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Margaret Vosburgh Appointed AHI CEO

AHI's Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Margaret Vosburgh as chief executive officer. Margaret, who joined the organization on May 26, has more than 25 years of executive experience, most recently as chief operating officer at Stanford Hospital and Clinics in Palo Alto, California, and executive vice president and chief operating officer at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. She succeeds Cathy Homkey who served as AHI CEO since November 2011.

"Margaret has a unique ability to align organizational strategy and employee engagement to achieve tangible results both in business and in clinical care settings," said Daniel Burke, chair, AHI Board of Directors. "She has been particularly successful in partnering with community leaders to develop innovative solutions to meet the needs of the populations served. We are very fortunate to have found someone with her leadership talent and management expertise to lead AHI."

"I'm honored and grateful to the AHI Board for the opportunity to lead this exceptional organization of dedicated and talented professionals, and to work with our partners who are on the front lines every day promoting quality,

affordable, and easily-accessible health care in their communities,” stated Vosburgh. “It’s an exciting time in health care transformation and I look forward to working collaboratively with our stakeholders to meet the challenges ahead.”

Margaret holds an MBA from the University of Southern California, a Master of Science degree in Nursing from Russell Sage College, and was awarded a Wharton Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania. She has published and lectured on topics including high-reliability organizations, organizational design and profitability, employee engagement, and customer satisfaction.

Colleen Florio to Leave AHI

Effective June 17, Colleen Florio, Vice President of Health System Transformation, will leave the organization and begin the next phase of her career with the Public Consulting Group.

Colleen joined AHI four years ago, after nearly 10 years with Glens Falls Hospital. At AHI, Colleen launched the AHI Health Home in 2012 before welcoming the opportunity to be Vice President of Health System Transformation.

In this capacity, Colleen played an integral role in the AHI PPS. She has worked with leaders from across the region to develop the DSRIP project plan that will ultimately transform the health care delivery system for communities in the North Country. Colleen has a long list of accomplishments including establishing the Project Management Office, building the PPS governance structure, which included the formation of the PPS Steering Committee, and creating five subcommittees and numerous workgroups. Under her leadership, the AHI PPS had two perfect AV scorecards, an achievement earned by only a portion of all the PPSs across the State. Colleen has also been the liaison with the New York State Department of Health and participates in several statewide committees and workgroups.

“Over the past few years, I have been afforded the unique opportunity to work hand-in-hand with so many exceptional organizations and leaders, from Plattsburgh to Queensbury, Canton-Potsdam to Gloversville, and everywhere in between. I am grateful to AHI and to each and every colleague for providing me with experiences that position me well for the next phase of my career with the Public Consulting Group, where I will continue to support implementation of the DSRIP initiative in New York,” stated Colleen.

Bob Cawley, AHI’s Director of Health System Transformation, will be the interim PPS lead resource. He can be reached at bcawley@ahihealth.org or by phone at 518.480.0111, ext. 401.

Master Participation Agreement Web Conference Recap and Q&A

On June 6, AHI held a web conference call for PPS partners to review contracting and other time-sensitive deadlines for the Master Participation Agreement.

Visit the [AHI website](#) to watch the web conference, access the agreement, and read the recap/Q&A.

DOH Announces Changes to PCMH Recognition for DSRIP Participating Practices

DSRIP Project 2.a.ii “Advancing Primary Care”

The State has reached agreement with NCQA to offer an alternative timeline for PCMH 2014 recognition specific to NYS practices participating in DSRIP.

- Option 1 (the current timeline that applies to all practices):
 - Survey tools must be purchased – AND – corporate survey tools must be submitted no later than 03/31/2017;
 - Site-specific survey tools must be submitted no later than 09/30/2017.

- Option 2 (an extension to the timeline applicable to NYS practices participating in ***DSRIP only***):
 - Survey tools must be purchased - AND – corporate survey tools must be submitted no later than 11/30/2017;
 - Site-specific survey tools must be submitted no later than 01/31/2018;
 - NYS practices participating in DSRIP will receive a “discount” code from the PPS lead to be used to identify the practice as qualifying for this option;
 - The “discount” code will allow for a discount (anticipated to be approximately 1/3 off the current application fees);
 - However, the *recognition period will be for two years instead of the typical three years*;
 - Practices are expected to submit applications to NCQA at least 60 days prior to their current recognition renewal period end date (if currently PCMH-recognized).

