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News Headlines

DSRIP Innovation Fund Round IV: AHI PPS Awards Nearly \$1.7 Million to Partners for Progressive Health Care Projects

Nearly \$1.7 million in DSRIP funding has been awarded by the AHI PPS to collaborating organizations in the North Country to undertake innovative health care projects. Innovation funding will support the implementation of 14 progressive projects involving 70 agencies.



"Each of the awarded innovation fund projects aligns with the overarching DSRIP goal of improving population health and creating an integrated delivery system," said Eric Burton, CEO, AHI. "This is the fourth round of funding the AHI PPS has made available to partners. For this round, we placed emphasis on supporting projects involving multiple organizations from a wide array of sectors working closely to address the social determinants of health and positively impact community well-being."

[Read the full story.](#)

Partner Success Stories

Family Counseling Center Expanding



[The Family Counseling Center](#), a provider of mental health services for more than 40 years, has been granted conditional site plan approval from the Gloversville City Planning Board for a proposed building addition. The organization unveiled its plans, including a

rendering of the addition (pictured), at a special event on March 20. "Over the last few months we have been working to develop what we think will be the perfect

building to serve the community's needs," stated Michael Countryman, Executive Director. According to Countryman, the plans for the new building include an 18,578 square-foot addition to expand their present 9,022 square-foot Broadway office in Gloversville. "This will triple our size," stated Countryman, who mentioned more project details will be shared in the coming months.



The agency also recently announced a major rebranding effort to reflect their growth and evolution, introducing a new vibrant and modern logo, tagline, "Building a healthy community," revamped user-friendly website, and more. Click the button below to view the website.

[Visit The Family Counseling Center website.](#)

MHA in Essex County Launches Promising Crisis Prevention/Emergency Room Diversion Initiative

A new crisis prevention/emergency room diversion initiative recently launched by the [Mental Health Association in Essex County](#) has shown early promise. Shelby Davis, the organization's Mobile Crisis Prevention Coordinator (pictured), has stepped in to help her care management colleagues, diligently working with people identified as emergency room high-utilizers to prevent unnecessary visits and improve outcomes, while developing a more holistic care approach.



"What Shelby has accomplished so far with clients is very impressive," stated Marisa Gaddor, the organization's Chief Care Coordinator. "She's really hustling and we are very excited to see how her hard work will impact future outcomes."

[Read the full story.](#)

Other News

Working Together to Fill Gaps in Care



[Myrna Sanchez, MD](#), an oncology, palliative care, and internal medicine physician in Malone, NY, has partnered with the local Office for the Aging to see to her patients' health beyond office visits. In this video, Dr. Sanchez and Becky Preve, Executive Director, [Franklin County Office for the Aging](#), share how they work together to fill gaps in care that traditional providers can't address with medical resources alone.

Data Exchange Incentive Program Established

The New York State Department of Health, with support from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, has established the Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP). The program aims to increase health information exchange (HIE) adoption across the state for Medicaid providers by building electronic health record (EHR) interfaces to New York State's HIE, the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY). The SHIN-NY connects eight regional networks, or Qualified Entities (QEs). DEIP is designed to help offset the cost for organizations connecting to a QE. Organizations eligible for DEIP include physician practices, skilled nursing facilities, home health, hospice, and behavioral health providers. DEIP provides up to \$13,000 per organization to incentivize contribution of a minimum set of clinical data to the QE. New York eHealth Collaborative is coordinating the rollout of the program and the incentive payments on behalf of DOH. Click below for more details. Send any questions to deip@nyehealth.org.

[Visit New York eHealth Collaborative for more information.](#)

HHHN's Shannon Inducted into NACHC Hall of Fame

Congratulations to our colleague, Edward 'Trip' Shannon, Chief Development Officer, Hudson Headwaters Health Network, on his recent induction into the National Association of Community Health Center (NACHC) Hall of Fame. The award was presented at the organization's Policy and Issues Forum 2019 last month in Washington, DC. NACHC was founded in 1971 to provide Community Health Centers a unified voice and common source for research, information, training, and advocacy, promoting comprehensive health care that is accessible, culturally- and linguistically-competent, community-directed, and patient-centered for all.



