



August 9, 2018

AHI's Davey Attends Tufts University School of Medicine's Health Literacy Leadership Institute

Kudos to Melissa Davey, AHI's Community Engagement Coordinator (second from right), for recently completing a one-week fellowship course at Tufts University School of Medicine's Health Literacy Leadership Institute in Boston. The educational program supports professionals engaged in health literacy work to transform public health and health care delivery through peer learning and the sharing of best practice. Students learned principles to improve patient-provider communication and health care quality.



Davey, who earned a certificate for successfully completing the intensive course, serves as the lead of the AHI PPS Cultural Competency and Health Literacy (CCHL) initiative, providing training and supporting the work of CCHL champions at partner organizations seeking to enhance patient interactions and simplify service access. If

your organization is interested in instituting culturally-competent and health-literate best practice, promoting health equity and reducing health disparities, visit the [AHI website](#) for more details and contact Davey for assistance at mdavey@ahihealth.org, or 518.480.0111, ext. 312.

Recruitment Fund Update

Effective August 10, 2018, the Recruitment and Retention Workgroup has decided retention incentives will no longer be considered for reimbursement. Organizations are encouraged to consider professional development for retention via the Training Fund. Due to this change, the fund will now be referred to as the Recruitment Fund.



Additionally, effective July 2018, the Recruitment Fund has returned to a monthly funding approval process. All applications received by the 10th of a given month will be reviewed that same month, while those received after the 10th will be reviewed the following month. Guidelines for both types of workforce funds have been updated accordingly. As a reminder, "Additional Expenses" in the Training Fund will be eligible for reimbursement for training occurring before January 8, 2019.

Visit [Workforce Funds](#) for updated applications and guidelines for both types of funding.

If you have any questions, contact Workforce staff at DSRIPWorkforce@ahihealth.org.

DSRIP Success Story

Project InSHAPE Helps Douglas Dramatically Improve Health, Self-Confidence

Citizen Advocates, Inc. in Malone received DSRIP Innovation Funding in 2017 to support Project InSHAPE (Self Health Action Plan for Empowerment), a coaching program intended to mitigate physical illness and encourage healthy choices for those suffering from mental health challenges.

Client Ashley Douglas of Malone joined the program last year and has seen tremendous results to date. "I was fed up with my lack of confidence and always having the feeling of judgement in public over my weight. At that low point in my life, I knew it was time to make a change, for good." After months of hard work on her own, Douglas' scale, however, was at a standstill. "I needed assistance in taking my health to another level and then I found this terrific program," she stated.



Almost immediately, Douglas noticed a difference in her weight, energy, and perhaps most importantly, self-confidence. "The happiness and self-love I have developed and the positive feedback I have been receiving from friends, family and even strangers, has been the most amazing part of this journey," shared Douglas. "Words cannot express how grateful I am for the support I've been given over the past year. I don't think I would have managed this without all the help I've received through this program."

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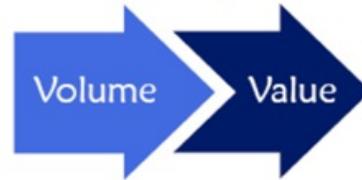
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