



DSRIP NEWS

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Regional Health Innovation Team (RHIT) Meeting Registration Reminder

As AHI was positioning itself to apply to New York State to become a lead Performing Providers System (PPS), AHI convened stakeholders in the nine-county service area to discuss the unmet needs of the communities and the barriers to accessing care. Referred to as RHIT (Regional Health Innovation Team), AHI relies on these stakeholder groups to engage community partners, and play an active role in DSRIP projects. RHIT meetings are open to any representative who is interested in learning about Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) projects and how the success of the work of the PPS and its partners will affect the health of our communities.

RHIT meeting registration for an update on DSRIP activities is underway. Meetings are open to everyone to attend any RHIT meeting location. Preliminary Agenda:

- Announcement of the PPS Innovation and Sustainability Funds Application Process
- PPS Organizational Component Progress Reports
- Partner Project Showcase
- PPS Engagement with Community Based Organizations
- Regional Health Information Technology Update
- Communications and Managing Your PPS Team

Region	Date	Time	Location	Registration
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		Registration 12:30 pm		
Northern RHIT	Thursday, May 12	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	High Peaks Resort Lake Placid	Northern RHIT Registration
Fulton County RHIT	Friday, May 13	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Nathan Littauer Hospital Gloversville	Fulton County RHIT Registration
Southern RHIT	Thursday, May 19	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Queensbury Hotel Glens Falls	Southern RHIT Registration

For more information visit [RHIT Meetings](#) news blog or email ahidsrip@ahihealth.org with questions.

Last Call: COPD Training Registration

Smoking, poor diet, and physical activity constituted nearly a quarter of all 2012 NY State deaths. These modifiable behaviors significantly contribute to emergency department and inpatient use, primarily manifested in the high rates of chronic disease. As reported in the Community Health Needs Assessment, the North Country has a higher-than-average rate of preventable admissions for serious chronic illness.

In response to the North Country incidence, AHI PPS Project Advisory Committee selected [Project 4.b.ii, Increase Access to High-Quality Chronic Disease Preventative Care and Management in both Clinical and Community Settings](#). This project will help to increase access to high quality chronic disease preventative care and management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). A main goal of project 4.b.ii is to adopt evidence-based guidelines for primary care offices, skilled nursing facilities, and home care agencies.

To begin work toward this objective, a series of COPD trainings have been scheduled. The trainings will include an overview of COPD and a review of the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disorder (GOLD) standards. Diagnosis, management, COPD prevention and an introduction to an evidence-based screening tool and spirometry testing will be discussed. This FREE training is presented by Natalie Venon, Clinical Science Consultant.

Date	Time	Location	Registration
Wednesday, May 4	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Alice Hyde Medical Center, Malone	Registration 5/4 noon
Thursday, May 5	7:30 am - 9:00 pm	UVM Health Network – CVPH, Plattsburgh	Registration 5/5 7:30 am
Thursday, May 5	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Elizabethtown Community Hospital	Registration 5/5 noon
Thursday, May 5	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	UVM Health Network – CVPH, Plattsburgh	Registration 5/5 3:30 pm

For more information, contact Jill Rock at jrock@ahihealth.org.

Saratoga Community Public Forum – May 5 Meeting Reminder

Reminder: the Saratoga Community Public Forum will be held next Thursday, May 5, 6 – 8 pm, Skidmore College. Learn how community based organizations and health care providers can work together to better serve the needs of the community through the DSRIP program.

Presentations and a panel discussion will highlight the current state of health care in the Saratoga community, as well as workforce development, client activation and cultural competency/health literacy initiatives within the industry.

The event is sponsored by AHI, Alliance for Better Health Care and Albany Medical Center, The Center for Health Systems Transformation. For details, please visit [Saratoga Community Public Forum](#).

Medicaid Update: SBIRT Expanded Coverage

The April issue of the NY State DOH [Medicaid Update](#) announces expanded coverage for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). See pages 11-15.

Please note the potential impact on two AHI PPS projects:

- [DSRIP Project 2.a.ii](#) “Primary Care” Milestone 8 requires primary care providers implement preventive care screening protocols including behavioral health screenings (PHQ-2, -9 for those screening positive, SBIRT) for all patients to identify unmet needs. A process is developed for assuring referral to appropriate care in a timely manner.
 - [DSRIP Project 3.a.i](#) “Integration of Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services” has similar requirements in Milestone 3 (for Model 1 – Co-locate behavioral health services at primary care practice sites) and Milestone 7 (for Model 2 – Co-locate primary care services at behavioral health sites).
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Scholarships Available for Aspiring Health Professionals to Work in Underserved Areas

Scholarships are available for eligible students interested in pursuing a health care career with a commitment to work in an underserved area upon graduation. Applications for the NURSE Corps Scholarship Program are now being accepted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Visit [Scholarships Available for Aspiring Health Professionals to Work in Underserved Areas](#) for more details and application requirements and deadlines.

National Palliative Care *Circle of Life* Award Nominations

Nominations are being accepted by the American Hospital Association (AHA) and Healthcare Research and Educational Trust (HRET) for the *2017 Circle of Life Awards*. These awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding and innovative initiatives and programs.

Up to three *Circle of Life Awards* will be presented to honor innovative palliative and end-of-life care in hospices, hospitals, health care systems, long-term care facilities, and other direct care providers. AHI PPS partners, including those connected to [DSRIP Project 3.g.i.](#), are encouraged to apply.

Learn more about the [Circle of Life Award](#). Applications are due by August 12. Please direct questions to circleoflife@aha.org.

Health Care News and Resources

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