Zicari Retires From HCR Home Care



After nearly 19 years at the helm of HCR Home Care, President Elizabeth Zicari has retired from her post. "I must say it is difficult to say goodbye to the many wonderful colleagues I have met as we worked together to improve the care of our patients and the health of our communities," stated Zicari. "I am grateful to have worked alongside you, and wish you continued success in the work you do."

"Elizabeth has earned universal respect and admiration from her colleagues across the region during her tenure at HCR. Her leadership, passion and dedication will be sorely missed," said Eric Burton, CEO, AHI. "We wish her the best as she begins her next chapter."

CASACs Now Approved for Billing in an Article 28 Setting for DSRIP Project 3.a.i and Integrated Outpatient Services

Effective January 1, 2019, an Article 28 facility that has been granted Integrated Outpatient Services (IOS) or Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP)

Project 3.a.i authority may bill for services rendered by a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC). The CASAC must be properly supervised and medically-directed. Clinics may bill for screening, individual and/or group counseling, and other services, as applicable.

[Read the February 2019 Medicaid Update for full details.](#)

Washington County Senior Dining Program to Partner with Price Chopper/Market 32

The Washington County Office for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is partnering with Price Chopper in Granville and Market 32 in Fort Edward on its Washington County Senior Dining Program. The program, a collaboration between local businesses and the ARDC, allows partners to provide a unique senior dining menu of a variety of delicious and nutritious foods to those who use senior dining tickets. The vouchers will enable Washington County seniors, age 60 and older, to enjoy a variety of items at Price Chopper and Market 32, including fresh fruit, yogurt, salads and select prepared meals. For more information, call the Washington County ARDC at 518.746.2420.



Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events



ADK Wellness Connections Network Partner Forum April 10, 2019 @ 2:00pm

This webinar is open to all current partners and organizations interested in joining. Molly Blumgart from Unite US will be answering any questions and updating on network progress.

**Register Today
via ZOOM!**

Enter Meeting ID:
526 554 435



[Click here to register.](#)

Recovery Coach Academy Training

Monday, April 22- Friday, April 26, 2019

3:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

CVFC's Community Room, 20 Ampersand Drive Plattsburgh NY 12901
Please Contact Denis King at (518) 561-8480 by April 15th if interested.

A *Recovery Coach* is someone with personal experience and knowledge in recovery, who assists others seeking to initiate, or sustain long-term recovery.

THIS TRAINING PROVIDES AN UNDERSTANDING OF

- Ethics and boundaries for Peer Recovery Specialists
- Cultural competency
- Active listening skills
- Motivational interviewing techniques
- Local recovery resources

Recovery Coaches work in a peer-to-peer capacity, rather than a professional-to-client capacity. They empower their peers by helping them identify and remove barriers to recovery. Coaches connect their peers to resources and organizations that help foster and sustain long-term recovery.

The Recovery Coach Academy is a training course that is part of an effort to create a recovery-oriented system of care where peer-based recovery support is used as a fundamental part of community-based services and will enhance the treatment and recovery experience.



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NCBHN Annual Spring Conference
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid

BEYOND OPIOIDS: SMOKING, VAPING
AND LEGALIZED MARIJUANA – IMPACTS
ON THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
COMMUNITY

This forum, hosted by [North County Behavioral Healthcare Network](#), seeks to bring

focus to the dramatically increasing problems of tobacco and marijuana use in the community at large, and specifically in the behavioral health field, and what can be done to address these trends through prevention, treatment, and recovery.

To register, contact Robin Calkins at robin@behavioralhealthnet.org, or 518.891.9460.



2019

AHI Leadership Summit

*Advancing Whole-Person Care
Through a Collaborative System of Health*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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NYS Association for Rural Health
Annual Conference

*September 26-27, 2019
(pre-conference session, September 25)
Niagara Falls Conference & Event Center*

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 to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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