

New York- Presbyterian Performing Provider System

New York- Presbyterian PPS Newsletter

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

Governance Update: As of October 2016, the NYP PPS Governance Committees embarked on their second term; a rotation process was completed and the new term brings new members to each Committee. To date, the Governance Committees have been primarily focused on addressing the NYS DSRIP organizational deliverables, which require the NYP PPS to develop PPS-wide strategies in a number of areas, including governance, workforce, cultural competency and health literacy, funds flow, financial sustainability, practitioner engagement, performance reporting, clinical integration, IT systems and processes, and population health. At this time, the PPS has submitted 31 out of the 40 deliverables related to these workstreams. The Committees have also been focused on monitoring project progress and providing feedback through regular project presentations and review of status reports.

New Survey Page: To provide an easy reference for all network members regarding the required NYP PPS surveys, we have added a new page to our website which gives an overview of all surveys, including descriptions, links to PDF copies and deadlines. The page can be accessed [here](#). It also indicates which surveys are one-time vs. annual. If you have questions about whether your organization has any outstanding surveys, please contact ppsmembership@nyp.org.



Upcoming Events:

- NYSHealth, The New York Academy of Medicine and NYU Langone Medical Center's Department of Population Health are hosting a conference titled *Population Health Summit IV: Working Across Sectors to Address Social Determinants of Health*, which is focused on understanding the ongoing

efforts in New York State and nationally that demonstrate effective collaboration between health care and other sectors to advance population health. The conference will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 from 8am to 4pm at the New York Academy of Medicine. Registration is open [here](#).

- On November 3, 2016 from 9am to 4pm, Susan G. Komen Greater New York City is hosting a *Patient Navigation Initiative* conference at the CUNY Graduate Center where industry leaders will assess the benefits and challenges of Patient Navigation and propose solutions to making this piece of the healthcare puzzle work for all New Yorkers. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for more information or click [here](#) to register.

Recent PAOP Meeting Materials: On October 7, 2016, NYSDOH and the Independent Assessor (Public Consulting Group) met with the Project Approval and Oversight Panel (PAOP) to brief them on the mid-point assessment process, review PPS progress and provide an update on regulatory waivers. The agenda, presentations and a recording of the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

New NYS DSRIP Whiteboard: The latest installment in the NYS DSRIP whiteboard video series, titled *An Eye Towards the Future*, was released on October 17, 2016. In the video, NYS Medicaid Director, Jason Helgeson, discusses goals beyond DSRIP and how the healthcare system can collaborate with other sectors to improve the health, wellbeing and happiness of the communities we serve. The video can be accessed [here](#).

Highlighted Resource: Vital Healthcare Capital, a social impact loan fund focused on improving access and jobs in healthcare



Vital Healthcare Capital (V-Cap) is a non-profit social impact loan fund (CDFI) established to support better integrated care for vulnerable populations and good jobs for the frontline healthcare workforce. V-Cap launched in conjunction with an investment in a pioneering model of care for Medicare-Medicaid dually eligible individuals, funded in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and is seeking to build on that initial investment in quality care for the most vulnerable. They are actively pursuing opportunities to provide flexible financing for behavioral health, primary care, senior care and community-based organizations impacted by a rapidly changing healthcare environment. V-Cap is looking to explore collaborations with a diverse range of partners both within and beyond the NewYork-Presbyterian Performing Provider System and to support traditional capital investments as well as unique projects that may require specialized or non-conventional sources of financing. V-Cap can provide facilities, business and bridge lending of up to \$5 million for organizations

and projects serving low-income communities.

Said V-Cap CEO Steven Weingarten, "developing sustainable and person-centered care for the most vulnerable healthcare consumers is among the most important challenges in the changing healthcare system. V-Cap formed to partner with providers that are showing the way around their emerging and continuing needs for flexible financing."

If you are interested in additional capital support loans in complement to or beyond what the State is funding, please consider reaching out to V-Cap. You can visit their website at www.vitalcap.org or contact Montsine Nshom, Co-Director of Community Healthcare Investments, at mnsnom@vitalcap.org.

Collaborator Spotlight: Realization Center



Realization Center is the oldest and largest comprehensive outpatient substance abuse treatment program in Manhattan and Brooklyn. They offer treatment from the most intensive outpatient-level to traditional, individually-designed outpatient treatment. The high quality care provided by their program aims to serve the needs of clients suffering from addiction in order to achieve successful outcomes and, in doing so, reduce hospital admissions and emergency room visits for their clients.

