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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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## News Headlines

### AHI PPS 95/5 DSRIP Funds Flow Compliance Requirements Webinar Recording Available for Viewing

The webinar held last week to address partner questions and concerns about AHI PPS 95/5 DSRIP funds flow compliance requirements is available for viewing. Click below to watch the webinar. If you have any additional questions, email [dsripahi@ahihealth.org](mailto:dsripahi@ahihealth.org).

New York's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program

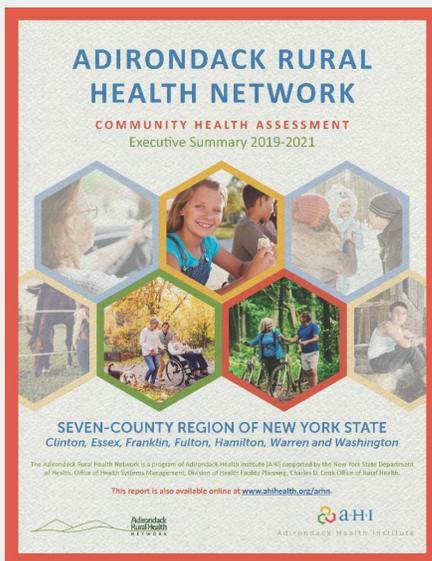
## DSRIP

The AHI PPS (Performing Provider System)



[View the webinar.](#)

### ARHN Publishes 2019–2021 Community Health Assessment Executive Summary



The Adirondack Rural Health Network, a program of AHI, has published the 2019-2021 Community Health Assessment (CHA) Executive Summary. The report contains a comprehensive collection and analysis of data related to health issues and needs in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington counties.

Information for the report, created with support from the NYS Department of Health and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), was gathered from a variety of sources and perspectives to provide valuable insights into the area's needs. The results will help guide strategic planning throughout the region.

If you would like a hard copy of the report, contact Courtney Shaler at [cshaler@ahihealth.org](mailto:cshaler@ahihealth.org), or 518.480.0111, ext. 304.

## Five Organizations Earn NCQA NYS PCMH Recognition With Help from AHI Practice Innovation Solutions Team

Congratulations to five organizations for recently earning NCQA NYS Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition with the help of AHI's [Practice Innovation Solutions](#) team.

[North Country Adult Medicine](#), a two-provider adult primary care practice in Massena, earned recognition for the first time in late June.

[Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York](#) also received recognition for the first time, earning the accolade for six of their locations earlier this month. The organization is new to providing primary care services.

[The University of Vermont Health Network - Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital](#) also received recognition earlier this month for their Adult Medicine and Family Medicine sites. The hospital continues to work on their transformation as part of the Adirondack Medical Home.

[Plattsburgh Pediatrics](#), also a member of the Adirondack Medical Home, continues their transformation activities by receiving recognition on July 15.

[Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home](#) last week earned recognition for their new Fonda site, upholding the high standard of care achieved by their other primary care locations.

If your organization would like to pursue NCQA NYS PCMH recognition, contact AHI's Practice Innovation Solutions team at [innovate@ahihealth.org](mailto:innovate@ahihealth.org), or 833.242.0336.



## ADK Wellness Connections Holds Five Community Strategy Sessions



Thank you to all the partners, organizations, and panelists who participated in the [ADK Wellness Connections](#) Strategy Sessions 2.0. AHI hosted more than 150 partners in five cities over an eight-day span. If you missed a session and would like to get connected with our Unite Us referral network, please contact Jessica Chanese or Melissa Davey at [adkwellconnects@ahihealth.org](mailto:adkwellconnects@ahihealth.org).

## Receives Two-Year NYS Re-Designation

The [AHI Health Home Care Management Network](#) recently received a two-year New York State re-designation to continue as a lead agency providing care management services to adults and children in the North County.

“Our scores on policy and quality programming improved from our last review and were nearly perfect,” explained Ann Hutchison, Director, Care Management and Health Home, AHI. “DOH is pleased with the direction in which we’re headed and noted we are on track to continue improving our processes and delivering excellent care management services to our enrollees.”

