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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

September 20, 2018

## Nearly \$5.2 Million Awarded to 27 Organizations for Innovative and Transformative Health Care Projects

Nearly \$5.2 million has been awarded by the AHI PPS (Performing Provider System) to 27 partner organizations to undertake 37 progressive health care projects as part of the second round of the DSRIP innovation and transformation funding initiative.

"Each of the awarded projects in our five Population Health Network (PHN) regions align nicely with the overarching DSRIP goal of substantially improving population health and creating a seamless, integrated delivery system," stated Eric Burton, Chief Executive Officer, Adirondack Health Institute.

Visit the [AHI website](#) to read the full story.



*Louann Villani, Executive Director – Saranac Lake PHN, AHI (far left), hands a DSRIP innovation/transformation fund check to Debbie Beach, Nurse Manager, ED, The University of Vermont Health Network – Alice Hyde Medical Center, and Lee Rivers, Executive Director, Community Connections of Franklin County. The trio is joined by (back row, l. to r.) Alice Hyde's Julie Marshall, Assoc. V.P., Patient Care Services, Matthew Jones, C.O.O./Senior V.P., and Angela Bashaw, Director, Outpatient Medical Services. Community Connections was awarded funding to support a peer navigation program at the hospital's emergency department.*

# Introducing:

## ADK Wellness Connections

Logo Design:



# ADK WELLNESS CONNECTIONS

A coordinated referral network sponsored by Adirondack Health Institute

Website: [www.adkwellnessconnections.org](http://www.adkwellnessconnections.org)

Email: [adkwellconnects@ahihealth.org](mailto:adkwellconnects@ahihealth.org)

### AHI Helps Practices, Including Adirondack Pediatrics, Attain NYS PCMH Recognition

Adirondack Health Institute provides expert, no-cost transformation-related coaching and guidance, and remote and on-site training and support to help primary care practices achieve New York State Patient-Centered Medical Home (NYS PCMH) recognition.



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Jolene Munger, AHI's Provider Engagement Manager - Practice Transformation and an NCQA PCMH Certified Content Expert (CCE), worked closely with Adirondack Pediatrics in Glens Falls to help them achieve 2014 NCQA PCMH Level 3 status, the highest degree of recognition

attainable. Munger helped the practice by first reviewing their policies and procedures and explaining program standards to the staff. "We'd get lost and confused over some of the standards because they weren't written in plain English," shared the practice's Mary Nevins, MD. "Jolene was able to break it down so we really knew where we stood and what we needed to do."

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If you are are interested in pursuing NYS PCMH recognition, email [innovate@ahihealth.org](mailto:innovate@ahihealth.org).

### DSRIP Success Story: Baywood Center Announces Big Changes

The Baywood Center in Queensbury, part of 820 River Street, Inc., and [Peter Young Housing, Industries and](#)





Treatment, Inc., a non-profit outpatient alcohol and substance abuse treatment facility and AHI PPS partner, recently announced big changes.

In addition to opening a new location, the Baywood Annex in Hudson Falls, the organization has added a full-time Community Outreach Counselor, a position supported by DSRIP innovation/transformation funding.

According to Jennifer Neifeld, Chief Operating Officer, trained licensed therapist Ashley Scroggy will assess barriers impeding clients from obtaining needed substance abuse treatment and develop a plan to help them tap into such services. “Ashley is fully mobile and able to meet clients outside of the traditional office setting,” explained Neifeld. “We’re extremely pleased to be able to expand our services to meet the needs of the community.”

