

Session Handout # 603

Confidentiality Laws and Coordinated Care

Avoiding Legal Hazards in an Era of Big Data and Rapid Care Integration

I. Introduction:

- A. Topic description:
- B. Learning outcomes -- Session attendees will gain:
 - 1. An understanding of the drivers of coordinated care and why CMHCs should pursue these opportunities.
 - 2. An understanding of legal restrictions on behavioral health information placed by HIPAA, State Laws, 42 CFR Part 2.
 - 3. An understanding of practical solutions to coordinating care while remaining in compliance with legal restrictions.

II. Drivers of Coordinated Care:

- A. Value-based funding.
- B. Population health management.
- C. Growing recognition of the value of behavioral health interventions in addressing social challenges such as healthcare costs, suicide, gun violence, homelessness, and alcohol/drug addiction.
- III. Legal Restrictions (The sources of these and how they mandate different treatment for disclosure of behavioral health conditions):
 - A. HIPAA, State Laws.
 - B. 42 CFR Part 2.
- IV. New Care Coordination Opportunities and Demands (Current care coordination initiatives in Colorado that CMHCs are participating in):
 - A. Integration with primary care
 - B. Co-responders programs
 - C. HIE interoperability
 - D. Restoration of competency
 - E. Payer cost reduction efforts

V. Strategies for Addressing the Challenge:

- A. Practical solutions to coordinating care while remaining in compliance with legal restrictions.
- B. Talking points and other communication strategies for working with community partners who lack understanding of these restrictions (Participant Created).