

HIT Commons Behavioral Health Collaborative – Connecting the Dots: HIT/HIE Tools for Behavioral Health – September 21st

Overview

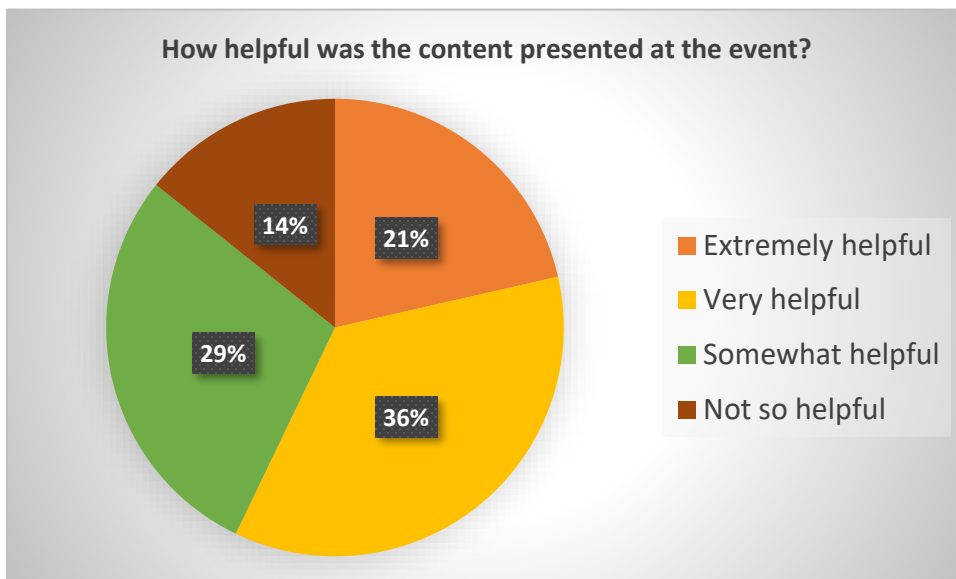
This event brought together a variety of behavioral health stakeholders, HIT experts, and vendors to share best practices around health information technology (HIT) and HIE tools, specifically related to privacy and confidentiality rules (42 CFR Part 2). Attendees received guidance for using the finalized [OHA Provider Confidentiality Tool Kit](#), legal information and updates to 42 CFR Part 2, and were able to participate in breakout sessions covering various HIT/HIE applications for BH information sharing. More than 80 individuals attended the event. The event included presentations on the following topics:

- OHA Confidentiality Tool Kit (view cover letter [here](#), and tool kit [here](#))
- Updates to 42 CFR Part 2: Implications for Data Sharing
- Interactive Q&A with a Compliance Expert
- Telehealth Discussion
- Breakout sessions for specific HIE Tools and initiatives (Collective Platform, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), Community Information Exchange (CIE), Reliance eHealth Collaborative)

To view the event materials, click [here](#).

Survey Feedback Highlights

After the event, the HIT Commons sent an optional survey to attendees. A total of 14 survey responses were received, which indicated that 57% of survey respondents found the event to be either very helpful or extremely helpful (see chart below with results).



Additionally, we asked participants to let us know how future learning collaboratives could be improved. The most common themes of responses are highlighted below:

- **How could future events be improved?**
 - Make the events more interactive/have polling questions for the audience
 - Offer more breaks during the event
 - Address a more relevant topic

Other questions and comments are captured in the full survey results. To view the full results of the survey, please see the attachment 9-21-20 HIT Commons BHLC – Survey Results.

Looking Ahead

Both events highlighted the need and desire for future opportunities for collaboration and sharing best practices among behavioral health providers. As a result, OHA will consider offering additional sessions on health IT for behavioral health providers and evaluate the potential for creating additional resources that behavioral health organizations could use on their own as they are implement and utilizing EHR/HIE/health IT at their agencies. These strategies align with some of those outlined in the Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup's [recommendations](#) as well as the [Behavioral Health HIT Work Plan](#).

Questions?

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