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More Than \$1.4 Million in Funding Released to PPS Partners

The AHI Board of Directors recently made the decision to return 95 percent of the accumulated DSRIP pay-for-reporting (P4R) withhold pool to AHI PPS partners. As a reminder, DSRIP project addenda include a 15-percent withhold on payment activities. This return represents more than \$1.4 million in additional funds flow released to partners across the PPS.

Through the DY2-2 payment received in August of 2017, the PPS has been successful in earning approximately 93 percent of available DSRIP program revenue. AHI thanks our partners for working with the PPS to achieve these results, which allowed for this withhold return determination.

If you have any questions, please submit them via email to the AHI PPS DSRIP mailbox at dsripahi@ahihealth.org, with the subject line, "P4R Withhold Return."

MAXny Training Series Launches

AHI PPS hospital partners Nathan Littauer, Gouverneur, and Canton-Potsdam are participating in the Medicaid Accelerated eXchange New York (MAXny) Series, a state-wide initiative intended to accelerate progress towards desired DSRIP outcomes. Each site has convened an action team comprised of hospital employees and representatives from local community-based organizations with the intention of reducing avoidable emergency department utilization and improving quality of care for individuals identified as high utilizers. MAXny is a vehicle for individuals who have completed NYS DOH's MAX Train-the Trainer program to lead Rapid Cycle Continuous Improvement (RCCI) initiatives within their respective service area. Within the AHI PPS, MAXny action teams are being facilitated by AHI Train-the Trainers, Kelly Owens (Nathan Littauer), Deborah LaRose (Canton-Potsdam), and Jessica Chanese (Gouverneur). The six-month action period begins October 10 with the first of three MAXny workshops.

AHI PPS Compensation and Benefits Analysis

The NYS Department of Health requires PPSs to complete a compensation and benefits analysis to better understand and measure the impact of project implementation on the workforce. The milestone is required for DSRIP Years 1, 3 and 5 and has an achievement value attached.

This week, lead contacts and other identified responsible parties at PPS partner organizations received information from the Center for Health Workforce Studies (CHWS) regarding the assessment and collection of information. As our third-party vendor, CHWS will ensure we are adhering to all anti-trust guidelines. In addition, a webinar was completed on October 4 which provided an overview of the assessment and requirements – this webinar will be archived on the CHWS website provided in the original email.

Our response rate for the DY1 compensation and benefits analysis was very high – more than 80 percent. We appreciate your help on this initiative to achieve the same or better results for the DY3 assessment.

The CHWS will be providing technical assistance throughout the process and the assessment is due back to CHWS by November 3.

Please contact Kelly Owens, AHI Workforce Manager, at kowens@ahihealth.org with any workforce questions related to the assessment.

AHI PPS Workforce Funds: Change in Upcoming Application Cycle

Due to the holiday season, December Workforce Funding Applications (Recruitment & Retention and Training Funds) will now be due on December 6 rather than December 15. Any applications received after the 6th will be reviewed at the January workgroup meetings.

Visit [Workforce Recruitment/Retention and Training Funds](#) for guidelines and applications.

Any workforce funding-related questions may be directed to Chelsea Truehart at ctruehart@ahihealth.org.

HealthStream Reminder

AHI Workforce staff is continuously adding users from across the PPS to the new HealthStream learning management platform. Staff is presently in the process of developing project-specific trainings to be rolled out in the near future. If your organization is interested in having staff gain access to the platform and numerous DSRIP-related trainings, please contact Chelsea Truehart at ctruehart@ahihealth.org.

NYS DOH Primary Care Service Corps Loan Repayment Program Reminder

A reminder that the NYS DOH recently released Round 3 of funding for the Primary Care Service Corps (PCSC) initiative, a service-obligated loan repayment program that is designed to increase the supply of non-physician practitioners in underserved areas of New York State. Eligible clinicians include dentists, dental hygienists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, midwives, clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social workers and licensed mental health counselors. Clinicians must practice in a primary care or behavioral health setting in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

Visit [Primary Care Service Corps \(PCSC\) Round 3](#) for program details, an application and guidelines.

