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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

August 22, 2019

News Headlines

The 2019 AHI Leadership Summit is Less Than a Month Away

The AHI Leadership Summit is less than a month away. Spots are filling quickly, so click below to register today.

**Please note this annual event is not associated with our initial North Country Innovation Pilot stakeholder meetings that were postponed in June. More information on rescheduled dates for those meetings will be forthcoming.*

2019

AHI Leadership Summit

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

LAKE PLACID
CONFERENCE CENTER

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[Click here to register.](#)

[Click here to view the agenda.](#)

AHI Health Home Launches New Care Coordination Platform

The [AHI Health Home Care Management Network](#) has put in place a new care coordination software platform, [Netsmart](#).



"Netsmart is a versatile and powerful system that will be a valuable tool for our network, especially given the transition we're making to a value-based payment world," shared Ann Hutchison, Director, Care Management and Health Home, AHI. "With its alerts, notifications, and other tracking capabilities, it'll really help us improve our processes and ability to measure and enhance outcomes, while allowing us to focus on the complete person and social determinants of care."

According to Hutchison, nearly 250 care managers from 23 partner agencies received comprehensive training in preparation of the platform's recent launch. Meanwhile, more than 3,000 patient records were seamlessly migrated into the new system.

Another benefit of the platform is its connectivity to [Hixny](#), the region's Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO). "Health record and data sharing between the two will greatly enhance our efficiencies and effectiveness," said Hutchison.

"We're extremely grateful to our partners for the hard work they put in and the patience they exhibited throughout the entire transition process," stated Hutchison. "We're certainly off on the right footing and look forward to working together to make this endeavor a success."

AHI PPS Workforce Analyses Update



In the coming months, documents related to two required workforce analyses will be sent to partners:

Impact Analysis - reporting due to DOH every six months looking at new hires, redeployments, and retraining. Documents will be sent to partners Monday, September 9, and will be due back by Wednesday, October 16. One more reporting period will be completed next March. We continue to work with [Blue Fox-Fire](#) on this analysis.

AHI PPS Compensation and Benefits Analysis - this will be the third and final analysis completed by the PPS. Documents will be sent to partners on Friday, September 27, and will be due back by Friday, November 8. This analysis will take a comprehensive look at the number of staff, number of vacancies, anticipated retirements in 2020, and anticipated new/added positions in 2020. A cohort analysis will be completed to view the workforce status of the PPS comparing 2015 – 2019 data. Final analysis will be complete by March 2020. In accordance with antitrust laws, we continue to work with the [Center for Health Workforce Studies](#) on this initiative.

If you have any questions, contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org.

Continuing Education Credits Available Via HealthStream

Are you or a member of your staff in need of continuing education credits for a professional licensure or requirement?

HealthStream offers hundreds of courses that provide credits from CE Boards such as the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), the Association for Social Work Boards (ASWB), the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), and many more. Need access to HealthStream? Click below to sign in. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org, or J.P. Quintal at jquintal@ahihealth.org.



[Click here to visit HealthStream.](#)

Other News

North Country Population Health Improvement Program (NC PHIP)



New Site Features

Updated home page includes NC PHIP focus areas: Healthy Community Design and Tobacco/Nicotine Use Reduction.

Updated interactive carousel linking to site features and quarterly observances.

User-friendly navigation tools: more ways to find resources and data.

Easy-to-find information about NC PHIP Health Priorities.

New Explore by County section covers priorities, partners, data, and resources specific to each county in the region.

New NC PHIP Health Reports: infographics, maps, and reports.

New FAQ section.

RE-INTRODUCING **HEALTHYADK.ORG**

A resource of key socio-economic indicators and strategies to improve community health and well-being for Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington counties.



HealthyADK

Reaching Communities...Advancing Health

HealthyADK is supported by a grant from the New York State Department of Health's Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) and is maintained by Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) in collaboration with community organizations and agencies.

[Click here to visit HealthyADK.org.](#)

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Adirondack Health Institute

Novel New York IPA Partners With Insurer on Social Determinants of Health

The broadening focus of health care beyond just physical health conditions has led to the creation of new offerings targeted at better integrating social care services.

A new partnership between the [Alliance for Better Health](#) and insurer [MVP Health Care](#) aims to address the social determinants of health through a collaborative model that contributes \$800,000 to support local organizations dedicated to serving patients in need of social care services.



[Read the complete MedCity News article.](#)

Clinton, Essex, Franklin Counties Assist Persons Affected by the Opioid Crisis

The State of New York has authorized a grant for Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties to assist persons impacted, both directly and indirectly, by the opioid crisis. Under the initiative, eligible individuals could be provided with supportive, career, and/or training services. Eligible individuals include displaced workers, those temporarily or permanently laid off or unemployed, and those who are self-employed and become unemployed or significantly underemployed. For more information, contact Josh Kretser at 518.291.2371, or josh@oneworksource.com.

