

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EQUITY

IMS NY MODERATES HIMSS' "FAST-TRACKING ACCESS TO CARE THROUGH TELEHEALTH"

[Innovative Management Solutions \(IMS\)](#) NY has teamed up with [Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society](#) (HIMSS) to host a behavioral health webinar series. This past month, IMS NY Chief Information Officer Elise Kohl-Grant moderated a panel session that included behavioral health staff from CBC IPA member [Services for the UnderServed](#), NYS policy representatives and a telehealth vendor on how behavioral health services via telehealth have been fast-tracked and telehealth's current and potential impact on behavioral health inequities. The conversation touched on supporting all people through the pandemic, including those with varied access to technology.

Stream the session [here](#).

NYS OMH PUBLISHES FIRST 988 NEWSLETTER AHEAD OF SUMMER LAUNCH

988 is the new FCC-designated three-digit number that connects people to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. In advance of its July 16th rollout, NYS OMH has published the first newsletter explaining the hotline's function and the essential role behavioral health service providers play in spreading the word and

building awareness amongst service recipients.

Read the first newsletter [here](#).

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

On April 26th, CBC's Children's Committee agreed to prioritize three pursuits:

1. Compiling an inventory of children services across the network for gap analysis;
2. Developing an innovative service model (such as Pathway Home™) to specifically serve children and families or young adults via deployment to Psychiatric emergency rooms and/or Children's Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs for immediate and long-lasting intervention and support; and
3. Targeted interventions to improve outcomes on Metabolic screening/antipsychotic medication HEDIS measure.

The next Children's Committee meeting will take place on May 25th at 12pm. Please contact CBC Chief Executive Officer [Pamela Mattel](#) with any questions or if you are interested in attending.

CONSULTING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

BHN HIGHLIGHTS PATHWAY HOME'S PEERS

In its Spring 2022 issue, [Behavioral Health News](#) published "How Peers Contribute to Treatment and Recovery on CBC's Pathway Home™ Care Transition Team"—highlighting the influential role of Peers on Pathway Home™ teams.

Kudos to CBC Pathway Home™ Director Angelo Barberio and [Samaritan Daytop Village](#) Pathway Home™ Team Leader Maynor Alas, who authored the article together. And kudos to our Pathway Peers!

Read it in full [here](#).

IPA CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD

The CBC IPA Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)'s cross-section of volunteers contributes their skills, insights and experiences at monthly online meetings. In turn, CBC uses CAB recommendations to improve care coordination practices and member-engaging supports. Meetings are co-facilitated by leadership from across CBC programs and departments.

The CAB's most recent monthly meeting welcomed two new Peer Specialist members from [VNS Health](#) and [The Jewish Board](#)'s Pathway Home™ programs.

Meanwhile, CBC senior management and staff have met to assess the CAB's strengths and discuss ideas for further impact and growth. Conclusions from this discussion on topics ranging from how to disseminate recommendations generated in CAB meetings to potential integration efforts with similar agency-level entities will be presented in next month's CBC Bulletin.

The CAB's member-centered experiences and skills continue to broaden, and new Peers and members/clients/consumers who might add a constructive voice are welcome to join. Contact CAB Chair [Robert Potter](#) for more information.