

NewYork-Presbyterian PPS Newsletter

Welcome to the November 2015 newsletter of the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital PPS! We hope you enjoy the updates.

Reporting Update: The PPS successfully submitted its DSRIP Year 1, Quarter 2 report. We are happy to announce that we are on track in meeting all milestones and deliverables to date. The Independent Assessor will be reviewing submissions during the month of November and there will be a remediation period during the month of December.

PAOP: The Project Advisory and Oversight Panel (PAOP) met on November 9th and 10th to review DSRIP progress to date with NYS, KPMG and the Upstate PPSs. Presentations delivered by the twelve PPSs may be viewed [here](#). The PAOP will meet again in January 2016 to review the progress of the Downstate (NYP PPS included) PPSs. More information about the PAOP can be found [here](#).

DSRIP Mailing to Medicaid Members: The State has begun mailing letters to Medicaid recipients to introduce them to DSRIP and the State's efforts around health care system change. The mailing is being sent to all active Medicaid members, including dual-eligible and Emergency Medicaid, and is being mailed in phases. Members are provided with the option to not have their personal health information shared with PPSs by calling the Call Center or mailing an opt-out form. A presentation from the State on the mailing can be found [here](#) and a copy of the letter to members can be accessed [here](#).

NYP PPS website: The website for NYP PPS is live and can be visited at www.nyp.org/pps. The site contains general information about our PPS and sections for each of our Governance Committees and our Project Advisory Committee, including materials from each meeting. We will be continuing to

add features and more information to our website, such as pages for each of our projects and useful resources and trainings that might be of value to our network members. Please check back often to view these enhancements!

Staff Spotlight: So that you can get to know our DSRIP staff better, future communications from our PPS will highlight staff working across our PPS. This month, we would like to call attention to a new team member in the NYP PPS Project Management Office, Lauren Alexander, who joined NYP in early September as the Manager of DSRIP Community Relations. Lauren was most recently the *Director of Clinical Administration and Staten Island Center* for Planned Parenthood of New York City where she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Staten Island Center, collaborated with community organizations across Staten Island, worked with the agency's community advisory groups, and managed a number of programs and their deliverables across the agency's health centers. Prior to Planned Parenthood, she supported the communications team at the Guttmacher Institute. We are very excited to have her join the team - she will be working closely with the PPS Governance Committees to achieve the DSRIP milestones, managing communications for the PPS and making sure that our collaborators are engaged in our projects. She can be reached at lea9024@nyp.org.

Collaborator Spotlight: In upcoming communications, either through our newsletter or on our web site, we would like to start highlighting the work of our fabulous collaborators. If you are interested in sharing information about your organization with the broader network, please send an e-mail to ppsmembership@nyp.org. We hope this will be an opportunity for the organizations across our network to learn more about one another, communicate best practices and share resources that might benefit our patients and be useful to others in the network.

This month we would like to highlight ACMH's Garden House Respite. ACMH is focused on promoting the wellness and recovery of persons with mental illness living in New York City. The Garden House Respite Program is a temporary place to stay for people with a psychiatric diagnosis who are experiencing a crisis. Respite service is designed to avoid ER visits. Staffed by trained peer counselors with lived experience of the mental health system, Garden House Respite offers coping strategies and support in a pleasant, home-like environment. Following hospitalization, Garden House Respite can serve as a step-down between hospital and home. Peer staff work with the community treatment team, with the guest's consent, to ensure continuity of care. Respite stay can be from 1-7 days and there is no charge for this service.

Eligible guests have permanent, stable housing to return to. For more information, to schedule a tour or presentation, or to make a referral, please contact Kearyann Austin at kaustin@acmhny.org or (212) 253-6377, x 406.

Cultural Competency/Health Literacy (CC/HL) Workgroup Meeting: We were pleased to have participated in the cross-PPS CC/HL Workgroup Meeting that took place on November 6th. PPSs met in two locations, Westchester and Central New York, to share ideas and strategize as a larger group working towards common goals around the development of our respective Cultural Competency and Health Literacy Strategies. The group plans to use the MIX for continued discussion and resource-sharing.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at ppsmembership@nyp.org if you have any questions.