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events



rise for recovery

SHREDDING THE STIGMA

Surrounding Substance Use

WITH FORMER PRO BMX RACER **TONY HOFFMAN**

Tony will be sharing his story and path to recovery



**BRING A BLANKET &
LAWN CHAIR!**

**Saturday, August 24th
4pm - 8pm**

**WHITTAKER PARK & CIVIC CENTER
WADDINGTON, NY**

*Event will also include:
Local Families Sharing their Journeys &
Dedication Balloon Launch
*with biodegradable balloons**

**FOOD TRUCKS & FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY!
INCLUDING: Bounce Houses, a Petting Zoo and Games!**

Questions? Call 315-229-3422

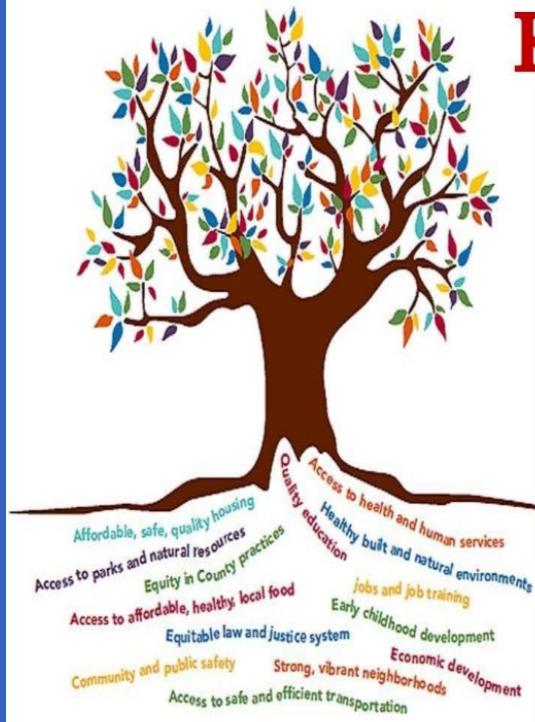
This event is supported by CNUSG1P921054, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Department of Health and Human Services.

This is a smoke free event with designated smoking areas



Heighten your awareness

RETHINK POVERTY



Please join us to learn a comprehensive approach to understanding poverty!

Bridges Out of Poverty uses the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to elevate poverty.

Poverty Simulation breaks down stereotypes by allowing participants to step into the real life situations of others.

When: August 29, 2019

Registration begins at 7:45am

Where: Boquet Valley Central School

7530 Court St, Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Pre-registration is required. Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rethink-poverty-workshop-tickets-65447271551>.

Lunch will be provided to those who register for the full day of training!



HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Public Health Unit



Click here to register by August 27.



FIDELIS CARE®



AVIATION MALL



Join Fidelis Care, Interagency Council, Southern Adirondack Independent Living, and the Aviation Mall

Community Resource Day

Friday, September 6, 2019 • 2 - 5 PM

Aviation Mall

578 Aviation Road, Queensbury, NY 12804

For more information regarding this event, please contact Tyler Whitney at Tyler.Whitney@fideliscare.org



Bridges Out of Poverty

Community Symposium

The *Bridges Out of Poverty Community Symposium* will introduce concepts to bring together people from all sectors and economic classes to reduce the social costs of poverty, strengthen the workforce, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty. Presenters Kim Cook, President and CEO, and Shelley Smith, Resource Director, The Open Door Mission, will define poverty, and discuss mental models of economic class, areas of research, resources, and more.

The free symposium, hosted by the Open Door Mission, AHI, and the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, is being held 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, at The Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls.

Contact Tim Sokol at tsokol@adirondackchamber.org with any questions.

[Click here to register.](#)

Hometowns vs. Heroin Resource Fair, September 13

In recognition of National Recovery Month, the Treatment Sub-committee of Hometowns vs. Heroin & Addiction, in collaboration with the Adirondack Rural Health Network and The Queensbury Hotel, is hosting its second annual Resource Fair. The event will take place at the hotel from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 13. Author John Wolfe will be the guest speaker and the recovery community is highly-encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Sue McManus at 518.926.7200.



Tri-Lakes Community Alliance for Addiction Prevention Health and Wellness Fair, September 14 in Saranac Lake

The Tri-Lakes Community Alliance for Addiction Prevention is committed to providing

education and support to youth, adults, and families by increasing community resources and opportunities to engage in healthy, drug-free activities. The organization will be hosting the *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Health and Wellness Fair* on September 14 in Saranac Lake. The event will feature regional health care agencies that will be sharing information on their addiction prevention resources and services. Organizations or individuals interested in serving as a sponsor or volunteer for the event can contact [Franklin County Community Services](#) at 518.891.2280.



Tri Lakes Community Alliance for
Addiction Prevention

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Health and Wellness Fair

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

North Country Community College

Sparks Athletic Complex

23 Santanoni Avenue, Saranac Lake

Wellness Fair

10 AM to 2 PM

Free

5K COLOR

WALK/RUN

Registration: \$10.00

*Free tee shirt for each participant

8-9:30 AM at the gym

Race begins at 10 AM

Pre-register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighbors-helping-neighbors-color-walkrun-tickets-68553815307?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

For more information call Franklin County Community Services
(518) 891-2280

Food Pantry Drive

Bring non-perishable food items or housekeeping supplies for donation to our local food pantries.

