



Software and Technology Vendors Association Releases Full Results of Behavioral Health Technology Market Survey to the Public

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(New York, NY – February 8, 2010) – The Software and Technology Vendors Association (SATVA) announced today that the previously privately held Behavioral Health Technology Market Survey has been released to the public and the greater Behavioral Health Community.

In 2009, SATVA collected key data to assist Behavioral Health Provider Organizations understand the necessary information technology needs of their organizations. This scientific and professional product was created by Centerstone Research Institute, under the direction of Dr. Paul Lefkowitz.

"This was a very important exercise to provide our membership accurate market data and the industry a critical decision making tool. SATVA is releasing the complete survey to our members customers to further expand the knowledge of the industry." commented John Raden, Chair of the Board of Directors of SATVA.

Working with SATVA were the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (the National Council), Mental Health Corporations of America (MHCA), and the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS). The goals of the survey were to:

- Gauge the status of electronic health record (EHR) implementation, the level of involvement of behavioral healthcare providers in health information exchanges (HIE), and where additional funding could help them use IT to improve their clinical services.
- Identify barriers preventing the implementation of information technology and the importance of software content.
- Guide the creation of clinical reporting and information technology products by behavioral healthcare software providers that meet the evolving needs of behavioral healthcare providers more easily and effectively.
- Generate awareness needed to encourage government funding and incentives to facilitate the implementation of EHR systems in behavioral healthcare to ensure that agencies receive the funding they require to meet evolving health information technology needs.

The full survey can be found on SATVA's homepage at www.satva.org

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