

## Latest PPS News

### Community Behavioral Health Collaborative Launches

Thirteen leading agencies joined with BPHC to launch our Community Behavioral Health Collaborative (CBHC) focused on improving the screening and coordination of care for people in the Bronx receiving behavioral health services.

The goals of this two-year collaborative are to connect behavioral health providers to each other through their ability to share information using technology and data sharing, and to put in place uniform processes for screening, referral and follow-up.

Key outcomes include implementing standardized tools and processes to screen patients for depression, substance use disorder, tobacco use, linkage with primary care, and health home eligibility and enrollment. CBHC members are also addressing two special areas of focus: diabetes screening and monitoring for people with schizophrenia, and improved management of ADHD medications in children.



*Special guests included Dr. Gary Belkin, Executive Deputy Commissioner for Mental Hygiene, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (bottom right); Peggy Chan, Director, DSRIP Program, NYS Department of Health (top left); and Dr. Andrew Cleek, Deputy Director, System Change Initiatives, NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research (top right).*

“Our participating agencies bring expert clinical knowledge and experience in delivering culturally competent care,” said Amy Button, Director of Community Programs. “They are central to BPHC’s efforts to create community-driven, clinically integrated delivery systems, and we are very excited to be working with them.”

CBHC agencies include: ACMH, Astor Services for Children & Families, Comunilife, Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services, Leake and Watts, Odyssey House, Osborne Association, Riverdale Mental Health Association, Samaritan Daytop Village, Services for the Underserved, TRI Center, VIP Community Services, and Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

We look forward to keeping you updated on their work. For more information, contact [Amy Button](#).

### New DSRIP Whiteboard Video Focuses on VBP

Jason Helgeson, New York State Medicaid Director, has released his newest whiteboard video, “**Value Based Payment (VBP) and The Year Ahead.**”

Helgeson discusses progress to date on VBP, including an update on the percent of Medicaid payments that are currently value based. He also describes ways to move into VBP arrangements and what is next for VBP as we move forward.

[Click here](#) for the video.

### DSRIP Workforce Trainings

#### Cultural Competency June 13

BPHC has a few openings for our Cultural Competency in the Bronx training on June 13th. (Registration for our May 24th training is closed.)

This one-day, in-person training gives staff the skills and insights to provide services through the lens of culture, beliefs, language and communication styles.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

For questions, contact Mary Morris, Director of Workforce Innovation, [MMorris@sbhny.org](mailto:MMorris@sbhny.org), (718) 960-3684.

### PCMH Update

Congratulations to Union Community Health Center for achieving PCMH 2014 Level 3 recognition at its practices at Fordham Plaza and 2021 Grand Concourse.

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