

Latest PPS News

Bronx Schools Recognized for Focus on Students' Behavioral Health Needs



From left: Irene Kaufmann, BPHC Executive Director; Shayna Lebovic, LMSW, Astor Services; Lisa Raimundi, LMSW, ESMT – IS 190; NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera, Amy Figueroa, LMSW, Astor Services; Emmanuel Hernandez, AP, Eximius College Preparatory Academy; Julia Baly, Principal, Bronx Career and College Preparatory Academy; Latchmi Jacqueline, LMSW, Astor Services

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera recently joined us to shine a light on our work with the **100 Schools Project**, which trains NYC teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators to identify the early signs of mental illness and substance use among students.

We were proud to honor three schools that have made exceptional progress with integrating the **100 Schools Project** in their schools. They are: Bronx Career and College Preparatory High School, E.S.M.T. / IS 190, and Eximius College Preparatory Academy.

"It is exciting to be working across sectors to bring our important DSRIP work to Bronx schools," says Irene Kaufmann, BPHC Executive Director. "We are very grateful to our honorees for embracing the 100 Schools Project and for their commitment to understanding and addressing their students' behavioral health needs."

The 100 Schools Project is a five-year project, launched in fall 2016, in consultation with the NYC Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In the Bronx, the 100 Schools Project is sponsored by three DSRIP Performing Provider Systems: Bronx Partners for Healthy Communities, Bronx Health Access, and OneCity Health. The program is implemented by the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services. Astor Services for Children and Families provides the coaching in the schools.

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NYS Excels in Federal Medicaid Performance Review

The NYS Department of Health announced that through the state's Medicaid redesign efforts, providers are exceeding their goals, resulting in improved healthcare throughout the state. New York passed its first federal test of key DSRIP statewide performance measures.

The report shows the state has exceeded performance goals on the majority of measures in place related to the transformation of care including preventable hospital re-admissions, preventable emergency room visits, patient connection to consistent sources of primary care, and access to timely appointments

"A passing grade on all four of the milestones proves that we are making monumental progress toward improving care for millions of New Yorkers," said NYS Medicaid Director Donna Frescatore. "While we are on a clear path to success, our work is far from over. In the months and years ahead, we will shift our focus toward improving performance metrics and health outcomes as we work to change the culture of health care."

The full press release can be viewed [here](#). The full report can be viewed [here](#).

Call for Social Determinants of Health Innovations: Application Deadline Extended

The NYS Department of Health (DOH), Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP), Bureau of Social Determinants of Health, has launched a new initiative to identify innovative ideas to address the Social Determinants of Health (SDH) for Medicaid members.

The intent of this 'Call for SDH Innovations' is to solicit input from interested parties across the state and country. Top innovations will receive special recognition but all innovations, with the consent of the submitting organization, will be shared publicly by DOH.

Eligible applicants include: community-based organizations, technology solution organizations, healthcare providers, or any organization with an innovative solution to address SDH.

The application deadline is now June 29th at 5 p.m.

The application is [available here](#).

Questions can be sent to SDH@health.ny.gov

VBP Training for Behavioral Health Providers

BPHC is offering the webinar version of Part 2 of our Value Based Payment Training for Behavioral Health Providers for those unable to attend the June 18th in-person training.

This training, presented by our partners at the NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, is the second in a three-part training module that is offered to all behavioral health providers who are members of BPHC and Bronx Health Access.

VBP Webinar for Behavioral Health Providers

**Wednesday, June 27
11 a.m. – Noon.**

[Click here for WebEx Link:](#)

Conference Meeting No.: 741547734
WebEx Passcode: dsrip

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