacting us for additional training. Many of these requests are simple trainings and module specific which makes the Annual Subscribers membership a more cost effective alternative than a one time paid training.

ThinkHealth members can sign up for 1 full year (24 sessions) for a low monthly fee. This fee will include unlimited access to the archives and the opportunity to request and suggest future trainings to take part in. If you are interested in information regarding Annual Subscribers Membership, contact OrionNet Systems for pricing and more information.

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Panic, adapt or innovate: Consider the options for healthcare executives in 2017

I well understand why clinicians in various segments of healthcare are quitting. A physician recently told me that he is not going to invest \$50,000 in some new EHR system at this stage in his career, and so retirement, even before age 65, made sense for him.

Healthcare systems are buying physician practices for little money. Some doctors delay retirement and choose a guaranteed salary, along with payment for their accounts receivable and their furniture. That's it. They agree, for no additional compensation, to hand over information on thousands of their patients to a large healthcare organization.

As a consultant, I have found this to be true for large behavioral healthcare group practices as well: Practice leaders are offered a buyout deal that treats the practice as relatively worthless, in exchange for the opportunity to draw a salary going forward. Depending on your perspective, this is either panic, or knowing when to fold in a high-stakes card game.

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How technology improves operations

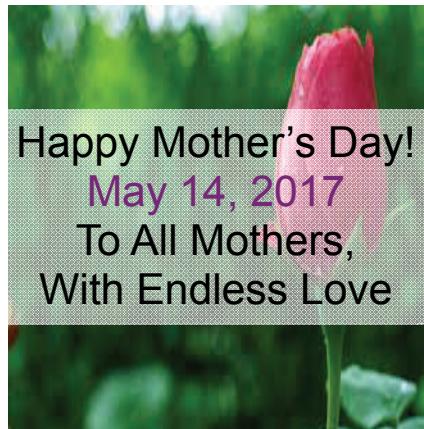
Although the industry has been slow to adopt electronic health records, those who do implement enterprise systems find that they help clinicians to do their jobs better. Real-time reporting, cloud-based solutions and data analytics are just a few reasons providers cite as ways EHRs assist in their day-to-day operations.

Phil McQueen, vice president of IT at Great Circle, a community mental health program in Missouri, says the benefits of an electronic system are superior to the old paper administrative methods. The behavioral health organization works with children and families and offers a wide variety of programs, ranging from foster care case management, educational programs, residential services and physical and mental healthcare..

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Have a happy and safe
Memorial Day weekend
from your friends
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May 29th, 2017



Happy Mother's Day!
May 14, 2017
To All Mothers,
With Endless Love

MAY is...

National Mental
Health Month

National Physical Fitness
and Sports Month

National Stroke Awareness
Month

Hepatitis Awareness
Month

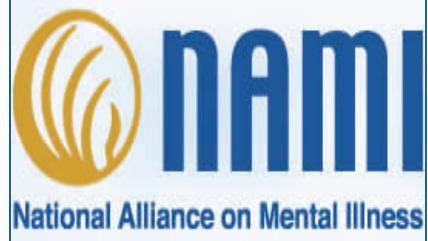


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