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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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## News Headlines

### Volume to Value Videos Published on HealthStream



Videotaped sessions from the September 26 event, *Volume to Value: A Path Towards Data-Driven Health Outcomes*, have been published on HealthStream.

Posted videos include Hixny CEO Mark McKinney's keynote presentation, *The Road Ahead: How Information Exchange Can Create Healthier Communities*, the feature presentation, *Using Data to Identify and Deliver Opportunities and Outcomes*, and breakout sessions, *A Glimpse Into a CBO/MCO Partnership*, and *The Role of Data in Improving Outcomes*.

If you don't presently have access to HealthStream and would like help creating a free account, contact Kelly Owens at [kowens@ahihealth.org](mailto:kowens@ahihealth.org).

[Click here to visit HealthStream.](#)

## Partner Success Story

### Champlain Valley Farmers Branch Out to Urban Markets

Every Wednesday around 6:30 a.m., a refrigerated van from the Adirondacks arrives in New York City with a week's supply of fresh food from Essex Farm for 40-50 households. The vehicle, which travels down the Northway and Thruway through the night, then returns to The Hub on the Hill in Essex, a nonprofit local foods promoter that recently added delivery to the list of services it offers local farmers to help them get products to market.



[Click here to read the full Adirondack Explorer article.](#)

The Hub on the Hill is part of the [Well Fed Essex County Collaborative](#), an initiative focused on increasing healthy food access for all people in the county, spearheaded by [Essex County Public Health](#), and supported by innovation grant funding from the AHI Performing Provider System.

[Click here to visit the new Well Fed Essex County Collaborative website.](#)

## *Other News*

### **HHN Opens New Moreau Family Health Facility, GFH Offering On-Site Medical Imaging and Lab Services**



[Hudson Headwaters Health Network](#) earlier this week opened their new Moreau Family Health facility on Route 9 in Gansevoort, one mile from its previous location. The new site has 20 clinical rooms, and offices for care managers and behavioral health care staff. Providers will continue offering comprehensive primary care, pediatrics, women's health, and selected specialties, including podiatry. The new center has expanded evening and weekend hours, and additional providers and staff. In addition, [Glens Falls Hospital](#) is offering on-site medical imaging and lab services, including CAT Scan, Digital X-Ray, Ultrasound, and Low-Dose Lung Screenings.

### **Hudson Headwaters Health Foundation, Adirondack Foundation Partner to Address Socio-Economic Issues**

[Hudson Headwaters Health Foundation](#) recently announced a new partnership with [Adirondack Foundation](#) to identify and fund community-based projects that address food, housing, transportation, and other socio-economic issues that affect health. Hudson Headwaters Health Foundation's Upstream Fund, a special initiative created for this purpose, will become a co-funder of Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts grant program.



“Hudson Headwaters Health Foundation’s primary purpose has been, and will continue to be, raising money for needs within the Hudson Headwaters Health Network, of which there are many. With that being said, the health of our communities is about much more than what happens within the walls of our health centers,” said Jessica Rubin, Associate Vice President of Philanthropy at Hudson Headwaters. “The idea behind this partnership is to go ‘upstream’ and fund projects

that address issues like food and housing insecurity before they lead to negative health consequences.”

[Click here to read the full news release.](#)

## Saratoga Springs Eyes New Effort to Combat Homelessness



Starting with a focus on street homelessness visible across Saratoga Springs, a newly-formed coalition of advocates and government agencies is aiming to create a new approach to combating the problem in the city.

The new effort, [Saratoga Collaborative to End Homelessness](#), will be guided by Erin Healy (pictured), a city native and Brooklyn-based consultant who works on homelessness efforts around the country.

The coalition hopes to join together the many public and private agencies that work on the issue of homelessness, including [Shelters of Saratoga](#), city and county government, police, local hospitals, and more, to tackle such short-term challenges as better coordinating services for the city's homeless population, while creating more long-term affordable housing.

[Click here to read the full Daily Gazette article.](#)



# Community Health Center of the North Country

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## Fruits and Veggies Campaign Nets Successes

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**FRUITS & VEGGIES**  
**WIN**  
*a Championship\**  
(\*RESULTS MAY VARY)



The North Country Healthy Heart Network, along with partners in and around Hogansburg in northern Franklin County, has demonstrated that clever, fun marketing of fruits and vegetables can influence consumer choices.

The FNV campaign, created by the Partnership for a Healthier America and presented locally by the Heart Network, aims to encourage people to eat more fruits and vegetables by leveraging the popularity of entertainers and athletes, including Stephen Curry of the NBA's Golden State Warriors (pictured), in its advertising.

