

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Tuesday, November 13th, 2018

The Communications Corner is an initiative intended to provide insights to PPS on what is in the news regarding DSRIP across New York State. Additionally, upcoming events across PPS will be included. The Communications Corner will be sent out on the 1st Monday of each month. If you would like to submit any upcoming events or DSRIP news please send an email to Kimberly.Jones2@health.ny.gov no later than the 4th Monday of each month.

NYS DOH News:

NYS's 1115 Waiver Public Comment Day and DSRIP PAOP Meeting: The NYS Department of Health (DOH) will be holding the Downstate Public Comment Day for New York's 1115 Waiver program on **November 29th, 2018 at The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 5th Ave, New York, NY 10029 in the Reading Room on the 3rd floor.** The day will begin with a working session of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Project Approval and Oversight Panel (PAOP) followed by a public comment opportunity. Written public comment may be submitted through December 7th, 2018 to 1115waivers@health.ny.gov. Please include "1115 Public Forum Comment" in the subject line.

DSRIP NEWS:

Staten Island PPS to Award 2 Local Organizations \$50,000 for the Healthy Neighborhood Project: The Executive Director of Staten Island PPS, Joseph Conte, is pleased to announce that \$50,000 will be awarded to two organizations who were selected through a competitive grant process. The Healthy Neighborhood Project Phase II funds will be given to two organizations to help engage the community in order to impact local health disparities and social determinants of health: <http://www.statenislandpps.org/staten-island-pps-award-2-local-organizations-50000-healthy-neighborhood-project/>

Identifying a New Worker Pipeline to Address Demand for Addiction Treatment: To address community substance abuse problems and reduce the stigma that may keep patients from seeking care, Staten Island Performing Provider System (SI PPS) adopted an innovative approach which has both created jobs and improved patient outcomes:
<https://nationalfund.org/identifying-a-new-worker-pipeline-to-address-demand-for-addiction-treatment/>

Take Two Aspirin – And a Serving of Kale: Wielding food as medicine, hospitals are focusing on nutrition, sending patients home with prescriptions as well as bags of good food.
(*From The Wall Street Journal- Need subscription to view entire article*):

https://www.wsj.com/articles/take-two-aspirin-and-a-serving-of-kale-1540212952?shareToken=st1df3afa024a449e087d8a14d6e29db87&ref=article_email_share

OneCity Health Partners with NYC Health + Hospitals to Launch ExpressCare: In collaboration with NYC Health + Hospitals, OneCity Health led the design and implementation of ExpressCare, a new walk-in urgent care model at NYC Health + Hospitals. The goal of ExpressCare is to ensure patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time, by offering a fast, convenient way to access medicine afterhours without having to resort to an ED visit for non-emergent, routine care. ExpressCare sites are located on the campus of large tertiary and community hospital sites and will offer patients connection to a consortium of services. Patients visiting ExpressCare who do not have a primary care provider can be assigned a provider that's right for them onsite. The ExpressCare model supports the overall mission of DSRIP to reduce avoidable ED utilization by 25% by 2020: <https://www.onecityhealth.org/de-blasio-administration-opens-first-nyc-health-hospitals-urgent-care-clinics-offer-faster-service-ease-demand-public-hospital-emergency-rooms/>

Northwell Affiliate Physician Group Recognized by American Heart Association:
AdvantageCare Physicians (ACP), a multi-specialty physician group partner of Northwell Health, has been recognized by the local chapter of the American Heart Association (AHA) for

participating in the Target Blood Pressure (BP) program: <https://theislandnow.com/community-news/northwell-affiliate-physician-group-recognized-by-american-heart-association/>

SOMOS and PlantPure Communities Launch Plant-Based Nutrition Pilot in Harlem: SOMOS Community Care and PlantPure Communities kicked-off the Harlem Oasis 13-week Pilot that is empowering Medicaid participants to take control of their health by providing access to a whole-food, plant based diet and community support. The goal is to help improve and reverse illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, obesity, high cholesterol and hypertension: [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

Evolent Health and SOMOS IPA Aim to Provide Physician-Driven Medicaid Managed Care through New York Innovator Program: SOMOS and Evolent are positioned to improve doctor-patient connections through a culturally-sensitive care model that addresses social determinants of health: <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/evolent-health-and-somos-ipa-aim-to-provide-physician-driven-medicaid-managed-care-through-new-york-innovator-program-300745164.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

New York-Presbyterian PPS:

VBP 201- Using Data to Drive Change: This session will provide an understanding of how to utilize existing data sources focused on process and outcome improvements and how to align with VBP preparedness and contracting. The presentation will provide an overview of the concept, local and national trends, data models and other payer examples, i.e. Medicare.

November 15th, 3-4pm

To register click [here](#)

CNY Care Collaborative PPS:

Innovation Fund 2019: CNY Care Collaborative announced the 2019 Innovation Fund and the allocation of \$8.2 Million in potential awards—a significant increase from 2018's award of \$4.8 Million. For 2019 there's no maximum award and no limit on the number or proposals eligible organizations may submit. Required Letters of Intent are due to CNY Care Collaborative on January 15th 2019 by 5pm.

For more information, please visit the 2019 Innovation Fund webpage at cnycares.org/innovation-fund-2019/

There will be an Innovation Fund 2019 Informational Webinar on Friday November 30th at 10am. To register click [here](#)

A recording will also be made available following the webinar

Adirondack Health Institute PPS:

Save the Date: Volume to Value- Creative Funding Opportunities in Payment Arrangements
Wednesday, March 20th 2019

The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

Nassau Queens PPS:

Behavioral Health Strategies for Post-Acute Care, Physical Assessment and Sepsis: This session will provide long-term care leaders the elements required for Behavioral Health under the CMS's new Requirements of Participation (RoP) for Skilled Nursing Facilities. Attendees will also be provided with the key components of a comprehensive physical assessment process for the post-acute care resident.

November 19th, 8-4:30pm

Mercy Medical Center, 1000 North Village Avenue, 1st floor, CIJ Conference Room, Rockville Centre NY 11570

To register click [here](#):

Suffolk Care Collaborative PPS:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Offering Two Grants: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services is **offering up to \$95,000 to support the 2019 Statewide Consumer Network Program**, with the goal of improving efforts to address the needs of adults with serious mental illness by developing and/ or expanding peer support services, peer leadership and peer engagement strategies statewide.

Apply by December 24th, and to learn more click [here](#)

SAMHSA is also **offering up to \$14,130,226 in grants to support the Healthy Transitions: Improving Life Trajectories for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Mental Disorders Program** with the goal of improving access to treatment and support services for youth and young adults, ages 16-25, who have a serious emotional disturbance or a serious mental illness.

Apply by December 21st, and to learn more click [here](#)

Value Based Payment Webinar for Behavioral Health Providers: VBP Adoption Rates, Policy Pitfalls and Provider Readiness

During this webinar, speakers will discuss trends and current approaches in adopting VBP models, lessons learned and what behavioral health organizations can do to adopt a culture of value amid uncertainty.

November 15th, 2-3pm

To register click [here](#)