

New York- Presbyterian PPS Newsletter

Welcome to the May 2016 NYP PPS newsletter! We hope you enjoy the updates.

Workgroup Open Call: The PPS is exploring vendor solutions focused on inventorying community resources, facilitating referrals and keeping community resource information up-to-date. We are seeking collaborators to join the NYP PPS Community Resource Tool Workgroup focused on this initiative. Please e-mail ppsmembership@nyp.org by Tuesday, June 14th if you are interested in participating in this workgroup.

New Resources, Trainings and Events:

- NYSHealth is offering a new funding opportunity titled *Empowering Healthcare Consumers in New York State* that will fund ambitious, large-scale projects or studies focused on providing consumers with the tools, resources and support they need to make informed decisions about their health. Examples include creating new tools and resources for consumers; making the health care system easier to navigate; identifying effects of consolidation; or addressing systemic, repeated problems. Please click [here](#) for more information about how to apply for this opportunity.
- The New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Insurance Programs has announced the availability of the Community Based Organization (CBO) Planning Grant which is aimed at providing funding for strategic planning activities to Community Based Organizations in order to support their engagement in DSRIP efforts. Please see the [attached](#) document for more information or visit the NYS Grants Gateway [website](#) and search Community Based Organization (CBO) Planning Grant.
- NYSDOH is offering a series of regional Value Based Payment (VBP) Bootcamps with a goal of delivering necessary information about VBP to the plan and provider communities that will support a successful transition to VBP implementation as part of Medicaid payment reform. Please visit the VBP Bootcamps [webpage](#) for more information.

If you have new resources, trainings or events that you would like to share in this

section of the newsletter, please send them to ppsmembership@nyp.org.

Call for Nominations: The New York State Health Foundation is currently seeking nominations for two special awards programs to recognize a total of ten influential organizations and/or leaders working to improve health in New York State.

- *The NYSHealth Luminary Awards* will recognize up to five leaders who have made extraordinary contributions to improve the health of New Yorkers over the past ten years by granting awards of \$5,000 to the nonprofit organizations that employ them. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).
- With awards of \$25,000 each, *The NYSHealth Emerging Innovator Awards* will recognize up to five New York-based nonprofit organizations poised to make radical improvements to the state of New York's health over the next ten years. More information about these awards can be found [here](#).

Collaborator Spotlight: Riverstone Senior Life Services

This month, we would like to highlight the Riverstone Memory Center, operated by collaborator organization, Riverstone Senior Life Services.

Riverstone's Memory Center may be one of the liveliest spots in the

neighborhood. A quick tour of its bright facilities at 99 Fort Washington Avenue in Washington Heights may find clients dancing, singing, drumming, playing piano, cooking, creating handicrafts, celebrating a birthday complete with cake and balloons, cooking a nutritious lunch, preparing for a trip to the Botanical Garden, or even discussing politics. This Social Adult Day program has been operating since 1989 and has been a trusted, engaging and evolving resource for people with memory loss from Alzheimer's or other dementias - as well as respite and support for their caregivers. In English and Spanish, clients find an alternative to staying at home. At Riverstone, the experienced staff shares smiles and affection to create a safe environment to promote a sense of well-being and independence.



Now operating Monday through Saturday, Riverstone's Memory Center provides opportunities for mental stimulation, physical activity and social interaction for people in early to middle stages of memory loss. Nutritious, hot lunch and transportation are included in an affordable daily rate that is payable through a managed long term care program or by private pay. Support groups and social services are available at no cost for caregivers, and a newly-awarded grant from the New York State Department of Health will allow Riverstone to begin to greatly expand services for caregivers to include fitness opportunities, stress-relief outlets, legal referrals and more. Riverstone

expects to reinstate a successful Memory Café through this funding, which provides a very welcome opportunity for a person with memory loss to spend relaxed time with a caregiver, forming new memories of shared time beyond the bounds of program or home.

The Memory Center is operated by Riverstone Senior Life Services (established in 1985), a bilingual, multi-service senior agency that also provides a neighborhood recreation, education and socialization drop-in center for anyone 60+, social services for benefits assistance, money management and eviction prevention, and a small social adult day program for adults with a developmental disability.

