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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

October 18, 2018

AHI, Partners Launch Innovative Resource Navigation and Referral Coordination Network, ADK Wellness Connections

Adirondack Health Institute, in collaboration with numerous partner organizations, just launched a powerful, centrally-connected resource navigation and referral coordination network. [ADK Wellness Connections](#) aims to improve access to care and services to address unmet social and health-related needs for individuals and families in the greater Adirondack region. The network utilizes [Unite Us](#), a secure software platform, to support referral coordination, resource navigation, and the collection of social determinants of health outcomes data among partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties.



**ADK WELLNESS
CONNECTIONS**

Read the complete [article](#).

Visit [ADK Wellness Connections](#).

100 Percent of P4R Withhold Pool Returned to PPS Partners

The AHI Board of Directors recently made the decision to return 100 percent of the accumulated DSRIP pay-for-reporting (P4R) withhold pool to AHI PPS partners. As a reminder, DSRIP project addenda include a 15-percent withhold on payment activities. This return represents more than \$665,000 in additional funds flow released to partners across the PPS, covering project activities paid between April 2017 and March 2018. This return will be the last withhold return as P4R contract addenda ended on March 30, 2018.



Through the DY3-2 payment received in August 2018, the PPS has been successful in earning approximately 86 percent of available DSRIP program revenue. AHI thanks our partners for working with us to achieve these results, which allowed for this withhold return determination.

Questions may be submitted with the subject line, "P4R Withhold Return," to dsripahi@ahihealth.org.

Population Health Improvement Program Renewed



Adirondack Health Institute received word earlier this month that the NYS Department of Health is renewing its contract for the Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) in the North Country region for an additional one-year period. The program works with communities throughout the North Country to identify, share, and help implement best practices and strategies to promote population health and reduce health

disparities. Originally slated to run for two years from January 15, 2015, to January 14, 2017, this is the second time the program has been extended by the DOH. The initiative is now scheduled to sunset on January 14, 2020.

[Learn more about the Population Health Improvement Program.](#)

AHI Health Home Expands to Saratoga County

The AHI Health Home Care Management program has expanded to add Saratoga County to its existing coverage area, joining Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties. The program, a care management service that connects community and social services with health care, is partnering with the Transitional Services Association, Alliance for Positive Health, and Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services to provide services in the county. According to Ann Hutchison,



Director, Care Management and Health Home, Adirondack Health Institute, AHI partners with 20 care management agencies, four managed care plans and the NYS Department of Health to provide care management services to children and adults enrolled in Medicaid in its eight-county region. "Care Managers help Medicaid members obtain access to services, provide advocacy, and help members navigate the complex waters of our health care system," explained Hutchison. "We are excited to serve the population in Saratoga County that would benefit from Health Home Care Management services. There is no cost to our members and making a referral is easy. Just contact us at 1.866.708.2912, or healthhome@ahihealth.org."

[Learn more about AHI Health Home Care Management.](#)

Rappleyea Earns Patient-Centered Medical Home Certification

Adirondack Health Institute's Provider Engagement Manager, Karen Rappleyea, has earned the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Content Expert Certification™ credential from NCQA. Certified NCQA PCMH Content Experts receive thorough training and demonstrate in-depth knowledge to assist organizations applying for PCMH recognition. She is the second AHI staff member to earn this credential, joining Provider Services Manager Jolene Munger. If your practice is interested in pursuing such recognition and would like expert, no-cost assistance, contact the AHI team at 1.833.242.0336, or innovate@ahihealth.org.



DSRIP Independent Evaluator Partner Survey Due by Oct.

The NYS DSRIP Independent Evaluator has extended the deadline to complete the PPS partner survey. Originally emailed to partner organizations on September 6, the deadline to respond is now Friday, October 26. Contact Sarah Rain at srain@albany.edu with any questions.

Citizen Advocates Welcomes New CEO



Citizen Advocates, Inc. in Malone welcomed a new CEO on October 1. Reid Anthony brings to the organization more than 25 years of executive experience in various markets and industries and a proven track record for leading companies to success, most recently leading the Change Management and Interim Senior Management Practice at the Schwartz Heslin Group in Albany. Citizen Advocates, Inc. provides a broad range of services, including developmental disability, mental health, and substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services in Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence counties.

Training Sessions, Conferences and Events



[Click here to register.](#)

Value-Based Payment Lessons Learned Webinar, Oct. 30

The NYS DOH, Office of Health Insurance Programs, Bureau of Social Determinants of Health, will be hosting the third in a series of webinars involving Value-Based Payment (VBP) Pilot participants. The webinar, *VBP Lessons Learned*, aimed at community-based organizations, managed long-term care plans, managed care organizations, and contractors interested in, or in the process of entering into a VBP contract for social determinants of health intervention, will be held 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 30. Questions may be sent to sdh@health.ny.gov.

[Click here to register.](#)

Home and Community-Based Services Training, Oct. 31

The North Country Regional Planning Consortium (RPC) invites you to attend a training and panel discussion, *Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)*, being held 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 31, at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls. The event, intended for adult behavioral health providers,



care management agencies, managed care organizations, and peer, youth and family advocates, will provide a forum to learn more about locally-offered home and community-based services and share best practices among the provider community. Questions may be directed to Peter Griffiths at 518.424.1014, or pg@clmhd.org.

[Click here to register.](#)



Behavioral Health Workforce Webinar Series

Four-part Webinar training series on Recruitment and Retention strategies and best practices for Behavioral Health Practices.

The *first of four* webinar trainings will be:

Service-Obligated Programs for Recruitment and Retention in Health Profession Shortage Areas

This first training will provide attendees with a deeper understanding of service-obligated programs available through the federal and state governments and the health profession shortage areas that exist within our region in which they can be used. The conversation will include a first-hand account from a provider who

November 13, 2018
1:00pm - 2:00pm

To register, please visit:
<https://zoom.us/j/727796436>

1-646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 727 796 436

More information will be shared on additional sessions taking place on:
December 4, 2018,
January 8, 2019,
and February 5, 2019.



First Session Presented by:
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Senior Program Manager,
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Dr. Martiniano has an extensive background in health workforce research, survey and evaluation design, and project management. He is the lead staff on the development of federal shortage designations and state and federal service-obligated programs.

Please direct questions to the
AHI Workforce Team,
DSRIPWorkforce@ahihealth.org

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AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and

Washington counties are encouraged to submit content to communications@ahihealth.org to be considered for inclusion in *AHInformer*.

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