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COMMUNITY CARE
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NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues,

In this newsletter, you will find:

- [A re-cap of CCB's recent meetings to discuss an upcoming study in Flatlands, Flatbush, and Canarsie with elected officials and community stakeholders in the region](#)
- [Answers to some common questions about the CCB Independent Practice Association \(CCB IPA\)](#)
- [Important changes to PCMH incentive payments](#)
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Pictured above: (clockwise from top left) Hon. Jaime Williams, NYS Assemblywoman District 59; Roger Green, Fellow, CUNY Law School and Co-Chair of the CCB Community Action and Advocacy Workgroup (CAAW); Sue Ann Partnow, District Leader for District 59 and Senior Center Director at Jewish Association Serving the Aging; Bruce Richard, Executive V.P. of 1199SEIU and Co-Chair of CAAW; Gretchen Susi, MIT Co-Lab; Anthony Andrews, Director of Government and Community Relations at Kingsborough Community College

CCB Hosts PAR Briefing Meetings with Elected Officials and Community Stakeholders

CCB's Community Action and Advocacy Workgroup recently held meetings with elected officials and community stakeholders from Flatbush, Flatlands, and Canarsie to solicit their ideas and suggestions for this summer's PAR study.

Members of the CCB Community Action and Advocacy Workgroup and designated leaders of the 2018 Participatory Action Research (PAR) study in Flatbush, Flatlands, and Canarsie recently met with elected officials (May 4) and community stakeholders (May 14) from the neighborhoods to brief them on the project and discuss their ideas and suggestions with respect to final plans.

Attendees of both meetings learned about past PAR studies in other Brooklyn neighborhoods ([Brownsville and East New York](#); [Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights, and East Flatbush](#)) and were introduced to project

leaders from CCB, the Dubois Bunche Center for Public Policy at Medgar Evers College, Kingsborough Community College, and MIT Co-Lab. Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, representing District 59, addressed her fellow legislators regarding the potential impact such a community-centered and youth-driven project could have in this area, where she attended school as a young woman. Likewise, Debra Lesane, Director of Programs for the Caribbean Women's Health Association (pictured, along with Massiel Felix of Flatbush Development Corporation and Nancy Nemorin of Kingsborough Community College) spoke to the stakeholders group about the past engagement of community-based organizations in other CCB initiatives, noting the extent to which numerous CCB-supported programs have been informed by input from various community groups.



Each program was followed by encouraging and productive discussion, with many attendees expressing interest in continued involvement in the study moving forward. The contributions and involvement of elected officials and stakeholders from the study neighborhoods, who may be responsible for project implementation or policy or funding interventions resulting from PAR, are and have been essential elements of the PAR process.

On Friday, May 11th, 26 high school students received acceptance letters welcoming them to the research team, which will begin its work in mid-June. Stay tuned for more information throughout the summer!



Your Questions, Answered: The CCB Independent Practice Association (CCB IPA)

Thank you to everyone that has been reaching out with questions about the CCB IPA. In the next few newsletters, we will be addressing some of the most common inquiries that we receive.

What is the difference between the CCB IPA and the CCB PPS?

One major goal of the NYS DSRIP program was to prepare providers for participation in value-based payment (VBP) arrangements. Since the Community Care of Brooklyn Performing Provider System (CCB PPS) is not a separate legal entity, it is therefore not capable of entering into such arrangements. So, the CCB IPA was established as a not-for-profit corporation with the chief purpose of entering into VBP arrangements with payors on behalf of its network of providers. The CCB IPA builds upon the activities, partnerships, and infrastructure that has been built to support operation of the CCB PPS.

It seems like recruitment for the CCB IPA has mostly focused on primary care. Will the CCB IPA recruit other provider types?

The CCB IPA initially focused its recruitment on primary care providers but will be expanding recruitment to include other types of providers and organizations over the coming weeks and months. Please stay tuned! In order to ensure the delivery of high-quality, comprehensive care to Brooklyn residents, the CCB IPA will include the full spectrum of healthcare providers as well as providers of community-based social services.

Who do I contact if I have questions on the CCB IPA?

Please contact support@CCBrooklyn.org or 718-355-9693. We look forward to speaking with you!



ARE YOU A NCQA-RECOGNIZED

PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOME?

Listen up!

Changes in Incentive Payments for PCMH-Recognized Practices

PCMH incentive payments will be a little bit low until the end of June. They will rise again in July, unless you're only recognized by Level 2 standards...

As discussed in CCB's [March 2 newsletter](#), from May 1-June 30, incentive payments for practices recognized under NCQA 2014 Level 3, APC, NCQA 2017, or NYS PCMH standards are temporarily reduced to \$5.75 per member per month for Medicaid Managed Care. Payments will increase again to \$6.00 per member per month on July 1, 2018. The PCMH Fee-For-Service incentive payment add-on amounts will remain unchanged at \$29.00 and \$25.25 for professional and institutional claims, respectively. Incentive payments for NCQA 2014 Level 2 PCMH-recognized practices have been permanently eliminated.