To learn more, schedule a tour or contact a professional, see Riverstone's website at www.riverstonenyc.org.

Project Spotlight: Tobacco Cessation Project

The NYP PPS Tobacco Cessation project is focused on integrating evidence-based, sustainable tobacco use treatment into health services across the PPS. The project targets current tobacco users with low socioeconomic status, co-morbidities and poor mental health status. The project aims to achieve its goals by:

- creating an interdisciplinary team approach to addressing tobacco use with patients;
- establishing dedicated clinical services that provide comprehensive tobacco treatment to patients across all NYP campuses;
- increasing provider capacity to effectively engage patients in cessation;
- promoting patient education on cessation resources; and
- working closely with community-based organizations to ensure cessation treatment is culturally appropriate.

The project is currently focused on building clinical services in the Ambulatory Care Network clinics located on the Columbia campus and is pleased to report that Nurse Practitioner, Dr. Anny Eusebio, has joined the team to provide tobacco treatment to patients.

The project hosted a Tobacco Treatment Specialist training in April which trained 23 clinicians from across NYP, New York State Psychiatric Institute (NYSPI) and Columbia College of Dental Medicine. The project hopes to repeat this training at the Weill Cornell Campus in early



2017. On April 29, 2016, the project hosted a workshop held exclusively for NYP PPS collaborators on Tobacco

NYP PPS collaborators attending the Tobacco Counseling and Pharmacotherapy Workshop led by Dr. Tom Payne, Director of the ACT Center Statewide Network for Tobacco Treatment, Education and Research at the University of Mississippi Medical Center

Counseling and Pharmacotherapy, which was attended by seven different collaborating organizations. Extra manuals are still available from this workshop for those collaborators who may be interested.

For collaborators who would like to learn more about working on tobacco treatment with the NYP PPS Tobacco Cessation Project, please call Jyoti Parth at (212) 305-2588.

Staff Spotlight: Matthew Tirelli, PMHNP-C

This month we would like to highlight, Matthew Tirelli, PMHNP-C, psychiatric nurse practitioner in our pediatrics department who is a member of the Special Kids Achieving Their Everything (SKATE) Project. Matthew was hired in 2015 as part of an initiative to integrate mental health into the primary care setting. Matthew comes to us from Yale University, with training at the Ackerman Institute for the Family and the Yale Child Study Center. Additionally, he has worked as an in-home crisis therapist and visiting nurse as well as in the foster care system.

In this new role, Matthew works alongside the interdisciplinary team to provide psychiatric training to the pediatric residents, nurses and staff of the Weill Cornell Ambulatory Care Network pediatric site. Part of this role has been to create a much needed resource for the underserved children of NYC who face barriers to accessing high quality mental health care. Being located in a primary care practice has allowed mental health to be integrated into a non-stigmatizing environment, which increases families' comfort with receiving psychiatric intervention.

Matthew provides short-term stabilization, assessment and psychotherapeutic interventions to the patients who have been identified as needing mental health intervention. He also works in conjunction with the pediatricians, social workers and nurse case managers to create a holistic plan of care and to provide psychological support to the families.

Future plans include further collaboration across the NYP PPS to leverage resources available within the network that will improve coordination of care for families.

NYS DSRIP Whiteboard Video: Please see the latest NYS DSRIP Whiteboard Series led by NYS's Medicaid Director, Jason Helgeson, which focuses on DSRIP Year 2 and its theme "Proceed with Fact-based Optimism," which was rolled out at the April 8th All PPS Meeting. In the video, Jason Helgeson emphasizes that while

DSRIP is an exciting and challenging opportunity for improving health outcomes and transforming the delivery system, it is also challenging work which requires a sense of optimism and "culture of possibility" as PPSs work to achieve their goals. Please click [here](#) for the video.

NYP PPS Job Opportunities: Please note the following DSRIP job opportunities available at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital:

1. [DSRIP Data Coordinator, Behavioral Health](#)
2. [Program Manager, HIV and Behavioral Health](#)



We encourage qualified candidates to apply!