

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-ubp.html>

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Want to Submit a VBP Question? Contact:

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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 held its quarterly All Partner meeting in June and reviewed progress of the BHCC in our work plan with Fidelis as well as the legal documentation pertaining to our IPA. CNY BHCC recently purchased the PSYCKES BHCC Access view and have obtained our first data set pertaining to our identified measures. This will allow us to create a baseline of our network and identify where we need to focus our efforts as we move to a more comprehensive list of performance measures. CNY is working on data share agreements with each of our partners so we can create a more streamlined, accessible and resource rich community of behavioral health providers.” **Helio Health will be presenting at the next CNY RPC Board meeting in September**

- **The Neighborhood Center:** No updates sent at this time.
- **Family Counseling Services of Cortland County:** Updates are listed below:
 - Our Articles of Organization are under final review by our partners
 - We held a networking event focused on Continuous Quality Improvement and facilitated by our consultants from Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI)
 - We issued an RFP for our data sharing platform and are currently scoring the submitted proposals; expect to interview top proposals in late July or early August
 - Working with our legal and insurance consultants on various coverage needed for the IPA
 - Engaged in conversations with others across the state about implementing the BHCC consent; we are asking State representatives to come and speak directly with SCBHCC

OMH TRAININGS:

Value Based Payment and Quality Measures – A Deeper Dive for Behavioral Health

Providers: Value Based Payment means paying providers for “value”- not just greater cost efficiency, but better clinical outcomes. However, VBP arrangements are centered on a defined set of quality measures that are largely payor-driven and harder to understand and quantify for many downstream behavioral health providers and CBOs. This webinar will help break down what these measures mean and how agencies can best align their work to demonstrate impact on these measures.

There are three identical sessions being offered. To register for one of these sessions, please send your **name, email address, the name of your organization and the session you would like to attend** to Jordana Rutigliano at jrutigliano@health.nyc.gov with the subject line “VBP 201 Webinar Registration.”

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Webinar Dates

~~Session #1: Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 12 pm – 1 pm~~

~~Session #2: Friday, June 28, 2019, 10 am – 11 am~~

Session #3: Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 3 pm – 4 pm

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) UPDATE/TRAININGS:

○ **The CNY Care Collaborative (CNYCC) Focus On Value Based Payment Webinar Series:** continues with a program geared towards helping Community Based Organization (CBOs) prepare for engagement with the healthcare system in a value-based environment. **This program is available only to CNYCC’s partner organizations.** This program consists of 5 webinars aim at helping CBOs quantify their value in the new value-based environment. The program will also provide tools and techniques to help CBOs to measure impact and demonstrate outcome on patient care.

7/5 [Module 5: Business Development, Financing & Budget Development \(Webinar only\)](#)

7/8 [Virtual Office Hours: Module 4](#)

7/12 [Module 6: Topic TBD](#)

7/17 [Virtual Office Hours: Module 5](#)

○ **Health Literacy: Master Trainer Program:** CNY Care Collaborative is offering our partners the opportunity to attend a two day **Health Literacy Master Trainer Education Program (HLMTEP)**, a “champion model” and skills based training, **free of charge**. Individuals from CNYCC’s partner organizations would serve as Health Literacy Champions to affect change, implement strategies, train multidisciplinary teams, create measurable outcomes and create sustainable health literacy competencies.

There will be 2 groups with a maximum of 10 learners per session/1 person per organization offered on the following dates:

July 18 - July 19 | 8:00am-5:00pm

July 29 - July 30 | 8:00am-5:00pm

All interested partners **MUST** complete a **total of 3** prerequisite in-person courses at CNY Care Collaborative (109 Otisco Street | Syracuse, NY). In addition to the free training, CNYCC is offering a stipend to participants to offset their organizational cost for attending the **Health Literacy Master Trainer Education Program (HLMTEP)**. Stipend payments are \$1,600 for non-clinical staff and \$3,200 for clinical staff. Upon completion of the prerequisite courses organizations may request a stipend application and select dates to participate in **HLMTEP**. There is a maximum of 30 people per prerequisite course. If your organization is interested in attending, please register using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JD7TLDQ>

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