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Santa Barbara County Seeks to Overhaul Mental Health Care Delivery

The HASC Santa Barbara/Ventura County Office plans to work with member hospitals throughout the region to share best practices in mental health from throughout Southern California counties, as Santa Barbara County seeks to overhaul mental health in the county.

With the receipt of recent grant funds, the county plans to focus on outpatient care with clinics, hoping to defer the mental health population from inpatient services. This would be done

through changing the use of currently allocated mental health dollars.

Like many counties, Santa Barbara County is concerned about the loss of funds for indigent care programs. Additionally, under the new funding formula, Santa Barbara is reimbursed at a lower rate and loses funds to serve this population under the Affordable Care Act.

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Application Process for Orange County Uninsured Now in Place

Although Orange County's new program for the remaining uninsured population commenced on January 1, it will not be until late this week that hospitals will be able to start taking applications to cover services provided to those with urgent or emergent medical conditions. Patients in the new Medical Safety Net (MSN) program are required to access services through hospital emergency rooms only, even if they were served in the county's prior program and suffer with chronic, debilitating conditions that have been treated in other, more appropriate settings such as community clinics.

Under their contracts with the county, hospitals are required to provide personnel to

take MSN applications. Hospital personnel are trained by HASC's Patient Access Services division. Now that the county's application process is in place, HASC has scheduled the first training session for Thursday, April 10. Hospitals will be ready to take applications starting as soon as Friday, and will need to complete applications for patients who received services from January 1 forward.

As of April 7, 75 hospital employees have registered for the April 10 training and 30 others have registered for post training dates.

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Learn About Education Opportunities for Your Organization at April 11 Informational Webinar

HASC and Flex Ed have partnered to offer *Comprehensive Hospital Education to Fit Your Budget*, a complimentary webinar scheduled for Friday, April 11 at 10 a.m.

The webinar will cover the various types of health care education Flex Ed has been offering for more than 25 years. Flex Ed

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Hear from Wellness Experts at June Conference for Health Care Providers

Does wellness save money? Do vendors make up outcomes? What is the true value-on-investment approach to assessing workplace wellness programs, as opposed to the more traditional return-on-investment model?

Hear *Perspectives from the Experts* at the 2014 Health Care Provider Wellness Conference, June 12-13 at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel in Anaheim. Ron Goetzel, PhD, Research Professor/Vice President Emory University/Truven Health Analytics, will share the business case for adopting evidence-based, comprehensive, and well-resourced workplace health promotion programs, as well as review the methods used to evaluate these programs in

real world settings while acknowledging the limitations of programs that may not produce expected outcomes. In the second part of this session on June 12, Al Lewis, Founder and President, Disease Management Purchasing Consortium International, Inc., will shed light on wellness program metrics versus myths. Attendees will receive specific tools, in the form of e-handouts, which they can use to answer questions for themselves.

Register today online at www.hasc.org/2014WellnessConference.



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Save the Date: Hospital Disaster Management Training May 20-21

Does your hospital need training on hospital surge capacity management for natural disasters and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives (CBRNE) incidents? Join us for *Hospital Disaster Management Training*, an in-depth two-day session that is a product of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Services Agency's Disaster Resource Center Program. HASC provides administrative program support.

This course has a broad approach, with both a clinical and non-clinical target

audience that includes but is not limited to hospital administration, physicians, nurses, emergency care technicians, safety, security, facilities, mental health, ancillary, legal/risk management, human resources, educators, clinic and first receiver staff.

Participants will learn how to move beyond awareness and focus on operational strategies. At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Identify triage priorities in disaster patients.
- Perform a role in the hospital command center and emergency

department during disaster drill.

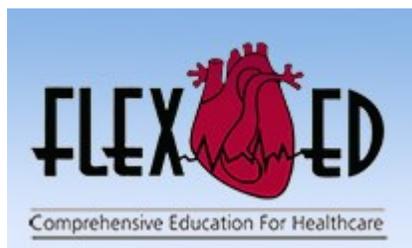
- Describe the health care facility's role in a disaster.

The online brochure and registration form is available at http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/hdmt_brochure.pdf. Register online at <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=HDMT16E>.

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works with facilities' leadership teams and brings current educators and department managers to your organization to provide the most current information in a variety of topics. Courses include clinical areas such as *Anesthesia Awareness in the Surgical Patient*, *Preventing Pediatric Medication Errors*, and *Pulmonary Pneumonia*, as well as



organizational improvement topics such as *Communication and Team Building* and *Cultural Diversity*.

Contracts are available for a flat monthly fee, and Flex Ed can coordinate with organizations to offer Skills Days and New Employee Orientations.

To register for the upcoming webinar, please visit <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/374427786>.

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