The Heart Network's local FNV partners include St. Regis Mohawk Elementary School, Saint Regis Mohawk Health Services, and four convenience stores.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

## Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

### Telehealth Learning Collaborative, January 27



The first Telehealth Learning Collaborative session of 2020, hosted by the [North Country Telehealth Partnership](#), will take place 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 27. Speaker Sean

Britton, Telehealth Program Manager for [UHS Hospital System](#), will discuss how the organization built a virtual walk-in program and became the sixth organization and first health care system in the nation to be accredited by the [ClearHealth Quality Institute \(CHQI\)](#) for consumer-to-provider telehealth. The session will also include updates from [DOH](#), [OMH](#), [OASAS](#), and [OPWDD](#), and an overview of a newly-launched teleretinopathy program in western New York.

[Click here to register.](#)

## LGBTQ+ Training Series

### Navigating LGBTQ+ Health for the Health Care Provider

Provided By:



Adirondack  
Rural Health  
NETWORK

## LGBTQ+ Dinner and Learn Provider Training

Monday, February 3, 5–8 p.m., Hotel Saranac, Saranac Lake

**Target audience: Clinicians, All-level Providers and Practice Managers, PCMH Certified Content Experts**

Join trainers Erica Bostick, MD, University of Rochester Medical Center, and Casey Belrose, Planned Parenthood of the North Country NY, Inc., as they teach participants how to navigate health care challenges the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus communities encounter on a regular basis in a clinical setting. This event will spotlight social stigmas, health and development challenges of LGBTQ+ youth, gender identity, and medical treatment options for transgender youth and adults.

#### Training objectives:

- Recognize the value of collecting SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) data in the medical office setting;
- Describe affirming practices in the sexual and medical health history

assessment for LGBTQ+ youth/adults;

- Discuss gender-affirming medical treatment options for transgender youth/adults;
- Gain increased knowledge about the term LGBTQIA+, and its component parts;
- Gain increased knowledge around the concept of sexual identity, and its various facets, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex assigned at birth;
- Discuss various ways to implement this increased knowledge and understanding in your practice, both in relationship to patients and clients, as well as coworkers and staff.

RSVP is required. Contact Melissa Davey at [mdavey@ahihealth.org](mailto:mdavey@ahihealth.org) with questions.

[Click here to register.](#)

## 2020 NYS Telehealth Regulatory and Reimbursement Update Webinar, February 12

Join us for an educational webinar, *2020 NYS Telehealth Regulatory and Reimbursement Update*. Presented by AHI's Telehealth team of Katy Cook and Nancy DelMastro, the webinar is being held 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 12. This annual update webinar will cover additions and recent changes to regulations and reimbursement from the [NYS Department of Health](#), [NYS Office of Mental Health](#), [NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports](#), Medicare, and various commercial payers.



[Click here to register.](#)

SKIDMORE AND THE GREATER  
COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO:

# VAPING: *The Real Story*

PRESENTATIONS AND A PANEL DISCUSSION



**DATE:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020

**TIME:** 6:30—8:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Davis Auditorium, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

Join us as students, administrators, public health officials, clinicians, community-based organization representatives, and others reveal the FACTS about vaping:

- Overview of the vaping epidemic
- Vaping facts vs. myths
- State and county vaping data
- Community approaches for policy change
- Health consequences
- Deceptive industry marketing tactics
- Cessation resources
- Future action steps

For more information or accommodations, contact Wendy Walker at [hwalker@skidmore.edu](mailto:hwalker@skidmore.edu).

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## EMS Leadership Webinar Learning Series

### Building Your Organization Through Education

Thursday, February 13, 2020

1:00pm to 2:00pm

**Presented by:**

**Nash Alexander**  
Chief Operating Officer  
Wilton Emergency Squad, Inc.

**Doug Wildermuth**  
Owner/CEO  
E5 Support Services

**Registration:**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_x3S4La07T\\_yBFPv4ONI-JA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x3S4La07T_yBFPv4ONI-JA)

*For questions or issues with registration, please contact the staff at Hudson Mohawk AHEC at 518.480.2432.*

[Click here to register.](#)

## NC PHIP Stakeholder Meeting, February 25 in Lake Placid

The [North Country Population Health Improvement Program \(NC PHIP\)](#) will be holding its final stakeholder meeting 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort in Lake



Placid. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please join us for dynamic discussions involving the program's and partners' achievements throughout the project period. A detailed agenda with information on planned presentations and specific discussion items will be shared in early February.

[Click here to register.](#)

## Save the Date

# Volume to Value: 20/20 Vision Towards Population Health

Thursday, March 26, 2020

The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Dorcey L. Applrys, DrPH, MPH, Vice President, Community Health Initiatives,  
The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region



## Parkinson's Treatment Seminar, May 21 in South Glens Falls

A representative from the [Glens Falls Hospital Rehabilitation and Wellness Center](#) will be on hand 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, at [The Moreau Community Center](#) in South Glens Falls, to discuss various treatment approaches for Parkinson's and other neurological disorders. For planning purposes, please call Jeanne at 518.792.6007, ext. 13, to express your interest in attending.



[Click here for more information.](#)

## Share Your Updates

AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence,

Warren, and Washington counties are encouraged to send news items to Phil Kahn at [communications@ahihealth.org](mailto:communications@ahihealth.org) to be considered for inclusion in *AHInformer*.

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