SUMMER 2017

Join CTiBS at APA!

CTiBS is having three functions of potential interest to you if you plan to attend APA2017, or if you live in / around Washington DC. You and all business associates interested in behavioral telehealth and technology are invited.

1. **Business Meeting**: Friday 8/4/17 from 4-4:50 pm Eastern, Market Room, Marriott Marquis Washington DC Hotel
2. **CTiBS Happy Hour:** Friday from 5-7pm, meeting in the lounge area of the Arroz by Mike Isabella restaurant, Marquis Marriott https://ctibshappyhourapa2017.eventbrite.com
3. **Private Dinner**: Friday from 7-9. Seating is limited, so reserve your seat today! https://ctibs-tbhimeetup-washington-dc.eventbrite.com

New Telebehavioral Health Credentialing Program

The Coalition for Technology in Behavioral Science (CTiBS) offers the healthcare provider community an interprofessional, international credentialing system for telebehavioral health. Based on a foundation of rigorous criteria developed by a CTiBS task force composed of published experts in the field, the CTiBS Telebehavioral Health Credentialing Program offers a designation that is credible, comprehensive and portable. It provides a uniform credentialing process across behavioral disciplines, and thereby helps to minimize the confusion that can occur when multiple processes and designations are used across professions and programs. It serves as a standard of telebehavioral health competency and professionalism for providers and patients alike.

Credentials serve as verification that a professional has achieved a baseline level of competency in his or her subject matter. Possessing a credential not only helps one to prove competency and capability for telepractice, but also demonstrates to the professional community and

employers that the individual is competent, properly trained and equipped to carry out his or her duties. With credentialed staff members, employers can be more reasonably assured of having a workforce of practitioners that are capable of handling the complex challenges that telepractice can present. The CTiBS Credentialing Program is designed to assure baseline competencies and to differentiate professionals independent of a specific learning experience with a CTiBS-approved certificate-training program.

CTiBS then, offers standard criteria for professional training program organizations seeking to deliver competency-based training to professionals seeking the CTiBS credential, as well as to deliver that credential to professionals who have obtained the needed training. Successful applicants who have completed a CTiBS-approved training program and other qualifying criteria required by CTiBS are authorized to use the CTiBS designation.

Learn more about our credentialing program at: http://ctibs.org/rationale.

CTiBS on the Move!

The Coalition for Technology in Behavioral Science (CTiBS) was formed in 2014 following a vote of non-support by the American Psychological Association (APA) to a request to start a new APA division focused on technology use in behavioral health. In response, CTiBS founders filed for non-profit corporate status, which now also has 501 (c)(3) status. active since its inception as an independent organization. Read highlights from an exciting and productive year at: http://ctibs.org/ctibs-on-the-move/

Can Not Having an EHR or a Client Portal be Dangerous for the Health of Your Practice?

Think having a client portal and an EHR aren't important? Think again. Not long ago, most therapists wrote progress notes by hand. We all had the image of Freud with his infamous note pad ingrained in us. Although my style has always been to write notes at the end of the day, I've actually had a handful of clients ask me to take notes during the session. I guess it made them and/or me seem more legitimate.

Earlier in this century, when physical health care practitioners were required to begin using EHRs, many mental health practitioners were secretly glad our profession was not part of the mandate. Continue reading at: http://wp.me/p4I1tx-sq

CTiBS Seeks Blog Writers

Do you love writing? CTiBS is looking for individuals interested in contributing regularly to our blog. If you want to learn more about this exciting opportunity to write about technology in behavioral science, please contact us at the following link: http://ctibs.org/organization/contact-us

Have Suggestions for Us?

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions here: http://ctibs.org/organization/contact-us