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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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Partner Feedback Needed to Shape AHI Strategic Planning

To inform and guide strategic planning efforts, AHI will soon send out a survey to select contacts at all of our DSRIP and non-DSRIP partner organizations. The survey will help us gain perspective from partners on how we have performed and what types of services and initiatives are important to you moving forward. If you have any questions, please contact Hope Plavin at hplavin@ahihealth.org. Thank you for your assistance.

Rural Networks: Making a Difference in the Opioid Epidemic



A 30-minute webinar recorded on National Rural Health Day, November 15, has been posted for viewing. The webinar, *Rural Networks: Making a Difference in the Opioid Epidemic*, is facilitated by Karen Madden of the New York State Office of Rural Health, and features speakers Rebecca Evansky, AHI (pictured), and Charlotte Crawford, Lake Plains Community Care Network. The recording showcases how small rural networks are innovating and collaborating with their communities to address the opioid crisis.

[Click here to watch the webinar.](#)

Partner Success Stories

BHSN Adds Primary Care to Center for Wellbeing

In an effort to increase access to primary care, Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN) has expanded its Center for Wellbeing in Morrisonville with the opening of a new Integrated Clinical Services facility. The expansion was supported primarily with DSRIP program funding. “The main impetus behind the grant was to get primary care integrated with

our behavioral health care services because so many of our clients who come here for mental health services don’t have access to a primary care physician,” explained BHSN CFO David LePage. “This is going to allow them to have their mental health visit and see a primary care physician at the same time for any physical issues they may have. That’s something that has been lacking.”



[Click here to read the complete Press-Republican article.](#)

Citizen Advocates Selected for Leading-Edge Research Team



Congratulations to our partners at [Citizen Advocates, Inc.](#) in Malone for being selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to be part of a research team focusing on the challenges faced by rural behavioral health providers and the individuals they serve. Citizen Advocates and Syracuse University have been awarded a research grant to study and propose solutions for enhancing behavioral health care in rural areas. The project is led by three interdisciplinary research leaders, including Deceil Moore, Associate Director of Behavioral Health, Citizen Advocates (pictured). "This is a well-founded concern about rural behavioral health care providers and their ability to adapt to reforms with limited resources and shrinking reimbursements," stated Moore. "Our team of research leaders will collaborate with local providers to implement solutions to fill gaps between providers and services so we can achieve our shared goal of healthier communities."

Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson Expands Services

[Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson \(PPMH\)](#)

has expanded its services to include primary care. Emma Corbett, Vice President, Communications and Engagement, PPMH,

stated, "Although Planned Parenthood is primarily known as an expert in sexual and reproductive health, we're proud to be able to expand our services to include primary care because the needs of our patients come first." According to Corbett, PPMH is accepting new primary care patients, hoping to become a resource for those who live in an area without easy access to a provider, or find themselves in a situation where the alternative is a lengthy appointment waiting period. In the North Country, PPMH spans Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties.

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Other News

Hiring and Retaining Good OTP Workers a Challenge

As the opioid crisis continues, experts assert opioid treatment programs (OTPs) are going to face daunting workforce recruitment and retainment challenges. Workforce development is one of the main focus areas of the National Consortium of Opioid Treatment Providers whose goal is to make sure everyone getting trained is competent in the medical treatment of substance use disorders.

[Click here to read the complete Addiction Treatment Forum article.](#)

Training Sessions, Conferences and Events

Health Care Leadership Seminar



Seminar Description

This foundational seminar will provide participants with an overview of the tools and techniques incorporated by EMS leadership and management.* *Though this training has an EMS focus, it will serve to benefit all health care organizations.*

- Focused discussions will aim to prepare participants to incorporate leadership in their organization to increase their effectiveness and positively affect their overall mission.
- This workshop is for established leaders, new leaders, and anyone with an interest in health care leadership.

Agenda

8:00am - Registration
8:15am - Welcome
8:30am - *Leadership Best Practices* Group Discussion with Mark Spiezio, Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad
9:00am - Break
9:10am - *Collaboration in the Health Care World* with Andrew Cruikshank, Fort Hudson Health System
10:00am - *Leadership: How to Lead to Better Outcomes* with Greg Owens, The Macedonia Institute

December 6, 2018

8:00am - 12:00pm

The Queensbury Hotel

Glens Falls, NY



To Register, please visit:
HCLeadership.eventbrite.com



**EMS Continuing Education credits are available, with participation in pre-requisite webinars. Please see the Eventbrite registration page for details.*

[Click here to register.](#)

NC PHIP Stakeholder Meeting Rescheduled to December 18

AHI's North Country Population Health Improvement Program (NC PHIP) is holding a rescheduled stakeholder meeting, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, Lake Placid. The meeting will feature discussions around the program's and partners' achievements and proposed plans for 2019. Presentations will include a demonstration of North Country interactive health status maps, ADK Wellness Connections, a new health care resource and referral network, and Tobacco-21 and other regional tobacco use reduction activities.



[Click here to register.](#)

Submit Your Content for *AHI Informer*

AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties are encouraged to submit content to Phil Kahn at communications@ahihealth.org to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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