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New AHI PPS DSRIP Project Addendums Posted on AHI Website

AHI released AHI PPS DSRIP schedules last week for project 4.a.iii – “Strengthen Mental Health and Substance Abuse Infrastructure.” An email was sent to partners with information about project addendums, including a link to the AHI website and instructions to open and download password-protected addendum documents.

Schedules have been released for the following projects:

- 4.a.iii Model 1

- 4.a.iii Model 2
- 4.a.iii Model 3
- 4.a.iii Model 4

More schedules will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please send an email to dsripahi@ahihealth.org.

Coming Soon: Current State Assessment Workforce Survey

In June 2016, the Workforce Current State Assessment was completed with a compensation and benefits analysis that yielded a tremendous partner response rate of 87 percent.

As planning has continued, a Strategic Planning Workgroup consisting of Workforce Committee members and project partners was convened to assist with the completion of additional workforce documents. The group made the recommendation, which was approved by the Workforce Committee, to complete the current state assessment on an annual basis to monitor progress toward our target workforce state goals and assist in continued planning for AHI PPS workforce needs.

A current state assessment document will be administered through the Center for Health Workforce Studies and is expected to be sent to partners the last week of January 2017. The document will only request current state staffing changes in 2017 related to the potential addition of positions or anticipated retirements.

We appreciate your participation which will assist our workforce workgroups in future planning.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org.

AHI, Community-Based Organizations, and SUNY Plattsburgh Complete Successful Public Health Student Internship Program

AHI and AHI PPS community-based organization partners recently joined with SUNY Plattsburgh to provide nine public health students in the college's RN to BSN program an opportunity to successfully complete a required five-hour public health clinical observation internship.

Students at the college's SUNY Adirondack satellite campus shadowed AHI Community Engagement Facilitators, Amber Guyette and Victoria Knierim, and staff members at three AHI PPS partner locations - Comfort Food Community, the Family Service Association of Glens Falls, and the Southern Adirondack Independent Living (SAIL) Center.

The placements were 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.

Several student participants provided positive feedback about their program experience. One student stated, "I have never had an experience like this in my career as a registered nurse. I hope to be a part of the (patient activation and engagement) implementation in the future,"

while another commented, “I truly believe this experience helped me, not only in my schooling, but also in how I will now perform patient care within the hospital.”

AHI Launches Health Home Serving Children

To provide better care management services to children and their families, AHI launched a Health Home Serving Children program this week.

A Health Home Serving Children is not a physical location; it is a network that provides care management for children on Medicaid who have complex physical and/or behavioral health conditions. The program, a free service funded by Medicaid and Medicaid Managed Care, is comprised of all of a child’s caregivers, including physicians and other clinicians, behavioral health specialists, hospitals, health plans, education systems, and community-based organizations, working together and talking to one another so that a family’s needs are fully met.

For more information, visit the [AHI website](#).

Caring for the Caregiver Burnout Prevention Webinar Dec. 13

In health care and caregiving-related professions, employee burnout and turnover occurs at higher rates than other industries. Issues of trauma, bereavement, and compassion fatigue are unique to human service workers and create a unique and more challenging work environment.

Sponsored by Relias Learning, the free webinar, Caring for the Caregiver: What Managers Need to Know to Prevent Burnout, takes place 2:00—3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13. The webinar will offer a chance to learn the basics of burnout, including signs and symptoms, and strategies for addressing burnout in the workplace.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

Enhancing Your Telehealth Program Using Video Visits Webinar Dec. 14

Telehealth monitors are valuable tools in the proper care and treatment of patients. Employing video technology takes telehealth a step further in engaging patients and improving outcomes.

Sponsored by Honeywell, the webinar, Enhancing Your Telehealth Program Using Video Visits, is being held 2:00—3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14. The webinar will highlight the use of video in remote patient monitoring.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

Transitional Care Partnerships Webinar Dec. 15

One of the chief goals of health care reform is to improve quality and cost effectiveness by reducing fragmentation across providers and systems. Improving provider communication, coordination and patient care continuity will help ensure patients receive high-quality care and prevent unnecessary hospital readmissions.

Sponsored by the University at Albany's School of Public Health, the free webinar, Transitional Care Partnerships: Improved Communication and Care Coordination Across the Health Care Continuum, takes place 9:00—10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15. The webinar will focus on why cross-setting collaboration across all health care provider and community service settings is important for achieving improved outcomes.

Visit the [School of Public Health website](#) for more information.

AHA Publishes Report on Care Access in Vulnerable Communities

Millions of Americans living in vulnerable rural and inner city communities depend upon their hospital as an important, and often only, source of care. The American Hospital Association recently published a report that provides recommendations for hospital leaders and others on how to address gaps and improve access to care for vulnerable populations.

Read the report, [Task Force on Ensuring Access to Care in Vulnerable Communities](#).

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