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Master Participation Agreement

The contract workgroup led by AHI's legal counsel and legal representatives from several AHI PPS organizations have completed the standard [Master Participation Agreement](#) which includes all the requirements of contracting with the PPS.

The PPS **must** demonstrate progress on contracting and funds flow to New York State and is requesting PPS Partners expedite internal review processes of the Master Participation Agreement to allow the PPS to have as many signed agreements on file as possible by end of the current DSRIP reporting period, Thursday, June 30.

Partners are requested to return the agreement by **Wednesday, June 22**.

The primary contact on record with the PPS will receive detailed information on Monday, June 6.

Partner Master Participation Agreement Conference Call

The AHI PPS will be holding a web conference from 10-11 a.m., Thursday, June 9, to provide an overview of the Master Participation Agreement and answer questions.

Please [register online](#).

Additional web conferences will be held as we move through the contracting process.

Answers to questions raised during the web conference on June 9 will be posted on the AHI website following the presentation. Partners with questions are encouraged to submit them to dsripahi@ahihealth.org. Please reference “Master Participation Agreement” in the subject line.

CBO Planning Grant Applicant Conference Registration

The NYS DOH Office of Health Insurance Programs is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) to announce the availability of funds to support strategic planning activities for community-based organizations to facilitate their engagement in DSRIP activities.

This RFA is intended to solicit applications for grants to assist CBO Consortia in planning activities to identify business requirements and formulate strategies for short-term needs, as well as longer-term plans that the CBO consortium may envision for sustainability in system transformation. Overall, this will allow them to better position themselves for continuing engagement with PPSs in DSRIP projects, and consequently, value-based payment and contracting.

It is the Department's intent to select one awardee for each of the three regions outlined in the RFA. The three regions consist of New York City, Long Island and Mid-Hudson, and Rest of State. The maximum funding amount for each region is \$2,500,000.

To learn more about this opportunity, please go to the [NYS Grants Gateway](#) and search by the opportunity name: Community Based Organization (CBO) Planning Grant.

Free Webinar on Discharge Planning and Behavioral Health Coordination

The Center for Public Health Continuing Education and the University at Albany School of Public Health will host a free webinar, [Local Behavioral Health Systems in New York State](#), from 10—11 a.m., Monday, June 20, on behavioral health referral and coordination during discharge planning. The webinar is part of the Department of Health's [online learning](#) sessions for long-term care services and supports for discharge planners.

The webinar will provide participants with an overview of the services and resources available from the Office of Mental Health and Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to support discharge planning and the Health Home model of care coordination. The webinar will specifically focus on behavioral health referral and coordination, and resources available to discharge planners and others involved in long-term care coordination across New York State.

Register for the [Local Behavioral Health Systems in New York State webinar](#).

Health Home In-Depth Analysis Published

A recently-published report on Medicaid Health Homes assesses the structure of Health Homes and implementation issues. The study, *Evaluation of the Medicaid Health Home Option for Beneficiaries with Chronic Conditions: Annual Report – Year Three*, focuses on the challenges Health Home providers have faced in implementing the model and their progress in the development of processes and tools to support the model.

The Health Home model is designed to target high-need, high-cost beneficiaries with chronic conditions or serious mental illness. Its emphasis is on whole-person care, encompassing the integration of physical and behavioral health care services, and care management extending beyond medical services to include nonclinical supports, such as connecting beneficiaries to transportation and housing.

Read more at [Health Home In-Depth Analysis Published](#).

\$1 Million Announced for Addiction Services

[Governor Cuomo announced \\$1 million in funding to connect more New Yorkers to addiction services](#). The funding will be awarded to expand access to addiction treatment services and family supports in the Southern Tier, Western New York, Finger Lakes, and the North Country. It will also support on-call peer outreach services to connect patients in hospital emergency departments (EDs) to appropriate addiction treatment, and a family support navigator program to assist families.

The on-call peer outreach coordinator will work with hospital ED personnel to help patients establish connections with treatment after an opioid overdose reversal or discharge from another addiction-related ED visit. The family support navigator will develop relationships with local addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services, managed care organizations, substance use disorder councils and community stakeholders to assist families with accessing local treatment and support services.

\$250,000 was awarded to [Seaway Valley Council for Alcoholism/Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc.](#) to support on-call peer outreach and family support navigator services.

COPD Training Opportunity in Hamilton County

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, the 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.

Please join us for a training from 12—1 p.m., Monday, June 13, at Hamilton County Public Health. The training 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 spirometry testing will be discussed. This FREE training is presented by Natalie Venon, Clinical Science Consultant.

Please [register for the COPD training](#) by June 9.

For questions or if your organization would like to host a training session, please contact Jill Rock at jrock@ahihealth.org.

VBP Bootcamp Region 1 Registration

The registration for Session 2 of the VBP Bootcamps series is now open for Region 1 (Capital Region, Southern Tier and Mid-Hudson). This session will cover Contracting and Risk Management, and can be accessed [here](#).

The registration periods for all Bootcamp sessions in Region 1 are:

- Session 1 – Registration closed on 5/26;
- Session 2 – Registration open 5/25 through 6/8;
- Session 3 – Registration open 6/16 through 6/30.

For those unable to attend in person, Sessions 1, 2, and 3 of Region 1 will be webcasted live and will be available for playback [here](#). While recorded in Region 1, the content will be applicable statewide (with the exception of Regional State Data Overview which will be specific to each region).

For a complete repository of information related to the VBP Bootcamps series, please visit [DSRIP – VBP Bootcamps](#).

The State of the Behavioral Health Workforce: A Literature Review

In 2015, the American Hospital Association reiterated their support for targeting the Triple Aim of improved access, quality, and coverage for behavioral health services across the country. The review elaborates on the underlying factors that have given way to the present status of the behavioral health system. It also details preliminary suggestions on how we can improve the current system.

For the complete literature review, please visit the [American Hospital Association](#).

MEIPASS Availability

It is anticipated the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (MEIPASS) will not be available during the summer while the system undergoes maintenance for Meaningful Use attestations for 2015 and beyond. Additional announcements about MEIPASS availability, including information about the extended deadline for 2015 Meaningful Use attestations, will be made via LISTSERV and the program website.

See the [May 2016 Medicaid Update](#) for more information.

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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