### AHI Health Home Care Management

The AHI Health Home Care Management Network is made up of 23 care management agencies, four managed care organizations, and partners with New York State agencies to help Medicaid members access the care and resources they need to maintain good health. It serves Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties. For more information, email [healthhome@ahihealth.org](mailto:healthhome@ahihealth.org).

## Partner Success Story

### Expanding Access to Healthy Food: A North Country Farmers' Market on Wheels

The [Joint Council for Economic Opportunity \(JCEO\) of Clinton and Franklin Counties](#) in Malone is reaching underserved communities by putting their farmers' market on wheels. A joint effort with the [North Country Healthy Heart Network](#), the operation is expanding thanks to funding from the AHI PPS. Construction is underway to expand the size of two greenhouses which will increase food production. In addition to the mobile farmers' market, the program distributes items to more than 20 food pantries in the region.



[Read the full NCPR story.](#)

## Other News

### UHF Publishes DSRIP Promising Practices Report



Four years into a groundbreaking overhaul of its Medicaid program, New York has laid the groundwork for improving health care access, quality, and costs well beyond 2020 if it continues to expand on practices implemented to date, according to a report funded by the [New York State Department of Health](#) released last week by the [United Hospital Fund](#).

The report, *DSRIP Promising Practices: Strategies for Meaningful Change for New York Medicaid*, identifies several key takeaways and promising practices from the Performing Provider System's efforts to transform care for Medicaid enrollees since the launch of the DSRIP program.

[Read the complete report.](#)

## CVS Health Launches New Social Care Network with Unite Us

Approximately 60 percent of a person's life expectancy is influenced by their everyday activities outside of the doctor's office. Individual behaviors, as well as social and environmental factors, play a significant role in people's health and longevity.

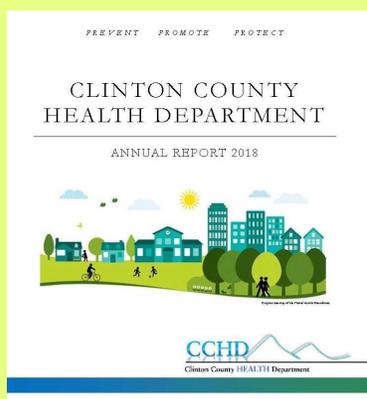


To address this issue and help people improve their health outside of a clinical setting, [CVS Health](#) yesterday announced its first in a series of business programs with an enhanced focus on addressing social determinants of health. The platform also includes investments being made at the community level as part of the recently-announced *Building Healthier Communities* initiative, a commitment being funded over five years by CVS Health, the [CVS Health Foundation](#), and the [Aetna Foundation](#).

As part of the effort, CVS Health will collaborate with [Unite Us](#), a social care coordination platform, to help Aetna's most vulnerable Medicaid and dual-eligible members more easily access social services in their community.

[Read the complete news release.](#)

## Clinton County Health Department Publishes Annual Report



The [Clinton County Health Department](#) has released its 2018 Annual Report. Among other items, the report contains a comprehensive year in review of various programs, initiatives, and accomplishments.

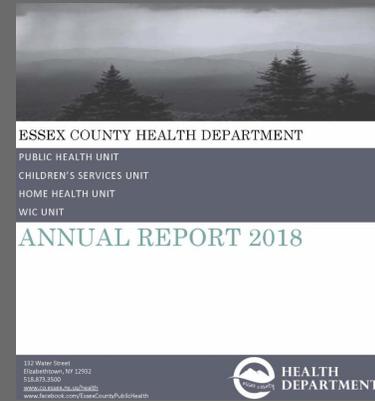
Among notable achievements spotlighted in the report, the department was involved in a mobilized multi-partner effort to provide assistance to Underwood Mobile Home Park flood victims, the coordination and completion of a Medical Counter Measure (MCM) Full-Scale Exercise Drill, the training of more than 70 day care staff on breastfeeding-friendly childcare practices, and the banning of a newly-invented, liquid nitrogen-infused dessert, "Dragon's Breath."