DSRIP Project 3.a.i “Integration of Behavioral Health into Primary Care” – Model 2 only

- For ***Model 2 only*** (where primary care providers are integrated into behavioral health practices), the requirement for PCMH 2014 Level 3 recognition has been waived.

More details will be forthcoming over the next few weeks.

If you have questions, please contact [RuthAnn Craven](#).

Regulation Change Coming July 1: Patient Billing at Integrated Clinics

Starting July 1, 2016, provisions will take effect which will allow single licensed clinics to bill multiple services (primary care, mental, behavioral health) on one claim. Under Medicaid Redesign, [DSRIP Project 3.a.i](#). Integration of Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services, the Licensure Thresholds objective stresses the importance of integrating primary care and behavioral health moving forward. Integration of care requires only a single license if a primary care practice wants to add behavioral health services, and vice versa. However, with an integrated clinic, providers have been confronted with billing issues for same-day services of primary care and behavioral health.

For more information, visit the New York State Department of Health, [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) Integration of Care, under the Billing – Integrated Outpatient Services Regulations header.

PCMH 2017 Redesign

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is overhauling the PCMH Recognition process beginning in 2017, with the goal of strengthening the link between Recognition and practice performance. NCQA plans to provide more support, reduce unnecessary paperwork, leverage health information technology and align PCMH activities with reporting requirements for other initiatives.

Reminder for practices pursuing recognition under the previous PCMH 2014 Standards: the last date to purchase PCMH 2014 survey tools will be March 31, 2017 and the last date to submit PCMH 2014 survey tools to NCQA will be September 30, 2017.

For additional resources please visit our [DSRIP Project 2.a.ii web page](#).

June 16 Webinar: The Journey to Value Based Payment

The NYS DSRIP Team, together with the [Medical Home Network](#) (MHN) of Chicago, will host a webinar, *The Journey to Value Based Payment*, from 1-2 p.m., Thursday, June 16. The webinar will use a real-world example to describe the value based payment model and cover topics such as MHN's team-based innovative model of care, real-time alerts for coordination of care, patient risk stratification, and collaborative value-based reimbursement models.

[Join the WebEx meeting](#) and enter meeting number 213 255 039 and password NyDSRIP2016.

June 22 Webinar: Health Information Technology to Improve Primary Care

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is hosting a free [webinar](#) from 9-10 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, on how primary care practices can use health information technology (IT) to improve quality and patient outcomes, especially related to heart health. The event is part of AHRQ's [EvidenceNOW](#) program, a grant initiative dedicated to helping thousands of small- and medium-sized primary care practices use current evidence to improve cardiovascular care for millions of Americans nationwide.

Despite its potential to improve care, health IT is currently underused in primary care practices. Speakers will highlight incentives and tools that support the use of health IT in quality improvement, as well as challenges that may arise in implementation.

[Register for the AHRQ webinar](#).

Reminder: Workforce Recruitment/Retention and Training Funds Applications Available

Workforce Recruitment/Retention and Training Funds Applications have been posted on the AHI website for AHIPPS Partners. Guidelines and applications have been amended and updated for DSRIP Year 2 to reflect DOH guidance. As a reminder, applications can be submitted on a rolling basis.

To facilitate the process, all application materials have been posted on the [Workforce Recruitment/Retention and Training Funds](#) web page.

Submissions: Completed applications must be submitted to dsripworkforce@ahihealth.org.

Questions: Please contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org.

AHA and CDC Release Resources on Opioid Usage and Addiction

With current opioid substance abuse throughout the country at staggering highs, the CDC has published a valuable resource concerning opioid consumption and addiction. The resource tool contains pertinent information for opioid users or high-risk patients, including fact sheets, associated risks, alternative means, and how to avoid addiction. There are also clinical tools in place for health care professionals to provide effective, high-quality care for their patients.

For an overview, please take a look at the published flyer, [Prescription Opioids: What You Need to Know](#). For more extensive information, please refer to [CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain](#).

Health Care News and Resources

Please visit [Health Care News and Resources](#) for national, regional and local health care news and resources that may impact your work.

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