Tri-Lakes Humane Society

Bring pet food, cat litter, collars, leashes and toys to support our neighborhood critters. 🐕🐰🐹

Door Prizes/Raffle Exhibits Demos Speakers

Click here to pre-register for the 5k Color Walk/Run.

Vaping and E-Cigarette Use Among Youth in Warren County, September 19 in Lake George

Join us for a community forum, *Vaping and E-*

Cigarette Use Among Youth in Warren County. The event, open to the general public, will provide an opportunity for parents, students, and community members in Warren County to learn more about vaping and e-cigarettes, and the current trends that are emerging among youth. There will be short presentations by a panel of guest speakers, followed by an open question and answer period.



The forum is being held 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 19, at [Lake George Elementary School](#). Seating is limited to 100 people. For more information, contact Dan Durkee at 518.761.6580, or durkeed@warrencountyny.gov.



The banner features the HANYS logo on the left, which includes a stylized white graphic and the text "HANYS Always There for Healthcare". To the right of the logo, the text "Opioid Summit: Innovative Collaboration for Change" is displayed in large, bold, white letters. Below this, in smaller white text, is "Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs | September 24-25, 2019". The background of the banner is a blurred image of what appears to be a conference or event setting.

HANYS' Opioid Summit: Register Now

HANYS' [*Opioid Summit: Innovative Collaboration for Change*](#) is designed for health care professionals delivering opioid use disorder prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services across the continuum of care. This education and networking event will explore innovative opioid use disorder programs and evidence-based strategies, offering resources, tools, and best practices.

The event is being held Tuesday, September 24, at the Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn, and will be followed on Wednesday, September, 25, by [*Buprenorphine Waiver Training*](#) for eligible clinical providers. Space is limited, so register today.

[Click here to register by September 10.](#)

Volume to Value

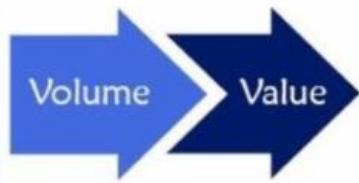
A Path Towards Data-Driven Health Outcomes

September 26, 2019

9:30am - 3:00pm

Registration will begin at 8:30am

The Queensbury Hotel
88 Ridge Street • Glens Falls, NY
**Registration ends September 19th



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

The event includes:

- ♦ Keynote: To Be Announced
- ♦ Feature Presentation: Representatives from Health Catalyst, Hixny, OMH/PSYCKES and Unite Us discussing the value of data in health care transformation
- ♦ Breakout Sessions for:
 - Behavioral Health / Primary Care Providers
 - Community Based Organizations

[Click Here to Register](#) or visit:

<https://vbp-data-drivenhealthoutcomes.eventbrite.com>

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Better Health for Northeast New York

Hotel rooms are available at a reduced price of \$84/night. Please call 518.792.1121 to make your reservation.

Parking is available at The Queensbury Hotel and the Public Parking Lot located on East Washington Street (adjacent to The Queensbury Hotel lot).

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.](#)



Structured Collaboration: How to Move from Sharing to Meaningful Change

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

Both sessions will provide the same content, so you only need to register for one of them. Space is limited to 50 attendees per session, with a two-person maximum per organization.

Contact Tina Van Guilder at tvanguilder@ahihealth.org with any questions.

**Register for the Oct. 7
session.**

**Register for the Oct. 8
session.**

ADDICTION Conference



TUESDAY, October 15, 2019
SUNY Plattsburgh

The ADDICTION conference will feature these presentations:

- Mental Health, Adult Addiction and Medication-Assisted Treatment
- Emerging Drug Trends
- Abuse of Psychiatric Medication
- Narcan—Kit Exchange Program
- Confronting Challenges to Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
- Needle Exchange Program

The EXPLORE Addiction Conference is designed to increase the knowledge and competence of healthcare professionals on a wide spectrum of common issues encountered by primary care providers.

REGISTER TODAY! Go to www.explorehealthcareconferences.com

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 from 7:30am-3:30pm

Yokum Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh

\$125 general registration; \$50 healthcare students
Includes all presentations, online conference materials, lunch and breaks.
Purchase Orders and government vouchers accepted.

For information contact Melanie Bliss-Hall, 518-314-3846 or mbliss-hall@cvph.org

EXPLORE (*Experience and Professional Learning Opportunities Result in Excellence*) conferences are designed to increase the knowledge and competence of healthcare professionals by bringing expert presenters and frontline practitioners together to share and learn. Past topics have included Dermatology, Aging, Psychiatry, Trauma and more.



Click here to register.



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

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

\$45 for both Pre and Full Conference

\$35 for Full Conference

Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Refreshment Breaks



Dr. Jonathan Neufeld
Keynote Speaker

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For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Katy Cook, kcook@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 to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

