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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

June 27, 2019

News Headlines

AHI Receives Charles R. Wood Foundation Grant to Develop Telehealth Technical Assistance Center



Adirondack Health Institute has received a grant from the [Charles R. Wood Foundation](#) to develop a Telehealth Technical Assistance Center. Funding will be used to expand telehealth capacity over a 12-month period in nine North Country counties to improve care, support patients post-discharge, and serve the needs of aging residents.

"The Telehealth Technical Assistance Center's vision is to connect multi-sector collaborators such as health care providers, school administrators, health workers, and community members through telehealth, a vital service with huge potential for making a positive impact in our rural communities," stated Katy Cook, Project Manager, Telehealth, AHI.

[Read the full story.](#)

Population Health Tools and Resources Web Page Published

The health care delivery system is changing at a rapid pace. The transition to a focus on whole-person care, value-based payment models, social determinants of health, and many other factors have become part of the new standard. Successful health care organizations will be those that are nimbly able to deliver excellent care, at lower total costs, while improving overall health outcomes.



Leveraging the knowledge base of our myriad of partners, [Adirondacks ACO](#) and [AHI](#) have teamed to develop a web page of helpful population health tools and resources to help you navigate your day-to-day efforts. The tools and resources developed for the page are the result of topics discussed at monthly population health meetings and input from our regional partners. Each toolkit on the page contains information on specific measures, standard specifications, a best

practice summary, and a list of web links to additional tools and supports. The page will be continually updated so check back often.

[Click here to visit the population health tools and resources web page.](#)

Partner Success Stories

SPARCC Launches New Program to Inspire Youth



Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) spends its time and resources raising awareness about the ever-growing opioid addiction crisis. Earlier this month, the organization hosted an event featuring Plattsburgh Police Department Community Resource Officer Brad Miller (pictured), who gave a presentation on the Explorer Program. The initiative, created by Miller, helps get teens off the street, away from

drugs, in a safe place where authority figures can work with them to curb drug use. The program serves individuals 14 to 18 years of age.

[Read the full Sun Community News article.](#)

Citizen Advocates Serving Up Summer Food Service Program

Healthy breakfasts and lunches are once again available this summer through the Citizen Advocates Food Service Program. Eligible youth will receive meals at multiple locations in northern Franklin County, including schools, parks, and community gather spaces, over a seven-week period starting July 1. Last year, the program served roughly 18,750 lunches and 8,000 breakfasts.



[Read the full story.](#)

Other News

Dan Burke to Receive Henry Crandall Award

Congratulations to Dan Burke on being named this year's

recipient of the Henry Crandall Award. Burke, recently retired from [NBT Bank](#) where he served as President of the North Country Region, and also a member of AHI's Board of Directors, will receive the award at [Crandall Public Library's](#) 10th annual gala on September 27.



The award recognizes a person who demonstrates the values and legacy of the library's founder, including generosity, perseverance, loyalty, compassion, civic pride, and philanthropy.

[Read the full Post-Star article.](#)

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

Built Environment Webinar, Featuring Mark Fenton, July 1



Join the [North Country Population Health Improvement Program \(NC PHIP\)](#) and national public health, planning, and transportation expert Mark Fenton to learn how the built environment can support healthier and more physically-active communities. The webinar, *The Role of the Built Environment in Supporting Active Communities*, will take place 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 1.

The session will prepare attendees to respond to a call for applications to be released after the webinar. The NC PHIP will fund up to four communities in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren, or Washington counties to conduct an assessment and planning process leading to a built environment project to create opportunities for more active communities. Each selected community will organize and host a [community walk audit](#) facilitated by Fenton.

[Click here to register.](#)

North Country Population Health Improvement Program Virtual Stakeholder Meeting, July 17

The [North Country Population Health Improvement Program \(NC PHIP\)](#) will be holding a virtual stakeholder meeting, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, to share program updates and ask for input and recommendations for current work plan activities. Webinar topics will include a review of recent projects and planned collaborations that seek to advance the health and well-being of North Country residents. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.



[Click here to register.](#)

To celebrate one year of strengthening cross-sector

collaboration to address social determinants of health in the Adirondack region and plan for continued progress in the coming year, AHI cordially invites you...

You're Invited!



ADK Wellness Connections Community Strategy Sessions 2.0

LEARN:

More about our network's growth and successes

STRATEGIZE:

Ways to improve the existing network

NETWORK:

With other organizations and promote your programs

REVIEW:

The operating model and view a demo of the Unite Us software



RSVP Required

**Join Us!
Lunch Provided**



LOCATION OPTIONS:

July 17, 9:30am - 1:00pm - Saranac Lake, NY

July 18, 9:30am - 1:00pm - Queensbury, NY

July 19, 9:30am - 1:00pm - Canton, NY

July 23, 9:30am - 1:00pm - Plattsburgh, NY

July 24, 9:30am - 1:00pm - Gloversville, NY

Register:

www.adkwellnessconnections.org/community-strategy-sessions/

Click here to register for one of the sessions.



OPIOID- SPARING PAIN CONTROL FOR SURGERY

Please join Dr. Arthur Smith, Chief of Anesthesia, as he presents new methods in anesthesia that provide pain control during and after surgery with limited or no need for narcotic pain medication.

Tuesday, July 23rd at 6PM
Embassy Suites Saratoga
86 Congress Street, Saratoga Springs

Thursday, July 25th at 6PM
The Queensbury Hotel
88 Ridge Street, Glens Falls

Please RSVP one week prior to the date of the event by calling **518.926.6348**

Each year, over 30 million surgeries are performed in the United States. The majority of cases can be done as an outpatient and, as new techniques are developed, that number can only increase. In addition, while the use of opioids has long been a mainstay of anesthesia care, concerns about the opioid crisis have many patients concerned about what can be done to minimize their exposure.

Dr. Smith, who is also a National Medical Director with Envision Physician Services, will discuss the new advances in anesthesia that can provide rapid recovery with minimal or no use of opioids for your surgery. These safe and effective techniques are already being utilized at Glens Falls Hospital.

    GlensFallsHospital.org



Glens Falls Hospital

NYS OMH Offering a Wide Variety of PSYCKES Webinars

The Psychiatric Services and Clinical Knowledge Enhancement System (PSYCKES) is a HIPAA-compliant, web-based portfolio of tools designed to support quality improvement and clinical decision-making for the New York State Medicaid population. The NYS Office of Mental Health will be hosting a wide variety of PSYCKES-related webinars over the coming months, covering such topics as system access and implementation, clinical summaries, quality indicator reports, client-level data access, recipient searches, and more.

[Click here for the webinar calendar and registration information.](#)

2019

AHI Leadership Summit

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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Save the Date

Volume to Value:

A Path Towards Data-Driven Health Outcomes

Thursday, September 26, 2019

The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

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





SAVE THE DATE

5th Annual North Country Telehealth Conference

The Value of Virtual Care

Perspectives from Policymakers, Providers, and Patients

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Fort William Henry, Lake George, New York

Pre-Conference Session: **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

Hosted by the  TELEHEALTH PARTNERSHIP

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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