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Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation at Westchester Medical Center

DSRIP PPS Update

Summer 2014

Welcome to Our Newsletter

Keeping our partners informed about the latest planning developments and upcoming meetings is important. We are grateful for your collaboration and support to date and look forward to working closely and communicating with each of you regularly in the coming months!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- September 15
9 a.m. to noon
Perinatal and Early Childhood Workgroup
- September 16
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Care Management Workgroup
- September 19
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Behavioral Health: Integrated Care
- September 19
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health: Crisis Stabilization
- September 24
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Project Advisory Committee Webinar
[Register here.](#)
- September 30
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Behavioral Health Workgroup
- October 9
Summit: CNA Report Out
Clinical & Program Planning Sub-Committee

We will email meeting details, locations and calendar invitations before each meeting. Email us at crhi@wcmc.com to be added to our email list. Dates and times are subject to change



Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation at Westchester Medical Center Awarded \$1 Million New York State Planning Grant

The Center for Regional Healthcare Innovation (CRHI) at Westchester Medical Center was recently awarded a \$1 million planning grant by the New York State Department of Health to support the development of our DSRIP Project Plan application. The funds will be used to support planning and application development efforts, including convening and supporting stakeholder workgroups and committees.

CRHI Collaborates in Seven-County Community Needs Assessment

The CRHI at Westchester Medical Center will collaborate with the four Performing Provider Systems (PPS) in the seven-county Hudson Valley region to complete a Community Needs Assessment. This assessment will take a detailed look at demographics, healthcare gaps, historical trends and other data to inform the selection of DSRIP projects. A critical element of the DSRIP project, the assessment will provide each PPS with data-driven insights to help identify opportunities for healthcare improvement and infrastructure needs to accomplish project goals and creation of an integrated healthcare system. To date, the Hudson Valley Regional Health Officers Network, comprised of the health commissioners from the seven counties in the Hudson Valley, has convened two meetings to review preliminary assessment findings and discuss coordination among the counties. Dr. Deborah Viola presented the latest update to the health commissioners at the August 15 meeting. The PPSs have established weekly conference calls to discuss status and next steps related to the assessment.

Monitor this newsletter for status updates on the Community Needs Assessment, including ways to share an upcoming survey in your community.

[Click here](#) to read New York State's complete guidance on the Community Needs Assessment process.

Provider Participation

Are you a provider practicing in the Hudson Valley who would like to learn more about partnering with us? If so, email us at crhi@wcmc.com.

Resources

Below are links to helpful resources related to the DSRIP Program

[New York State DSRIP Homepage](#)

[DSRIP FAQ](#)

[New York State DSRIP Glossary](#)

[Westchester Medical Center's Letter of Intent to the NYS-DOH](#)

[Media: DSRIP Q&A Conference Call \(5.7.2014\)](#)

[Media: DSRIP Q&A Conference Call \(6.3.2014\)](#)

[Webinar Slides: DSRIP Community Needs Assessment \(Part 1\)](#)

[Webinar Slides: Understanding DSRIP... for Physicians](#)

[DSRIP Community Needs Assessment Webpage](#)

To subscribe to this newsletter or to get more information about our participation in the DSRIP Project contact crhi@wcmc.com

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Project Advisory Committee Hosts First Webinar



Approximately 90 people participated in the Project Advisory Committee webinar held on August 21. Discussion items included DSRIP planning and project development, Community Needs Assessment next steps and how the various committees and workgroups will drive project planning. The Behavioral Health Workgroup also updated the committee on its clinical improvement project plans, its behavioral health concerns related to the assessment, support for local hubs as well as important components needed for a crisis stabilization system. The webinar concluded with a question and answer session. [Click here](#) to download the meeting presentation.

The next meeting will be September 24. [Click here to register](#). Email kwallis@manatt.com if you have trouble registering or have questions.

Executive Committee Holds Inaugural Meeting

The CRHI DSRIP Executive Committee chaired by Tony Mahler, Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning, Westchester Medical Center, held its inaugural meeting on August 13. The Committee will meet regularly to collaboratively lead the development of the project plan application and play a critical role in establishing a model for PPS governance and consensus-based decision-making.

DOH Announced DSRIP Design Grant Awards

A detailed summary of the August 6 awards to 42 emerging PPSs, a regional map, and the award letters and applications are available on the [DSRIP webpage](#).

Spotlight on Behavioral Health

Kudos to the Behavioral Health Workgroup for paving the way for our DSRIP planning efforts! Chaired by Amy Kohn, CEO, The Mental Health Association of Westchester, the workgroup has held four meetings covering integrated care, crisis stabilization, children and the Community Needs Assessment process. If you missed these meetings, do not worry. The Workgroup will reconvene in mid-September and interested parties are welcome to attend. Thanks to all who have participated so far and we encourage continued involvement.

Partner Corner

Is your organization doing something to transform healthcare in your community? If so, we want to hear about it! Email your stories to Lauren Klein, kleinl@wcmc.com.

Committee and Workgroup Formation

The DSRIP PPS will establish committees and workgroups to ensure that all our partners have a forum to participate in the development and submission of the Project Plan Application and implementation of DSRIP projects.

Recognizing our short timeline and the competing demands on stakeholders' schedules, we encourage you to attend committee and workgroup meetings most relevant to your area of expertise. Broader updates will be shared through regular PAC meetings and this newsletter.

To get involved, please contact Sarah Finch, finchs@wcmc.com.