

# 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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**MAY is...**

- National Mental Health Month**
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**
- National Stroke Awareness Month**
- Hepatitis Awareness Month**

**ThinkHealth**  
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