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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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## News Headlines

### Learning Symposium Showcases DSRIP Program Successes

Performing Provider Systems across the state gathered last week in Saratoga Springs for the [4th Annual NYS DSRIP Learning Symposium](#). The three-day event kicked off with a horse racing-themed impact exhibition. Each PPS spotlighted the positive impact they've had in their communities over the past four years. The conference featured a number of keynote presentations and a wide array of breakout sessions, including presentations by AHI PPS representatives Mary McLaughlin, AHI, Rebecca Evansky, AHI, and Steve Miccio, [PEOPLE USA](#), on health care and justice system collaboration, and Megan Murphy, [Adirondacks ACO/AHI](#), Christopher Arnold, [Behavioral Health Services North](#), and Amanda Bulris-Allen, [NAMI Champlain Valley](#), on rural mobile behavioral health crisis services. The event also included a poster reception that, among other projects, highlighted telehealth efforts in the region shared by Katy Cook, AHI, and Robert Kleppang, [Hamilton County Community Services](#).



*AHI's Nancy Gildersleeve (right) shares AHI PPS success stories with NYS Medicaid Director Donna Frescatore at last week's NYS DSRIP Learning Symposium in Saratoga Springs.*

### AHI PPS Workforce Impact Analysis Due



It's that time again. Twice each year, NYS DOH requires PPSs to submit workforce impact information specifically related to the hiring, retraining, and redeployment of staff. This milestone has an attached achievement value and completion is required by all partners. The reporting period for this analysis is October 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019. Information will be sent to partners today and is due by Friday, April 5. Partners may begin completing the document upon receipt with data available from October 1, 2018 to the present. Contact Kelly

Owens at [kowens@ahihealth.org](mailto:kowens@ahihealth.org) with any questions and thank you for completing this important task.

## Partner Success Stories

Essex County WIC Representatives Educate D.C.

## Lawmakers

Kudos to [Essex County Women, Infants and Children \(WIC\)](#) program representatives, including Susan Cutting (second from left) and Krista Berger (right), who recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with legislators such as Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (second from right), to promote their Breastfeeding Peer Counseling program. The duo was joined by Rev. Douglas Greenaway, Director and CEO of the [National WIC Association](#) (left). The Breastfeeding Peer Counseling program provides pregnant and nursing moms a chance to talk to other mothers who are able to share experiences and give breastfeeding advice based on experiential knowledge. The Essex County contingent was the only WIC program in the state and one of only five such groups in country selected to serve as advocates.



[Read the Press-Republican article.](#)

## Nathan Littauer Hospital First in the State to Offer Virtual ER Program to Improve Care for Sexual Assault Victims

Congratulations to our partners at [Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home](#) in Gloversville on the launch of a unique new program to provide better care to sexual assault victims. [TeleSAFE](#) virtually connects the hospital's emergency room staff to a certified Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) who guides them through the forensic exam process. The hospital, in collaboration with program administrators [United Concierge Medicine](#), is the first in the state to offer this innovative care model.



[Read the news release.](#)

## Other News

### Doctors Across New York Cycle VI Physician Loan Repayment Applications Accepted March 7–April 4

[Doctors Across New York](#) is a state-funded program enacted to help train and place physicians in underserved communities in a variety of settings and specialties to care for New York's diverse population. Applications for Cycle VI of the initiative's Physician Loan Repayment and Physician Practice Support programs will be accepted Thursday, March 7, through Thursday, April 4. New awards will require a three-year service obligation for a maximum amount of \$120,000. Individuals must be registered in [New York State Grants Gateway](#) to apply for this opportunity. Contact Karolyn Garafalo, NYS DOH, at [dany2018@health.ny.gov](mailto:dany2018@health.ny.gov) with any questions.

[Visit Doctors Across New York for more information and to apply.](#)

## Innovation and Opportunities to Address Social Determinants of Health in Medicaid Managed Care

The Medicaid program provides health care coverage to more than 70 million Americans who are most vulnerable to the negative effects of unmet social

needs. An important opportunity exists within the Medicaid program to identify and address unmet social needs and risk factors that have a significant impact on health costs and outcomes. Medicaid managed care organizations, with the support of Medicaid agencies and community-based organizations, are well positioned to coordinate both the health and social components of care that will have the most influence on the outcomes of individual enrollees and families. The extent to which the Medicaid program can successfully address the social determinants of health could have a substantial impact on population health.