[Read the complete report.](#)

## Essex County Health Department Publishes Annual Report

The Essex County Health Department has released its 2018 Annual Report. Among other items, the report spotlights the department's core public health service initiatives, including emergency preparedness and response, community health assessment, family health, chronic disease prevention, communicable disease control, and environmental health.

The report highlights numerous accomplishments, including the department's involvement in passing Tobacco 21 legislation in the county, chronic disease self-management peer leader training, school wellness policy implementation, men's health awareness in conjunction with the Essex County Sheriff's Department, and breastfeeding-friendly worksite adoption involving seven local agencies.



[Read the complete report.](#)

## New York Raises Statewide Smoking Age to 21



New York will raise its smoking age from 18 to 21 under legislation signed into law last Tuesday. The change, which will take effect 120 days from the law's passage, will apply to the sale of traditional tobacco products, as well as electronic cigarettes and vaporizers.

AHI's Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) has supported county T-21 committees over the past few years to advance local laws to raise the sale age through the *It's Time to Clear the Air in the North Country* initiative. "This is very exciting and a positive step forward," said Theresa Paeglow, PHIP Manager, AHI. "Because tobacco usage in the North Country remains one of the highest in the state, there is still much work to do. We applaud the work of our county partners in bringing awareness to this important issue and look forward to continued collaboration in reducing the use of all tobacco products, inclusive of electronic cigarettes, in the North Country."

*Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events*

**CBO Consortium of Upstate New York**

### Measuring What Matters

This free training will provide information on the overall health care landscape, setting the stage for a discussion of value proposition at a foundational level. You will learn about logic models, including developing one with your team, and be shown how

to visualize your data using an Excel tool.

Sessions will be held 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 29, at the Marriott in Albany, and 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.

**Register for the July  
29 session in Albany.**

**Register for the August 27  
session in Lake Placid.**

## **Contracting Basics and Support**

Many community-based organizations would like to partner with health and managed care organizations to address social determinants of health under value-based payment arrangements. The purpose of this free training is to assist CBOs with developing the infrastructure and negotiation strategies to support VBP contracting.

Sessions will be held 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 12, at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, and Tuesday, August 13, at Staybridge Suites in Albany.

**Register for the August  
12 session in Lake Placid.**

**Register for the August  
13 session in Albany.**



Find out about access to substance use disorder treatment, insurance coverage and family supports *before* you or someone close to you needs it.

**Presenters**

**Stephanie Campbell**, NYS Behavioral Health Ombudsman Project Director  
NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS)

**Brendan Norton**, Family Support Navigator  
Healing Springs Recovery Community & Outreach Center

**Ashley Livingston**, Friends of Recovery NY  
Hope & Healing Recovery Community & Outreach Center

**August 8, 2019**

**6:00 pm—7:30 pm**

**Greenwich Free Library**

**148 Main Street, Greenwich, NY 12834**

Registration Preferred

Please contact Stephanie Ball to register at 518-746-2572.



**NY Connects**  
Your Link to Long Term  
Services and Supports

This series of free informational seminars about legal issues is being offered in Washington County on a monthly basis. They are brought to you in part by Washington County Office for the Aging and NY Connects.



## Social Determinants of Health: Background and Best Practices Webinar, August 13



To help support the growth and development of the [ADK Wellness Connections](#) Referral Network, AHI is hosting a free webinar for partners, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 13.

The webinar will be presented by Marlene Hackett, PhD, Assistant Professor, [Public and Community Health Programs](#) and the [National Center for Suburban Studies](#) at Hofstra University.

The presentation will identify connections between community conditions and

resources and health outcomes, describe structural barriers to health and health care, discuss best practices to address social determinants of health, identify ways to engage community-based organizations through the Unite Us platform, and review local data and examples demonstrating health disparities in the region.

[Click here to register.](#)



## **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Strategic Planning Workshop**

**Thursday, August 15, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza, 101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid, NY**

Registration required: <https://rcorpstrategicplanning.eventbrite.com>



Refreshments will be provided.