Visit the [HRSA Data Warehouse](#) website to find out if your organization is in a primary care or mental health HPSA.

Contact Kelly Owens, AHI Workforce Manager, at kowens@ahihealth.org for more information.

Financial Assessment Completion Reminder

As part of our responsibility as a PPS, AHI must monitor the financial stability of its partners to ensure the goals of DSRIP and AHI PPS's project milestones are achieved in the communities we serve. Each organization was sent a request for financial documents on September 15. Please complete the survey or waiver provided and submit with your organization's most recent financial statement(s) (if applicable), which is part of the request. If you have any questions, please email dsripahi@ahihealth.org.

2017 AHI Summit Well-Received; Partners Share Challenges, Successes of Promoting Population Health in Rural Regions

More than 200 professionals attended AHI's 9th Annual Summit, *Population Health in the Rural Landscape*, at the end of September in Lake Placid. The event was well-received by attendees who had an opportunity to share successes and challenges pertaining to effectively serving rural populations. Dr. Amy Boutwell of Collaborative Healthcare Strategies provided the keynote, *Designing and Delivering Whole-Person Transitional Care*, while this year's Rural Health Champions in attendance at the event – Dr. Irina Gelman, Fulton County Public Health, Kim Cook of the Open Door, and Carol Byron, Glens Falls Hospital – were honored.

Read the [AHI news blog](#) for complete details and visit the [AHI 2017 Summit web page](#) for presentation slide decks, photos, and more.

COPD GOLD Standards: The Latest in Diagnosis and Treatment, Oct. 11 in Lake Placid and Oct. 26 in Lake George

The Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) works with health care professionals and public health officials to raise awareness of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and to improve prevention and treatment of this lung disease. The Global Strategy for the diagnosis, management and prevention of COPD is a valuable resource for medical professionals.

A training, *COPD GOLD Standards: The Latest in Diagnosis and Treatment*, is being offered in two locations in the region in October. The training will focus on recommendations for ongoing patient self-management and education, new approaches to medication management and enhanced outpatient transition criteria.

Two American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award (AMA PRA) Category 1 Credits™ are available for participants.

Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.
Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort
2559 Main Street, Lake Placid
[Register](#) for this session.

Thursday, October 26, 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.
Log Jam Restaurant

1484 U.S. Route 9, Lake George

[Register](#) for this session.

Please direct any questions to Rebecca Evansky, Manager of Prevention Projects, AHI, at revansky@ahihealth.org.

Module 3 of CCHL Training Series, The National CLAS Standards, Offered Four Times in October

The AHI PPS will host the third module in the Cultural Competency and Health Literacy Training Series four times in October. The module will focus on developing an understanding of the *National CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Standards*. The CLAS Standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality and help eliminate health care disparities by establishing a blueprint for health and health care organizations to look at four areas of improvement: 1) Principal Standards; 2) Governance, Leadership and Accountability; 3) Communication and Language Assistance; 4) Engagement, Continuous Improvement and Accountability.

Target audience: Leadership-level staff, decision makers and policy makers.

You only need to register for one session:

Monday, October 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Crowne Plaza, 101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid

[Register](#) for this session.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Crowne Plaza, 101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid

[Register](#) for this session.

Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Woodlawn Commons, Saratoga Room, 156 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs

[Register](#) for this session.

Thursday, October 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Paul Nigra Center for Creative Arts, 2736 NY-30, Gloversville

[Register](#) for this session.

Presented by Gregory Owens, LMSW, and Jennifer Manganello, MPH, PhD, University at Albany School of Public Health.

These are one-day training sessions with a limit of 25 participants per day. In-person attendance is required. There will not be an option for teleconference participation. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Davey at mdavey@ahihealth.org.

Holding on to Hope Conference, Oct. 25 and 26 in Malone

Franklin County Suicide Prevention is hosting the 2nd Annual *Holding on to Hope Conference*, October 25 and 26 at the Malone Golf Course.

