

**Software and Technology Vendors Association Hosts Successful
Behavioral Health Interoperability Conference**

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(New York, NY – February 1, 2010) – On January 26-28th 2010, The Software and Technology Vendors Association “SATVA” hosted the first Behavioral Health Interoperability Conference in Phoenix, AZ. With full support of SATVA’s conference partners, Mental Health Corporations of America “MHCA”, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare “the National Council”, the medical community and the addiction community, their focused goal was met; “defining data needs and supporting technology for a Behavioral Health Continuity of Care Document (CCD) and assure rapid adoption of the final work.”

Don Hevey, MHCA President/CEO stated "SATVA demonstrated today the ability for MHCA members to communicate with one another seamlessly across different software packages. Interoperability for behavioral health organizations became a reality before our eyes, and we thank SATVA for leading this important initiative. MHCA is excited to be a collaborator in delivering this revolutionary vision to our members".

Linda Rosenberg, National Council President provided "The National Council commends SATVA for bringing together software developers with the provider community. The work to simplify and coordinate the collection and dissemination of data is essential. This will ensure that health providers will have the best, most current information, leading to better, more coordinated care, and improved quality of life for consumers and their families."

“SATVA is very thankful for the committees dedication of time and effort to this very critical event especially Bill Connors, CEO of Sequest Technologies, Mike Morris, CEO of Anasazi and John Leipold, COO, Valley Hope Association, Information Management” commented John Raden Chairman of SATVA and CEO of The Echo Group.

This extremely important work has been noticed and is receiving praise from other organizations as noted by Dr. H. Westley Clark, Director of the Center for Substance Abuse

Treatment under SAMHSA, “I was excited to hear about the collaborative effort among the provider community under the leadership of the Mental Health Corporation of America and the National Council with the support of the Software and Technology Vendors Association. The leadership in attendance at the Behavioral Health Interoperability Conference helped pave the way to accomplishing the rapid adoption of EHR interoperability which will improve treatment in the medical community, including mental health and substance use treatment providers.”

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