

Tier 1 CBOs Learn How They Are Part of the Health Care System at NQP's Summit

NQPs Tier 1 CBO Summit took place on May 3 and served as a platform for Tier 1 community based organizations (CBOs) to learn about how they fit in to the health care delivery system of the future starting from the present day through DSRIP. Summit attendees heard from the perspectives of several lead organizations in health care reform including the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), Northwell Health, Catholic Health Services of Long Island, Arthur Ashe, Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, NowPow, God's Love We Deliver, Healthfirst, and Fidelis Care.

"It was important for our Tier 1 CBO partners to hear about the roles they can assume to ensure their community members have access to the tools they need to be as healthy as they can be," says **Bob Hettenbach, NQP Executive Director**. "These grass root organizations they have relationships with individuals in their community that could be helpful with engaging people and helping them to navigate the health care system. They are essentially becoming part of the health care system."

The Summit's keynote speaker, **Ram Raju, MD, Senior Vice President and Community Health Officer at Northwell Health**, touched on the importance of recognizing that social determinants of health play a role in the health of community members. Dr. Raju noted how residents living in communities with low socioeconomic status can benefit the most from Tier 1 CBOs as these communities typically see higher rates for chronic diseases and a lower life expectancy.

Peggy Chan, Director of DSRIP, NYS DOH, presented the NYS DOH's perspective on the role of Tier 1 CBOs in the health care system, and highlighted how the work that these organizations perform is integral to the success of a value-based care system.

NQP is providing \$1.8 million to 33 CBOs in Nassau and Queens, of which, a total of \$1.1 million will be provided to 23 of those agencies through NQP's CBO Innovation Fund—a fund created to provide CBOs with the financial resources to assist them in developing health-related programs.