



New York Presbyterian PPS Newsletter

This is the inaugural newsletter of the New York Presbyterian PPS and we wanted to open it with a "thank you." Thank you to all of our PPS members for staying the course through what has been an uncertain time; thank you to our project leads for their leadership and hard work through the application and design phase; thank you to our committee members for your commitment to serve; and, thanks to the community leaders who have served on the PPS Project Advisory Committee.

We will be sending out the newsletter on a regular basis going forward. In addition, we should have the New York Presbyterian PPS (NYP PPS) website up shortly and will send out an announcement to the PPS network as soon as it is operational.

It has been "a long and winding road" getting to this point, but as you know, we are just getting started, moving from the design to implementation phase of DSRIP and beginning to do meaningful work on behalf of our shared community. Much more to come.

NEW YORK STATE UPDATES

DSRIP Year 1 Timeline Changed

In an April 21 webinar, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) announced

changes to the DSRIP Year 1 timeline. Of short term significance was the move of the release of Attribution for Valuation to May 7 and the move of the due date for Domain 1 Implementation Plan submission to June 1. The updated timeline is available in the DSRIP section of the [DOH website](#). Any questions related to the timeline should be directed to DSRIP@health.ny.gov.

Capital Restructuring Financing Program Update

On April 10, DOH and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York announced a reissuance of the availability of funds under the Capital Restructuring Financing Program (CRFP). This grant program complements the PPS awards granted by the DSRIP program. The reissuance results from new statutory requirements included in the New York State 2015-16 budget. These requirements direct, that to the extent practicable, CRFP funds be awarded in a regionally proportional manner.

In reissuing the CRFP procurement, DOH did not change the application form or attachments and encouraged PPSs to resubmit their original applications along with a letter of attestation if the resubmission is identical to the original submission. We are in the process of putting together our resubmission working with those PPS members who were part of the original application to complete the letters of attestation. Any questions related to the CRFP process can be directed to CRFP@health.ny.gov.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Four of our PPS governance committees kicked off in March and April with strong representation from across the PPS membership. While there was some concern related to the timeline changes and continued uncertainty they create, committee members were generally happy to be getting started on the important work that lies ahead. Further detail regarding the committee meetings is provided below.

Clinical Operations Committee

The Clinical Operations Committee meeting, chaired by Dr. J. Emilio Carrillo, Vice President, Community Health at NYP, held its initial meeting on April 24. Dr. Carrillo welcomed everyone and commented on how there was a history of collaboration between many of the PPS members present. Committee members introduced themselves and provided a broad overview of the services that their organizations provided. A detailed review of the PPS's 10 projects was conducted and followed by a review of the Committee Charter and Guidelines. The process for selecting a Committee PPS Network Co-Chair was presented with a follow-up email requesting volunteers or nominations to be distributed following the meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meeting of the PPS met on April 20. The meeting was chaired by David Alge, Vice President, Integrated Delivery Systems Strategy at NYP. Introductions, an update on the NYS timeline, and a review of the PPS projects and implementation planning process were covered. Committee members shared their experiences related to working with multiple PPSs and potential areas where we could adopt best practices. The State's VBP Roadmap was discussed with the recognition that VBP/sustainability planning will be a large component of the Executive and Finance Committees' work. The Committee voted and confirmed the transition of all Committees to a 12-month membership term and closed the meeting.

Following the meeting, the Committee selected Betty Cheng, Chief Operating Officer of the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center as Committee PPS Network Co-Chair. Future meetings will be hosted by Committee members around Manhattan in an effort to make the meeting more accessible for all members. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, co-chaired by Brian Kurz, Vice President, Revenue Cycle Operations at NYP and Robert Guimento, Vice President, Ambulatory Care at NYP, held its first meeting on April 14. Following introductions Committee members discussed their participation in multiple PPSs and the need to harmonize what is happening across the PPSs, e.g., completion of multiple financial assessments. The 10 PPS projects, the Committee Charter and Guidelines, and the three main areas of focus for the Finance Committee - meeting State implementation requirements, developing a financial/operating structure for the PPS, and sustainability planning - were reviewed and discussed. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for May 8th.

IT/Data Governance

The IT/Data Governance Committee held its initial meeting on March 24 and a second meeting on April 28. The Committee is co-chaired by Steven Kaplan, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Ambulatory Care & Patient experience at NYP and Niloo Sobhani, Corporate Director of Analytics at NYP. The first meeting focused on the introduction of Committee members and a review of the PPS projects and the Committee Charter and Guidelines. Discussion also touched on the overlaps (collaborators, projects, and necessary infrastructure) across PPSs and that the provider community should advocate for additional NYS support for shared tasks (e.g. Financial Health Assessment).

The second meeting opened with an update on the changes to the DSRIP timeline but moved quickly to a robust discussion of the required baseline IT current state

assessment. Areas considered included: what elements to include in the survey; the need for it to be more than EHR focused; whether organizations can and/or plan to exchange data cross entities; the maturity of technology use and support for each entity; collaborator's immediate, funded plans and their longer-term, possibly not-yet committed plans; and IT team staffing / depth of resources.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 26. Offline work to be completed prior to the meeting includes the selection of the Committee's PPS Network Co-Chair and the development of a draft assessment tool.

KEY DSRIP DATES

May 7, 2015

Release of Attribution for Valuation

May 7, 2015

Award Letters sent to PPSs

May 18, 2015

Initial DSRIP payment made to public hospital PPSs

May 28, 2015

Initial DSRIP payment made to safety net PPSs

June 2, 2015

Domain 1 Implementation Plans due

Have questions?

If you have any questions about the NYP PPS or the New York State process, please do not hesitate to email us at ppsmembership@nyp.org.
