

Catholic Health Services of Long Island Holds CBO Behavioral Health Summit

Catholic Health Services of Long Island (CHSLI) held a behavioral health summit in Far Rockaway where representatives from community based organizations (CBOs) gathered to discuss their organizations' services in an effort to enhance collaboration and to specifically address the behavioral health needs of residents of the Rockaways.

The summit ties into NQP's efforts to meet the objective of DSRIP project 3.a.ii, Behavioral Health Community Crisis Stabilization Services, and came to be as a result of St. John's Episcopal Hospital's staff recognizing that patients were frequenting the ED for behavioral health related issues. Through DSRIP initiatives, we aim to reduce behavioral health ED visits and hospitalizations by increasing patient utilization of organizations within their communities outside of the ED, and, in turn, those organizations working together for the betterment of the patient.

As part of the meeting, CHSLI facilitated a problem-solving exercise that focused on challenges the CBOs typically encounter in their work with individuals with behavioral health issues, allowing the CBOs to practice working collaboratively to deliver the best patient outcomes.

"The event provided the opportunity to help CBOs determine how to work productively together," said Mary Emerton, DSRIP Project Manager, Behavioral Health, CHSLI, who helped organize the event with Jessica Wyman, Associate Director, DSRIP, CHSLI. "We want to build services and enhance what's out there to help our patients be as healthy as they can be."