Please email Rebecca Evansky  
at [revansky@ahihealth.org](mailto:revansky@ahihealth.org)  
with any questions.

[Click here to register.](#)

# 2019 AHI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

8:00am to 4:00pm

The Conference Center at Lake Placid  
2634 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946

**KEYNOTE:**  
Exciting Announcement Coming Soon!

— General Assembly Panel —

*Collaborative System of Health*

Regional leaders converse on collectively advancing whole-person care in our rural region.

**\$35/person**

Breakfast, lunch,  
and refreshment  
breaks included

— Selected Breakout Sessions —

*Bridging Treatment Gaps*

Dr. Tim Brooks, Saratoga Hospital Medical Group

*Building, Measuring and Leading for  
Organizational Wellbeing and Resiliency*

Kathleen Schulz and Mitchell Gold, Ph.D, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

**Register  
Here**

*Leveraging GIS Mapping for SDoH Interventions*

Robert S. Dickie and Lisa Cyphers, Adirondacks ACO

*Wellness RX - A Component of an Integrated  
Approach to Improving Local Access to Fresh Foods*

Amanda Whisher, UVMHN - Elizabethtown Community Hospital  
Elizabeth Terry, Essex County Health Department

\*For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact [ahisummit@ahihealth.org](mailto:ahisummit@ahihealth.org).

[Click here to register.](#)

**Registration beginning soon!**

# 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.



**North Country Population Health  
Improvement Program (NC PHIP)**



REACHING COMMUNITIES...ADVANCING HEALTH

**Enhanced Collaboration: How to Move  
from Sharing to Meaningful Change**

***SAVE THE DATES!***

**Monday, October 7, 1:00—4:00 p.m., Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, Lake Placid, or  
Tuesday, October 8, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls**

Be on the lookout for registration links to be shared in September. Both sessions will provide the same content, so you only need to register for one of them. Space will be limited to 50 attendees per session, with a two-person maximum per organization.

Contact Tina Van Guilder at [tvanguilder@ahihealth.org](mailto:tvanguilder@ahihealth.org) with any questions.

**Infancy and Early Childhood Mental Health and  
Developmental Disorders Training, Oct. 17–18  
in Plattsburgh, Nov. 6–7 in Latham**

As part of the Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five Initiative, the [New York Center for Child Development](#) and the [New York State Office of Mental Health](#)

are hosting a series of free, one-and-a-half-day training sessions, *ZERO TO THREE DC:0-5, Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood*. Training will be conducted across the state, including sessions at the Holiday Inn in Plattsburgh, Thursday-Friday, October 17-18, and the Century House in Latham, Wednesday-Thursday, November 6-7.

DC:0-5 is a research and clinically-informed multi-axial diagnostic system that provides a comprehensive guide to clinical disorders found in young children. This comprehensive training is specifically designed for participants who are directly involved in the developmental and mental health evaluation and diagnosis of children birth to five years of age.

[Click here to register for one of the sessions.](#)



5th Annual North Country Telehealth Conference

# The Value of Virtual Care

*Perspectives from Policymakers, Providers, and Patients*

*WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US*



## PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
12:30pm – 4:30pm

## FULL CONFERENCE

Thursday, November 7, 2019  
8:00am – 4:00pm

## LOCATION

The Fort William Henry Hotel and  
Conference Center  
48 Canada Street, Lake George, New York

**\$45 for both Pre  
and Full Conference**

**\$35 for Full  
Conference**

*Includes Breakfast, Lunch,  
and Refreshment Breaks*



Dr. Jonathan Neufeld  
Keynote Speaker

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jonathan Neufeld  
Director, Greater Plains Telehealth Resource Center  
*Extended Reality: The Future of Virtual Care*

## AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

NYS Telehealth Regulation & Reimbursement Updates  
from DOH, OMH, OASAS, & OPWDD

This event  
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For information and to register:

**[Click here](#)**

or visit <https://5thannualnctc.eventbrite.com>

For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Katy Cook, [kcCook@ahihealth.org](mailto:kcCook@ahihealth.org)

**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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