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## Three AHI Staff Members Selected for Medicaid Accelerated eXchange (MAX) Train-the-Trainer Program

Three AHI staff members, Deborah LaRose, Kelly Owens, and Jessica Chanese, have been selected for the NYS DOH's Medicaid Accelerated eXchange (MAX) Series Train-the-Trainer (TTT) program. A supplemental program to DSRIP, the MAX Series is a population-based, rapid-cycle performance improvement initiative. The MAX TTT program will prepare participants to lead sustainable and scalable change efforts across the state.

Within the AHI PPS, the University of Vermont Health Network – Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in partnership with the National Alliance for Mental Illness – Champlain Valley, Champlain Valley Family Center, Behavioral Health Services North, Clinton County Department of Social Services and Clinton County Mental Health, has led a highly-

successful Max Series Workshop focused on reducing avoidable emergency department usage with a cohort of patients identified as having more than 10 ED visits in a 12-month period. Their work is an example of how MAX Series methodology leverages partnerships between health care providers and community-based organizations to address barriers to better health outcomes. Over the course of several months, the MAX TTT program will equip participating AHI staff members with skills and knowledge needed to support similar initiatives at additional AHI PPS sites.

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## **AHI, SUNY Plattsburgh Partner on Public Health Student Internship Program**

SUNY Plattsburgh, via its SUNY Adirondack satellite location, has partnered with AHI to offer a unique internship opportunity for public health students in their RN to BSN program. Throughout November, nine students are being placed with AHI PPS partners, including Comfort Food Community, Family Services Association, and the Southern Adirondack Independent Living (SAIL) Center for their five-hour public health clinical observation. The placements are intended to increase the students' awareness of the impact of social factors on health outcomes, as well as allow them to observe implementation of DSRIP patient activation and engagement activities, such as administration of the Patient Activation Measure (PAM®) survey. Student placements are being facilitated by AHI Community Engagement staff members as well as representatives from AHI PPS partner organizations.

For more information, email Melissa Davey at [mdavey@ahihealth.org](mailto:mdavey@ahihealth.org).

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## **Last Chance to Register: Health Home Conference Nov. 17**

Current issues, challenges and approaches in the Health Home environment will be the focus of the 2016 AHI Health Home Conference. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, at the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid.

Keynote speaker John Pelizza, PhD, will present "Revitalizing Commitment in the Midst of Chaos." Four learning tracks will be offered, including Care Management for Chronic Medical Conditions, Supervising in the Health Home Environment, Care Management for Behavioral Health Conditions and Health Home Care Management for Children.

A limited number of seats have been made available to AHI PPS Partners who are **not** contracted with the Health Home program. If your organization is not affiliated with the AHI Health Home program and you would like to attend, please [register](#).

If you are contracted with the AHI Health Home, please contact Health Home program staff at [healthhome@ahihealth.org](mailto:healthhome@ahihealth.org) for that registration link.

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## **Partnerships for Population Health Management Webinar Nov. 15**

Increasingly, hospitals and health systems are forming partnerships to attain the new and demanding capabilities required to manage population health under value-based payment. This webinar will focus on the key considerations for assessing potential partnerships, such as strategic intent, network development and population health management functions.

The webinar is being held 2:00—3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 15.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

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## Integrating Palliative Care into the PCMH and Primary Care Setting Web Conference Nov. 17

HANYS continues its series of web conferences for health care providers seeking to initiate or expand access to palliative care for patients, residents, and families. This program will address best practices for integrating palliative care services into the primary care and/or PCMH setting. The web conference will cover the evidence and business case for this approach, strategies for patient acceptance, and examples of successful implementation.

The web conference is being held 1:00—2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17.

For more information and to register for the web conference, visit the [HANYS website](#).

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