WMC & Bon Secours Partnership

Westchester Medical Center (WMC) and Bon Secours Charity Health System (BSCHS) recently announced a new partnership with WMC becoming a majority corporate member of BSCH along with Bon Secours Health System Inc., and the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.

BSCH is comprised of Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, Bon Secours Community Hospital in Port Jervis, St. Anthony Community Hospital in Warwick, a certified home health agency, two long-term care facilities, an assisted living/adult home facility and several other medical programs located throughout the region. WMC will actively manage the Bon Secours Charity hospitals and other facilities, as well as all existing WMC facilities.

WMCHealth Launches: Unifying Westchester Medical Center Brands in the Hudson Valley

Westchester Medical Center recently announced a formal name for its growing network — WMCHealth, the Westchester Medical Center Health Network, with 2,800 physicians and a dedicated workforce of nearly 10,000.

“We are pleased to introduce WMCHealth, which unifies all of our well-known brands across our region with a new identity, sending a clear message about the strength and scale of our new organization, one uniquely centered on the residents of the Hudson Valley,” said WMCHealth President and CEO Michael Israel. “Our focus remains protecting the valued local healthcare services that the residents of this region have come to expect and deserve.”

WMCHealth totals seven hospitals on five campuses with nearly 1,500 beds, including trauma centers, community hospitals and the region’s only children’s hospital, dozens of specialized institutes and centers, homecare, assisted living and one of the largest mental health systems in New York — with our flagship Westchester Medical Center providing the most advanced care when the residents of the region need it most. The new network covers a 6,200 square mile region including: Westchester County (Westchester Medical Center, Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, Behavioral Health Center); Dutchess County (MidHudson Regional Hospital); Rockland County (Good Samaritan Hospital); Orange County (St. Anthony Community Hospital, Bon Secours Community Hospital).

To learn more about WMCHealth, visit www.wmchealth.org.
WMC PPS Plans Second Annual DSRIP Summit

The WMC PPS will hold its second annual PPS Program Summit on November 5. This year’s event will be held at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown. Meeting details and invitations will be sent to network partners later this summer.

The summit will include a keynote speaker and learning opportunities related to the implementation of DSRIP projects, Patient Centered Medical Home, committee roles, creation of our integrated delivery system and care coordination.

“This year’s summit will be a little different than last year’s in that we have moved well beyond the planning phase and are now focused on engaging our PPS partners to deliver on DSRIP project objectives,” said Jessie Sullivan, MD, Medical Director, WMC PPS. “During this meeting, we hope to drive home important points related to our integrated delivery system and educate PPS partners on a range of topics — with the ultimate objective of increasing the network’s awareness and aptitude at realizing DSRIP goals and milestones.”

Check back soon for additional details, summit structure and meeting agenda.

WMC PPS FIVE PILLARS

The WMC PPS guiding principle has been to leverage the DSRIP opportunity to develop community-driven and led, regionally focused care transformation. To achieve this goal and to realize the overarching goals of DSRIP, our PPS implementation is supported by five pillars.

1. Engaging and connecting
2. Analyzing and identifying (both high-risk patients and gaps in care)
3. Stratifying and applying evidence and standardization
4. Support and communication
5. Incentivizing and performance monitoring

DSRIP IMPLEMENTATION

DSRIP implementation plans include specific organizational sections that all PPS networks must adhere to. We will report regularly to New York State and network partners on progress against milestones as well as risks or resource needs.

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To learn more about our DSRIP project selection, visit www.crhi-ny.org and click the DSRIP Projects tab.
Meet Our New Staff

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.

Maureen Doran, MBA, MS
Vice President, Integrated Care Network

Maureen is responsible for working with key stakeholders across the Westchester Medical Center PPS to develop and implement a regional integrated care network in the Hudson Valley. This network will collaborate to achieve DSRIP goals while expanding to facilitate value-based contracting and population health strategies for the WMCHealth Network. Maureen brings over 25 years of experience in strategic business planning, network development, physician-hospital integration, and the management of medical groups. Her background also includes experience in consulting, ambulatory care and managed care in NYC hospital systems and academic medical centers throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Maureen can be reached at Maureen.Doran@WMCHealth.org

Melissa Staats, MA, MSW
Senior Manager, Behavioral Health

Melissa is responsible for the Behavioral Health Community Crisis Stabilization and the Medical Village projects at the WMC PPS. She is also involved in the 3.a.i Integration of Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services projects. Before joining the WMC PPS she was Associate Director for the Office of Healthcare Systems and Finance at the American Psychiatric Association. Melissa has also served as Acting Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health and was Deputy Commissioner for six years.

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Marcie Colon, MSW
Program Manager

Marcie is the account manager and point person for partners in Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Ulster and Delaware counties. Partners in these counties are encouraged to contact Marcie with questions regarding the master services agreements (MSA), primary care provider surveys and to provide updated contact information or staff changes. She can also answer questions for WMC PPS partners about Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practice transformation.

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Melissa Thomas-Belmar, MBA
Physician Liaison

Melissa is the WMC PPS account manager and point person for partners in Orange, Rockland and Sullivan counties. Network partners in these counties are encouraged to contact Melissa with questions or concerns regarding the MSA, primary care provider surveys and to provide updated contact information regarding any staffing changes at your organization.

Melissa can be reached at Melissa.Thomas-Belmar@WMCHealth.org

Visit our Partner Portal at www.crhi-ny.org for frequent network updates including an upcoming Asthma Project (3.d.iii) webinar
**PROVIDER PARTICIPATION**
Are you a provider practicing in the Hudson Valley who would like to learn more about partnering in our PPS? Email us at: CRHI@WMCHealth.org

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**Hudson Region DSRIP Public Health Council (HRD PHC) Makes its Impact on the MiX**

The Hudson River DSRIP Public Health Council, an effort among the Westchester Medical Center, Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative and Refuah Health Center Performing Provider Systems (PPS), reflects the positive impact of New York State’s encouragement of cross-PPS collaboration.

The Council holds periodic face-to-face meetings to coordinate activities for DSRIP Project 4.b.i, Tobacco Cessation, but primarily shares information through New York State’s MRT Innovation eXchange online forum, known as the MiX. The forum allows participants throughout the state to post articles, share research findings and messaging on evidence-based best practices.

Chaired by Deborah Viola from the WMC PPS and Amanda Parsons from the Montefiore PPS, the Council was formed during a recent Hudson Valley Health Regional Officers Network (HVHRON) meeting. To view the presentation from that meeting, click here.

In addition to the three regional PPS, the Council is comprised of representatives from more than 20 organizations — such as New York State QuitLine — and advocates concerned with smoking cessation and initiatives promoting smoke-free campaigns on college campuses and workplaces.

The group will soon be implementing a social media smoking cessation campaign targeted to teens. The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 21. Please contact Karlene Wilson at Karlene.Wilson@WMCHealth.org if you are interested in participating on the Council.

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**Coming Soon: Committee and Workgroup Meetings**

The WMC PPS will convene meetings later this summer where we will discuss our governance structure, expectations and requirements. Representatives from our partner network who expressed interest will be called on to participate in a wide range of committees and workgroups that will have responsibility for protocols and policy development.

Participation among network partners in committees and workgroups — with dependency on IT systems and communication work streams — will help to ensure accurate collection and monitoring of key DSRIP performance, workforce and financial metrics. Partners who expressed interest in specific committees and workgroups can expect to receive meeting details once they become available.