[Read the Institute for Medicaid Innovation article.](#)

## *Training Sessions, Meetings and Events*

### ARCC Heroin Summit, February 27



Join the [Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce \(ARCC\)](#) for a lunch and learn panel discussion on the challenges associated with heroin use in the region. The discussion will revolve around how heroin use affects local businesses and how the business community can be part of the solution. The event is being held 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 27, at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Contact Tim Sokol at [tsokol@adirondackchamber.org](mailto:tsokol@adirondackchamber.org) with any questions.

[Click here to register.](#)

## Eligibility Training for Clinical Providers: Clinton County

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

**7:30AM-1:00PM**

The NYSDOH, AIDS Institute, Office of Drug User Health in partnership with Alliance for Positive Health, and Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital is sponsoring a [Free Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility Training for Clinical Providers](#). In response to the opioid overdose deaths in New York State, increased access to buprenorphine for opioid use disorder is urgently needed. [Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants and Medical Residents](#) are welcome and highly encouraged to attend this training.

Under current regulations, authorized practitioners (MDs, DOs, NPs & PAs) are required to obtain a 'waiver' to prescribe buprenorphine. To acquire this waiver, physicians are required to complete a standardized buprenorphine waiver 8-hour training. Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Physician Assistants (PAs) are required to complete the standardized buprenorphine waiver 8-hour training as well as an additional 16 hours of online training as established by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). Residents may also take the course and apply for their waiver once they receive their DEA license. The buprenorphine waiver 8-hour training is offered in a 'half and-half' format [4.5 hours of in-person training followed up by 3.5 hours of online training]. Upon completion of the required training, providers will meet the requirement of the DATA 2000 to apply for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid-dependent patients. Please contact us for further information.

**CME CREDITS:** Pending

**Trainers:** **Ross Sullivan, MD**, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY; **Justine Waldman, MD**, REACH Medical, Ithaca, NY

**Location:** [Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital](#), 75 Beekman Street, Board Room, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901

**Online Registration:** <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/3919-buprenorphine-waiver-eligibility-training-for-clinical-providers-clinton-county-2138714359>

**Questions:** NYSDOH, AIDS Institute, Office of Drug User Health

Belinda Duncan, 212-417-4553, [buprenorphine@health.ny.gov](mailto:buprenorphine@health.ny.gov)

**ACCREDITATION:** This activity has been planned and implemented by NYSDOH, AIDS Institute in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) and in partnership with Alliance for Positive Health, and Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital.

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[Click here to register.](#)

*Save* THE *Date*



## **Rural Communities Opioid Response Planning Program Needs Assessment Kick-off Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza, 101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid, NY**



Join us as we bring together key collaborators to begin gathering information to build a foundation for sustained opioid use prevention, treatment and recovery services in the region.

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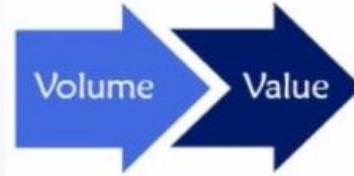
## Creative Funding Opportunities in Payment Arrangements

March 20, 2019

9:30am - 3:00pm

Registration will begin at 8:30am

The Queensbury Hotel  
88 Ridge Street • Glens Falls, NY  
\*\*Registration closes March 12th



\*Please note that each organization may send a maximum of 3 attendees.

### Featuring:

- ◆ Keynote address by Damara Gutnick, MD, Medical Director, Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative PPS
- ◆ General session panel to discuss innovative contracting relationships
- ◆ Breakout Sessions for:
  - Behavioral Health / Primary Care Providers
  - Community Based Organizations

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*New York State aims to have 80-90% of Medicaid payments within a value based arrangement by 2020. These collaborative forums are aimed to inform and assist your organization during this transition.*



Click here to register.



## Growing a Strong Direct Care Workforce: A Strategic Approach to Recruitment and Retention

March 28, 2019

9:00am—3:00pm

Fort William Henry  
Warrensburg Room  
48 Canada Street  
Lake George, NY

### Training Description

By the year 2024, direct care workers are projected to add more new jobs than any other single occupation. Your ability to achieve and sustain a competitive edge as an employer of choice will be critical to growing your business in this difficult labor market. Together we'll explore the demographics influencing the availability of workers, the threats to staff stability stemming from other service sectors and share a range of innovative practices from quick wins to longer-term strategies that lead to significant improvements in recruitment and retention.

[Click here to register.](#)



### Share Your Updates

AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties are encouraged to share updates with Phil Kahn at [communications@ahihealth.org](mailto:communications@ahihealth.org) to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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