Among other topics to be covered over the two days, the conference will focus on Narcan and Youth Wellness training, Bridges Out of Poverty, and postvention planning.

OASAS CEUs are available for those who attend both days of the conference.

For more information and to register, see [Holding on to Hope Annual Conference](#), or email Alicia Hodge at Community Connections of Franklin County at ahodge@communityconnectionsfcny.org.

Poverty Simulation Activity, Oct. 26 in Fort Edward

Bridges in Washington County and partner organizations, including AHI, are hosting a *Poverty Simulation*, an interactive, role-playing activity that will allow participants to experience the day-to-day realities of life for people trying to survive on low incomes.

Thursday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Washington County Municipal Center (Basement Training Rooms)
383 Broadway, Fort Edward

[Read the event flyer](#) for more information.

Space is limited so [register](#) today.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Barber at 518.792.3537, or bridgeswashco@gmail.com.

UVMHN-CVPH Hosting Trauma Informed Care Training, Oct. 27

Understanding a person's emotional state due to the impact of a traumatic event enables staff to recognize a valuable key in unlocking patient activation. The University of Vermont Health Network – Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital is hosting a training tailored for frontline health care staff, *Trauma Informed Care*, from 7:00 — 10:00 a.m., and again from 12:00 — 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, in the CVPH Boardroom.

The training will introduce participants to the essential elements of a trauma-informed system and how that understanding can be applied to their daily work and practice culture. Training topics to be covered include adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and brain development; principles of traumatic informed care; trauma and resiliency; and self-care. Space is limited to 40 attendees for each session.

Sign up for one of the training sessions by completing and returning this [registration form](#) to Melanie Bliss-Hall at mbliss-hall@cvph.org. Any questions may also be directed to Melanie.

Value Based Payment Training Coming in December

The AHI PPS, in collaboration with the Better Health for Northeast New York (BHNNY) PPS and the Alliance for Better Health PPS, is hosting a series of in-person trainings related to value based payment. The first training will be held 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December

6, at Fort William Henry in Lake George. In addition to a general session to discuss how to be successful with value based payment, there will be breakout sessions specifically targeted for primary care, behavioral health and community-based organizations.

Further program details and registration information will be coming soon. In the meantime, please contact Kelly Owens, AHI Workforce Manager, at kowens@ahihealth.org, with questions.

Innovation in Training for Recruitment and Retention

To provide sustainable recruitment and retention strategies for all partners, the AHI PPS Recruitment and Retention Workgroup has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for innovative approaches and training related to implementing such strategies in rural and semi-rural regions.

The workgroup and Workforce Committee are very pleased to announce we will be working closely with the Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center (HM AHEC), in partnership with 3RNet and Sogence Training and Consulting, on this initiative. The program will provide a blend of in-person training (taking place in each Population Health Network), multiple webinar-based sessions and the development of a web-based toolkit.

In-person training is anticipated to begin the week of Monday, December 11, with one-day trainings scheduled for each PHN that week.

Stay tuned for more details about this exciting initiative.

Two Glens Falls Hospital Staff Members Selected as Post-Star “20 Under 40” Award Recipients

Congratulations to our colleagues, Cathleen Traver, Director of Research and Planning, and Daniel Fitzgibbon, Surgical Technologist, at AHI PPS partner Glens Falls Hospital, for being selected as “20 Under 40” award recipients by the Post-Star newspaper.

Cathleen, who oversees the coordination of key planning efforts to advance development and growth at GFH, is playing an integral role in planning for the establishment of a crisis center that will be part of new medical village at the hospital, a project supported by DSRIP Innovation Grant funding.

Daniel, who collaborates with a multidisciplinary team of surgeons, nursing staff and anesthesia providers in the operating room, is responsible for making sure equipment, instrumentation and sterile supplies needed for procedures are available.

Visit the [Post-Star website](#) to read the complete article.

Health Care News and Resources

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