

CNY REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM: VALUE BASED PAYMENTS NEWSLETTER

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A REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM OVERVIEW:

As each region will experience unique challenges and opportunities as the behavioral health transition to managed care occurs, they will require in person dialogue and collaboration to resolve.

A **Regional Planning Consortium (RPC)** is a regional board populated with community-based providers, peers/family/youth, county mental health directors, regional healthcare entities and managed care companies from each region.

The Purpose of the RPC is to work closely with State agencies to guide behavioral health policy in the region, problem solve regional service delivery challenges, and recommend priorities for reinvestment of Medicaid savings.

WHAT ARE VALUE BASED PAYMENTS?

“Value-based programs reward health care providers with incentive payments for the quality of care they give to people with Medicare. These programs are part of our larger quality strategy to reform how health care is delivered and paid for. Value-based programs also support our three-part aim: better care for individuals, better health for populations, and lower cost”

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/Value-Based-Programs.html>

PURPOSE OF THE RPC VALUE BASED PAYMENT GROUP/NEWSLETTER:

The Value Based Payment Workgroup was formed back in 2017 to provide an information sharing platform for the region on State updates. Since then, the group has been repurposed to a bi-monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide updates from the Behavioral Health Care Collaborative Leads (BHCCs), from OMH and CNY Care Collaborative on upcoming trainings. Any Value Based Payment questions will be answered here. Contact Katie Molanare, RPC Coordinator with any questions.

WHO ARE THE BHCC LEADS?

“The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) jointly announce awards for the NYS Behavioral Health Value Based Payment (BH VBP) Readiness Program. The funds have been awarded to selected networks of behavioral healthcare providers, called Behavioral Health Care Collaboratives (BHCCs).

The BHCCs will use the awards to help prepare behavioral health providers to engage in Value Based Payment arrangements, a financial incentive framework that rewards healthcare providers for improved quality, outcomes, and costs. A main goal is to improve the integration of physical and behavioral health.”

<https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/bh-vbp.html>

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For more information on the RPCs and past VBP Newsletters, check out the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors website

<http://clmhd.org/rpc/>

WHO ARE THE BHCC LEADS IN CNY?

There are three BHCC Leads that cover the 6 county region. These providers are; Helio Health, The Neighborhood Center, and Family Counseling Services of Cortland County. If you are interested to see the other leads in the State below is a link with the providers and their network/affiliate providers.

https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/bhcc_lead_and_network.pdf

BHCC UPDATES:

○ **Helio Health:** “CNY BHCC is continuing its efforts surrounding data and working to put together its first quarterly data report. We will be working to develop specific projects or interventions to address our data in a quality improvement process. Our clinical team is working to develop a training calendar based on feedback from all partners. Our organizing partners continue to work toward our governance structure of an IPA. We have continued to take part in state-wide calls focusing on moving behavioral health forward in VBP. We launched our website in June which can be viewed at www.cnybhcc.health”

Helio Health will be presenting at the next CNY RPC Board meeting in September

○ **The Neighborhood Center:** “The MVBHCC is doing a lot of strategy work in terms of identifying opportunities to meaningfully connect with our health system partners. We have been in conversations with Bassett, MVHS, St. Mary's and UHS Delaware Valley. A big piece of this work is making sure that we have meaningful, reliable data so that we understand where the need is in order to communicate this internally, and externally to potential project partners. We have a contract with CCSI to provide analytic support in digesting our PSYCKES data, however, we have become aware of some pretty big limitations. We will be working with our PPS partners to fill in the gaps. Our IPA has been filed for approval with the DOH and we are waiting for that to move through its process.”

○ **Family Counseling Services of Cortland County:** Updates are listed below:

- The Operating Agreement for the IPA was distributed to SCBHCC members and is under review by their legal counsel; SCBHCC members will be reviewing the Participating Provider Agreement at the next board meeting.
- RFP responses for our shared data platform were scored and two finalists were selected. Interviews and product demonstrations were completed and a final selection is being made by our SCBHCC Board later this month
- SCBHCC Lead Agency and Network partners met with NYS officials from OASIS and OMH to talk about our activities, progress and challenges to date
- We are working with our consultants from CCSI to prioritize and focus our quality improvement efforts based on ideas generated at our CQI networking event, feasibility/ability to implement and the expected impact on improving outcomes for our selected measures
- We have begun work on our Value Proposition for the SCBHCC

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WHAT IS THE CNY CARE COLLABORATIVE (CNYCC)?

“The Central New York Care Collaborative (CNY Cares) is a partnership that connects more than 2,000 healthcare and community based service providers in six counties across Central New York -- Cayuga, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego. The primary goal of the collaborative is to serve the population by improving the coordination of healthcare services, enhancing the quality of performance outcomes, and creating an overall better system of care for patients”

<https://cnycares.org/what-is-the-cnycc/>

CNY CARE COLLABORATIVE (CNYCC) TRAININGS & OMH TRAININGS:

No current trainings provided