Realization Center was founded 32 years ago to serve both the underserved (e.g. chronic relapsers, adolescents, LGBTQ clients, HIV-positive patients, and those who are dually diagnosed) and misserved addicted population at large. This commitment continues today and can be felt and seen by clients and visitors alike when they visit Realization Center. They offer specialized treatment for food addiction, adolescents and professionals. They also treat co-dependency, gambling and sexual compulsivity as well as numerous emotional issues, such as depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress, sexual trauma, family of origin issues, domestic violence, and relationship- and work-related difficulties, as they relate to chemical dependence.

They invite you to visit and experience firsthand the warmth and professionalism of their center. For more information, please visit their website at www.realizationcenternyc.com or contact 212-627-9600 with any questions.

Staff Spotlight: Natalie Tuma

This month, we would like to highlight Natalie Tuma, a Community Health Worker

(CHW) based at Fort George Community Enrichment Center. Fort George is an early childhood development program which has been in the Washington Heights community for over 30 years. In June 2016, Natalie joined the Special Kids Achieving Their Everything (SKATE) Project CHW team, which provides peer-level and culturally-sensitive education and support to families of children with special health care needs. Since its launch, Natalie has engaged several families and contributed greatly to this project.



Natalie has a real passion for the work she does and, for her, the most rewarding part of being a CHW is creating a bond and building trust with the community and her participants. She has shared this passion with the families she works with as well as her teammates. As an important member of the care team, she not only shares information about her home visits and barriers to care for families, but also raises awareness about existing resources while seeking additional resources to alleviate identified barriers. She is constantly striving to ensure that every child and family is connected with services to meet their needs, self-directed goals and the goals of the health care team. A poignant example of this came with one particular family that Natalie worked with where the parent lacked any identification. This was a barrier to getting many needed community services, which require an ID. Natalie helped this family complete and submit the necessary paperwork with the Mexican Consulate. This opened the doors to numerous community resources and greater community integration, including being able to enter the child's school. It also helped the family gain access to crucial government resources like the food pantry, therefore, securing proper nutrition and greater support.

Natalie grew up in a bilingual, English and Spanish, household. She is a lifelong resident of Washington Heights, making her uniquely qualified to work with the families she serves. She graduated from Monroe College in the Bronx with a BS in Criminal Justice. Having held multiple positions at Columbia University Medical Center, it was her role as a Research Assistant on a collaborative, interdisciplinary health project based in her own community, Washington Heights/Inwood Informatics Infrastructure for Comparative Effectiveness Research (WICER), which ultimately led to her desire to work in community health. She considers herself a lifelong learner and advocate and, in her spare time, enjoys reading and spending time with her 7-year-old son.

To learn more about the SKATE Project and the Center for Community Health Navigation (CCHN), please click [here](#).

For more information about the Fort George Community Enrichment Center, please click [here](#).

Project Spotlight: REACH Collaborative (Ready to End AIDS & Cure Hepatitis C)

The REACH Collaborative (Ready to End AIDS & Cure Hepatitis C) continues its efforts to enhance community-based interventions to engage and link people living with or at risk for HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV) to essential services. In the summer of 2014, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a plan to help end the AIDS epidemic in New York State by reducing the number of new HIV infections to just 750, from an estimated 3,000, by 2020. Within a year of the announcement, and with the support of DSRIP funding, NYP identified a core group of PPS partners to form the REACH Collaborative (Ready to End AIDS & Cure Hepatitis C). Current members include: ASCNYC, the Washington Heights CORNER Project (WHCP), Argus Community, Inc., Dominican Women's Development Center (DWDC), VillageCare and Harlem United.

Through the work of this collaborative, the NYP PPS is supporting a team of 10 Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Peers. Together they form a community-based health navigation team to coordinate care and link patients to the full range of support services that are offered across the REACH Collaborative. These services include: care management, housing support, needle exchange, harm reduction and substance use treatment, mental health, food access, money management/vocational training, domestic violence support and child care services.

As psychosocial needs are addressed, the REACH Collaborative team will work towards patient-centered sexual health goals and directly link clients to one of three NYP HIV Centers of Excellence or to Harlem United's Federally Qualified Health Center called The Nest. In addition, to deliver care to the community, NYP is partnering with Harlem United to work together on their mobile medical unit and is also expanding clinical services on-site at the Washington Heights CORNER Project. It is their hope that, through these innovative community-based interventions under the collective leadership of the REACH Collaborative, they can play a significant role toward ending the AIDS epidemic and improving the health of New Yorkers.

For more information on the REACH Collaborative, please contact Steven Chang, ANP, MPH at stc7003@nyp.org or 646-317-4772.

