

NQP's February PAC Meeting Emphasizes Collaboration in Transitions of Care

More than 150 NQP partners attended NQP's February Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting at Catholic Health Services of Long Island's DeMatteis Center for Cardiac Research. The focus of the meeting was NQP's progress pertaining to the Transitions of Care DSRIP projects, whose goal is to help patients successfully transition back into their communities after hospital discharge while preventing potential avoidable readmissions and emergency department visits.

The PAC featured presentations from NQP Project Management Office's (PMO) **Bob Hettenbach**, Executive Director, who spoke about our Community Based Organizations (CBOs) strategy, as well as NQP PMO's **Gilbert Burgos**, MD, Medical Director, and **Karen Charles**, MBA, CTRS, Project Manager, who spoke about value based payments and the social determinants of health.

Catholic Health Services of Long Island's **Gloria Mooney**, MS, CSSGB, DSRIP Project Manager, Hospital Based Projects, led a panel discussion in which partners and providers discussed Transitions of Care. Panelists included **Umer Farooq**, MD, Director of Substance Abuse and Behavioral Services, NUMC, **Maureen Mackey**, EvaCore, and **Anne Ferguson**, Health Home, Northwell Health.



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The PAC also featured a CBO spotlight on The INN's Center for Transformative Care. **Jean Kelly**, Executive Director, **Joanne Robinson**, Managing Director, and **Nancy Burke**, Manager, Center for Transformative Change, spoke about the role that The INN is playing in providing life necessities to community members, and helping them become self-sufficient.

Two breakout sessions were also held. Healthix's **Todd M. Rogow**, MPA, CSM, PMP, Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer, led a session explaining how the Healthix health information exchange platform (HIE) can benefit CBOs and patients; and NQP's **Karen Charles** led a session focused on the role of CBOs in Care Transitions in which **Planned Parenthood of Nassau County**, **Angie Malone** of EAC Network, and **Everett Miller**, Bridge Back to Life, participated.

"Our NQP PAC meetings provide partners the opportunity to come together to learn about what we've accomplished as a PPS, and how we can continue to work toward meeting DSRIP goals," said Bob Hettenbach, NQP Executive Director. "It is the intention of NQP to provide a comprehensive, informative program for each PAC meeting, and to utilize these meetings as a support mechanism for our partners to successfully implement the DSRIP projects."