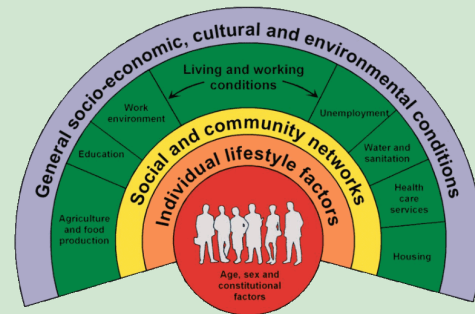


## HHN, GFH Collaborate on In-Patient Care Transition

Look TV recently sat down with Dr. Tucker Slingerland, CEO, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, and Dr. Kevin Gallagher, Medical Director, Glens Falls Medical Group, to discuss a collaborative in-patient care transition initiative involving Hudson Headwaters and Glens Falls Hospital.

## NYS DOH Announces Finalists in Social Determinants of Health 'Call for Innovations' Initiative

The New York State Department of Health recently announced nine finalists for its Social Determinants of Health 'Call for Innovations' initiative. The solicitation for innovations to creatively and effectively address social determinants of health for Medicaid members attracted more than 200 applicants. The finalists have been invited to present their solutions to a panel at the DOH-hosted Social Determinants of Health Innovation Summit on Wednesday, September 26.



Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead, 1991

Read the full [news release](#).

## Training Sessions, Conferences and Events



In recognition of September's National Recovery Month, [Citizen Advocates, Inc.](#) is hosting its tenth annual Recovery Picnic & Family Fun Day, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, September 23, at Arsenal Green Park in the Village of Malone. The event,

in support of people in recovery, is free and open to the public and will feature a picnic, face painting, a DJ, games for children, Celebrate Recovery t-shirts, guest speakers and story sharing.

For more information, call 518.651.2727.

The [New York State Association for Rural Health \(NYSARH\)](#) is holding its annual conference, Thursday-Friday, September 27-28, at Greek Peak Mountain Resort in Cortland. Keynote speakers are

Mark Fenton, Tufts University, national expert on healthy community design, and Karen Madden, Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health. The event will feature nine breakout sessions, a panel on the opioid crisis in rural communities, and a policy forum on value-based payment in behavioral health.



[Click here to register.](#)

## ADK Wellness Connections New User Software Training

As we get closer to the launch of the ADK Wellness Connections referral network on October 15, AHI is inviting identified staff members who will be using the Unite Us software platform to attend an in-person new user training session. The two-hour session will allow participants to learn more about the network and test potential client scenarios within the platform. The training is required for all software users.



Sessions will be offered over a two-week period (users only need to attend one session):

### Week 1

Tue., Oct. 2, 9:45-11:45 a.m., and 3-5 p.m., SUNY Adirondack, Queensbury

Wed., Oct. 3, 9-11 a.m., and 1:30-3:30 p.m., Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Johnstown

[Click here to register for one of the week 1 training sessions.](#)

### Week 2

Mon., Oct. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Paul Smith's College

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Tue., Oct. 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., and 1:30-3:30 p.m., SUNY Plattsburgh

Fri., Oct. 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m., SUNY Canton

[Click here to register for one of the week 2 training sessions.](#)

Once you RSVP, you will be sent a calendar invitation confirmation which will include all the needed session details.

If you have any questions, contact Melissa Davey at [mdavey@ahihealth.org](mailto:mdavey@ahihealth.org).



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Adirondack Health Institute and [Southern Adirondack Independent Living \(SAIL\)](#) are hosting two Health Insurance Information Fairs in October. Learn more about health insurance coverage options available in your area.



A free Cultural Competency and Health Literacy training session for professionals will precede each fair from 4:00-5:00 p.m. To RSVP for a session, contact Linda at 518.792.3537 by Friday, September 28.

**Thursday, October 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**West Side Ballroom, Plattsburgh**

**Thursday, October 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Six Flags Great Escape Lodge, Queensbury**

[Click here to register.](#)

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[Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York](#) will be hosting their 3rd Annual 5k Color Walk/Run on Sunday, October 14, at Adirondack Carousel in Saranac Lake. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., while the race, open to all ages, starts at 9:00 a.m. Cost to register for the event is \$25/person in advance, \$30/person on race day, and \$50 for families.

[Click here to register.](#)

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