This policy change is in accordance with the NYS budget for 2018-19. These amounts will remain the same through the end of the 2018-19 State Fiscal Year (March 31, 2019).

Please see [here](#) for more information.

(NOTE: The Department of Health has also engaged key stakeholders to discuss future linking of the PCMH incentive payments to the achievement of certain value-based payment (VBP) goals. Stay tuned for more!)

CASAC Scholarships Available for Master's-Level Behavioral Health Clinicians

Behavioral health professionals pursuing a CASAC credential may apply for a full scholarship to Outreach Training Institute's 6-month training, exclusively available in 2018!



Our partner [Outreach Training Institute](#) (OTI) is offering full scholarships to clinicians interested in pursuing a CASAC credential. Whether you are a seasoned behavioral health professional or relatively new to the field, the CASAC credential can enhance your skills to work with populations affected by substance use disorders, especially those with co-occurring needs. Scholarships are supported by the Department of Health's *Workforce Retraining Initiative* **at no cost** to eligible candidates!

This training will provide you (or your staff) with the necessary educational hours towards the CASAC-T and participants can gain 36 SW/MHC CEUs.

Questions not addressed below can be directed to Kendra Chiu at KendraChiu@opiny.org or Anthony Pereira at AnthonyPereira@opiny.org.

Outreach Training Institute's 135-hour CASAC Program

- Classes in NYC begin Monday, **June 4th** and scholarship seats are competitive. Classes will be held at OTI's Richmond Hill, Queens campus on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 9:30 PM for 6 months.
- Not ready to begin June 4th, but still interested? Apply now to be considered for enrollment openings in September and November.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Currently employed in a healthcare-licensed (OASAS, OMH, DOH, etc.) facility based in the 5 boroughs of NYC
- Possess a **Master's Degree** in an eligible behavioral health profession including **social work, mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, creative arts therapy, and psychotherapy/psychoanalysis**

[Download the Scholarship Application](#)

[Download Scholarship/Course Flyer](#)

NYS FUNDING AVAILABLE: Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative

Submit a proposal by June 19 to request funding for housing developed to support the needs of residents.

New York State is excited to announce the release of the third **Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) Request for Proposals**. This is a multi-agency initiative to provide service and operating funding to create or preserve over 100,000 affordable and 6,000 supportive housing units over 5 years. This phase will provide \$30 million in service and operating funding for 1,200 units of supportive housing statewide for persons identified as homeless with special needs, conditions and/or other life challenges.

Projects of 15 or more ESSHI-qualifying individuals, with 30 or more units in total, **will set aside 25% of designated ESSHI units for high-cost, high-need Medicaid users.**

Proposals are due on **June 19, 2018.**

PROPOSALS DUE



Primary Care Webinars (CME Credit Available!)

The following webinars are recommended for anyone working in the primary care setting (front desk staff member, medical assistant, social worker, physician, etc.). Viewers will be eligible to receive 1 hour of CME credit after completing a short post-test. Click any webinar title to register!

TUESDAY, MAY 22 4:00 – 5:00 PM | [Social Determinants and Health Disparities](#)

Our health is determined in part by access to social and economic opportunities including:

- The resources and supports available in our communities
- The quality of our schooling
- The safety of our workplaces
- The cleanliness of our water, food, and air
- The nature of our social interactions and relationships

Join us on Tuesday, May 22 to learn about what social determinants of health are, how they can be screened for in primary care, and how practices can use available resources to improve health disparities and ultimately patient outcomes. **Participants are eligible for 1 hour of CME credit.** For those unable to

attend the live webinar, a recording will be made available shortly after and will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.

ALSO COMING UP:
TUESDAY, JUNE 12 4:00 – 5:00 PM | [Measuring the Patient Experience](#)

PREVIOUSLY RECORDED:
[Risk Stratification](#)
[Care Management](#)

UPCOMING INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAININGS

(Unless otherwise noted, these trainings are held at the 1199SEIU Employment Center, 25 Elm Place, Brooklyn. Click the links below to enroll.)

Remember, to offset some of the costs incurred by organizations to send certain staff to training, CCB provides its partners with stipends for the number of hours spent in training, and attendees may be eligible to receive CME or CEU credit.

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | [Mental Health First Aid \(Adults\)](#)**
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | [Cultural Competency & Health Literacy](#)**
- **THURSDAY, MAY 24 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | [Advanced Motivational Interviewing](#)**
- **THURSDAY, MAY 31 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | [Social Determinants & the Law- Housing, Income, & Insurance](#)**
- **THURSDAY, MAY 31 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | [Motivational Interviewing](#)**
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | [Cultural Competency & Health Literacy](#)**

ONLINE TRAININGS VIA CCB'S RESOURCE PORTAL

(Available anywhere, anytime! Completion of courses and post-tests may qualify users for CME or CEU credits)

To access online courses, existing users can log in to the [CCB Resource Portal](#) and view our catalog (as well as register for upcoming instructor-led courses). New users can easily self-register to access these features (click below to watch a brief video explaining the registration process). Please contact support@CCBrooklyn.org if you have any questions or have any difficulty.



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