CRHI Hosts Project and CNA Summit

The Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation (CRHI) at Westchester Medical Center held its DSRIP Project-Community Needs Assessment (CNA) Summit in Newburgh on October 9, presenting the status of the CNA and DSRIP Project selection. The meeting also included a poster session covering nine DSRIP projects and PPS partner quadrant huddles covering the seven counties.

Key takeaways from the meeting included:

- Project planning should be refined based on local healthcare needs, resource gaps and hot spots;
- The CNA is informing continued consideration and selection of DSRIP projects;
- CNA findings are painting a compelling narrative about health status and social determinants down to the neighborhood level throughout the Hudson Valley;
- It will be an ongoing effort to identify, document and understand how current resources may be mobilized to achieve project success.
Register now for DSRIP Program Summit/CNA Recap Webinar

Couldn't make our Summit on October 9?
Register now for our recap webinar on October 20 from noon to 2 p.m.

The webinar will cover:
- Community needs assessment
- Project selection
- Cross cutting issues
- Opportunities for feedback
- Next steps
- Open discussion

Meet the Team

Our goal is to provide our DSRIP partners with the best service and expertise to ensure that we all have the capabilities to implement our DSRIP projects. We will continue to share periodic updates on our team members.

Peg Moran
Vice President, Operations
As Vice President for Operations, Peg is responsible for the management of services and programs of the Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation. In addition, she will lead the projects for behavioral health and housing.

Peg has held executive positions both in the public and private sectors, most recently as Senior VP at FEGS and at St. Vincent’s and Mount Sinai Hospitals, and at the NYS Office of Mental Health.

Helene Kopal
Director, IDS Operations
With more than 20 years experience improving health care process and patient outcomes using health information technology, Helene will serve as Director, Integrated Delivery Services Operations at CRHI, overseeing information technology and other systems for our DSRIP project initiatives.

Helene joins us from Hudson Information Technology for Community Health (HITCH), where she was Executive Director. Her areas of expertise include electronic medical records implementation, quality improvement and the incorporation of evidence-based guidelines in healthcare informatics and analysis.

Helene has a BA from Connecticut College and MPA/MPH from Columbia University.

DSRIP Collaborative Opens Public Comment Period

We have established public comment period where residents of the Hudson Valley can review our seven-county community-based organization workbook, share their thoughts about the community needs assessment survey or ask questions about how we plan to improve healthcare services in the region. We encourage our partners to continue promoting participation in the resident survey in their communities and look forward to receiving feedback.

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Monitor this newsletter for status updates on the Community Needs Assessment.
The Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation at Westchester Medical Center would like to thank all who attended our DSRIP Project/CNA Summit on October 9. We are grateful for all our partners and look forward to working with you.

Melissa Thomas-Belmar, MBA, CRHI-Physician Liaison, discusses CRHI’s Tobacco Cessation DSRIP project selection during the poster board session. Group members focus on Didi Raxworthy (back facing camera), Director, Pow’r Tobacco Cessation Center.

Left to right, Peg Moran, LMSW, Vice President, Operations, CRHI, Lorraine Horgan, Cabrini, and Roy Wallach, Arms Acres discuss CRHI’s Transitional Housing Services DSRIP project selection during the poster board session.

Cindy Freidmutter, CLF Consulting, discusses CRHI’s Behavioral Health Integration DSRIP project selection during the poster board session.

Margaret Hirst, Dutchess County Dept. of Mental Hygiene and Barbara Hill, Senior Manager, Program and Network Relations, CRHI, pose for a pic while moving between poster board presentations.

Mary Hassett, Deborah Marshall, Mary Leahy, all from Bon Secours Charity Health System huddle for a picture during the poster board presentation.

Jessie Sullivan, MD, Vice President/Medical Director, CRHI presents on our DSRIP Partner Quadrant Map. During the summit, groups met in break-out sessions by quadrant representing clusters of the eight lower Hudson Valley counties—Delaware, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester. Visit our ‘Resources’ page at www.crhi-ny-org to see the map.

Lauren Klein, Clinical Program Manager, CRHI, discusses our DSRIP project selection, Perinatal Care with Cheryl Hunter-Grant, Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network, Caren Fairweather, Maternal Infant Services Network, Daniel Maughan, RNP, AVP, ED, St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital during the poster board session.

Deborah Viola, PhD, Vice President/Director, Health Services Research and Data Analytics presents on the Community Needs Assessment. One major takeaway from Dr. Viola’s presentation was the importance of focusing on the range of needs in ‘hotspots’ throughout the eight-county region in which the CRHI PPS will participate.

Lauren Klein, Clinical Program Manager, CRHI, discusses our DSRIP project selection, Perinatal Care with Cheryl Hunter-Grant, Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network, Caren Fairweather, Maternal Infant Services Network, Daniel Maughan, FNP, AVP, ED, St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital during the poster board session.

Dahlia Austin, Director, Alcohol Substance Abuse Services, Westchester County Dept. of Community Mental Hygiene and Ellen Morehouse, Student Assistance Services, Corp. pose for a picture while navigating the poster board session.

From left to right, CRHI staff: Peg Moran, LMSW, VP Operations, Deborah Viola, PhD, Vice President/Director Health Services Research and Data Analytics, Helene Kopit, MPA/MPH, Director, Integrated Delivery Systems Operations, Thao Doan, MPH, Data Analyst, Sarah Finch, Operations Manager, Melissa Thomas-Belmar, MBA, Physician Liaison, Barbara Hill, LCSW, Senior Manager, Program & Network Relations, Mario D. Smith, Senior Communications Manager, June Keenan, MS, MPH, Senior Vice President, Delivery System Transformation/Executive Director, Jessie Sullivan, MD, Vice President/Medical Director, Lauren Klein, Clinical Program Manager.
We have just a few more weeks to add PPS partners to our network for submission to NYS on November 14. If you know of primary care practices or any other individual provider or organization serving the Medicaid population that we should add to our PPS, please contact us with your suggestions.

In the next few days we will be sending out an attestation form that must be signed and notarized by an officer of every PPS partner organization. The form will ask that you confirm your partnership in our PPS.

The attestation form will include a listing of the NPI and MMIS numbers used by your organization and your affiliated clinical providers for submitting Medicaid claims (billing entity and servicing provider). The list we send you will be based on the most current information we have on record. It is crucial that you review this list, add any missing sites or clinical providers within your organization and correct or cross out anything we have listed in error.

If you have suggestions for partners we should add, or questions about the attestation, please call or email Barbara Hill | 914-326-4205 | hillb@wcmc.com

Click here to see our current partner list, available October 21.