Practice Management Insight

Centers learn from each other

Last month, dozens of treatment centers gathered at the headquarters office of OrionNet Systems in Oklahoma City to participate in an intensive all-day training event designed to inform centers of the latest updates to their ThinkHealth software.

Due to changes in OHCA standards or EDS billing procedures, OrionNet continuously updates its software free of charge to insure the needs of ThinkHealth members are met. OrionNet developers most recently updated ThinkHealth to comply with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and to accommodate the State's October 1 change in service rates and RVUs.

During the event, centers also learned from each other as they discussed the updates and new procedures for staying compliant.

Suggestions or requests for minor changes in the software further customize it to meet their needs.

"We talk to our members, find out what the centers need, and then make sure our software can do that for them," said the president of OrionNet, who handles the training sessions personally. "It really is customized specifically for Oklahoma out-patient centers."

OrionNet offers website development

OrionNet would like to help you start the New Year with a new Internet presence for your business.

"With today's reliance on the Internet as a way to locate companies and to learn about their services, we think it is important for a center to have a professional-looking website, one that can be found easily by online searchers," OrionNet Systems President Clark W. Wofford said.

OrionNet provides full-service, professional website development. The development includes optimizing the site for indexing by search engines like Google, Yahoo and others. OrionNet also can help with domain registration (Internet address) and website hosting. To learn more, contact Marketing Director Eddie Roach by email (eroach@coxinet.net) or by phone

searchers," OrionNet Systems President Clyde W. Wafford said.

HIM and Health IT

Discovering Common Ground in an Electronic Healthcare Environment

Health information management and health information technology are disciplines with completely different functions; however, the two disciplines are striving to find common ground with the emergence of increasing volumes of electronic data. HIM and health IT are finding that the scope and responsibilities of individual job functions are increasingly crossing department domains. ...   Read more

A Program Designed for Women in Recovery with Children

Sister to Sister is a support service that delivers and evaluates peer-to-peer recovery support services that help prevent relapse and promote sustained recovery from alcohol and drug use in a manner that is responsive to the community's needs.
Sister to Sister is Oklahoma's first community based model of peer driven, peer led recovery support services tailored specifically to reduce relapse and promote sustained recovery among women in Oklahoma County who have children.   Visit www.Sister-Sister.org

(eroach@coxinet.net) or by phone (405.286.1674).

Revisions to Behavioral Health Care Requirements

The Joint Commission's behavioral health care program is approved by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to accredit opioid treatment programs. ... Because CSAT accreditation guidelines were revised in July 2007, The Joint Commission has updated specific behavioral health care standards and elements of performance (EPs) that apply to only opioid treatment programs, to remain in compliance with these revised CSAT guidelines. ... The revised standards are effective January 1, 2009, and are posted here.

SAMHSA News Bulletin

New SAMHSA White Paper Examines the Relationship between Suicide and Substance Abuse

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released a new white paper focusing on the current state of knowledge about the interrelationship between substance abuse and suicide. ... [T]he document stresses substance abuse as a risk-factor for suicide and suicide attempts and the importance of continued learning about this connection to help prevent suicidal behavior. …   Read More

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