

# 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](https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/bhcc_lead_and_network.pdf)

## BHCC UPDATES: *\*ALL BHCC LEADS WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE CNY RPC BOARD STARTING IN 2020\**

**Helio Health:** “The CNY BHCC continues to work on specific projects in the areas of clinical integration, data analytics and quality enhancement. We are in the process of hiring project directors that will work on specific projects/models associated with our performance metrics as we move toward readiness for value based contracting. The clinical integration team will be announcing training dates for January 2020. Our first training will be Mental Health First Aid. CEUs will be available and the training will be at no cost to members of the BHCC. Our organizing partners are preparing to submit our application for our IPA to the state for approval. We continue to work with partners within and outside the

BHCC to identify ways to collaborate and streamline services and resources.”

### **The Neighborhood Center: See below updates**

- The network recently established two committees - one focused on Data, IT, & Quality and the other on Clinical Integration. In our clinical integration work, we are focusing on the pathways from inpatient settings to community based settings, with an eye on the 7 and 30 day follow up windows. In our data work, our initial focus is on supporting partners in the use of existing data systems (e.g., RHIO, PSYCKES) and developing a process for using and monitoring data on a consistent basis.
- We have heard that our IPA review at the DOH is complete and that we are ready to move forward with filing with New York State.
- We are closing monitoring the state communications about the 1115 Waiver Amendment and are interested in the development of the "Value Management Organizations"

### **Family Counseling Services of Cortland County: See below updates**

- The SCBHCC continues with our transition to a BHIPA now that the Operating Agreement is complete and signed by partner agencies.
- We are moving forward with our new State Opioid Response grant through OASAS which will focus on Medication Assisted Treatment within our network of providers.
- SCBHCC selected Care Compass Network to provide our new data sharing platform for the network. We have been working with the CCN team on preliminary decisions that are critical to the design of the platform including decisions around the shared care plan and the importance of including those agencies that are addressing social determinants of health.

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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, DOH TRAININGS:

- On 12/11/19, the New York State Department of Health hosted a public informational webinar, ***Moving to Value-Based Care - New York’s Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver***, regarding the 1115 Medicaid waiver amendment proposal submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on November 27, 2019.
  - Slides from this webinar are available [here](#).