Dear colleagues,

In this newsletter, you will find:

- Exciting news regarding a federal assessment of the DSRIP program
- Our congratulations to the recent graduates of CCB’s Health Coach training program
- CCB’s Peers program to support patients with substance use disorder at specific network facilities has expanded yet again
- An extended deadline for submitting innovative ideas for addressing social determinants of health
- Upcoming opportunities for healthcare and social service providers to enhance their skills
- A final reminder about performance measures CCB needs to hit by June 30

**DSRIP Passes First Federal Performance Review**

It’s official, the DSRIP program (thanks in part to the hard work of our amazing partners) is improving healthcare in New York State.

On June 1, the New York State Department of Health announced that the DSRIP program has passed its first federal performance review by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). The DSRIP program was tested on four statewide performance measures set by CMS and passed all of them, marking a significant milestone for healthcare providers, PPSs, patients, and policymakers across the state.

Notably, statewide Medicaid spending on emergency department and inpatient services came in below target, with a measurable increase in patients’ connection to consistent sources of primary care. The state also “far exceeded” its goal of reporting at least ten percent of Managed Care Organizations’ spending as value-based.

Congratulations and thank you to all CCB network partners and DSRIP participants and supporters across the state!

Has CCB helped you transform your practice, develop a new program at your organization, address social determinants of health for members of your community, or enable your transformation efforts in another way?

This performance review is important, but the state wants to highlight your experiences to show what this success really looks like.

If you have a story to share, please send a paragraph (or a few), audio file, or video to CCB’s Communications Coordinator, Molly Crowell, at MCrowell@maimonidesmed.org using the subject line “DSRIP Story.” You will also be asked to complete a release form so that your story may be shared online.

**CCB Celebrates Over 150 Graduates of Health Coach Training Program**

Congrats to the newly trained Health Coaches, soon to be supporting patients and providers near you!
We’d like to congratulate our ninth cohort of graduates from the Health Coach training program (pictured above), bringing the number of Health Coaches trained to date to 150!

CCB developed its Health Coaching program to facilitate its primary care initiatives. CCB partners can send Medical Assistants or equivalent-level staff to the program, which is conducted in collaboration with CUNY Kingsborough Community College. Students receive training in chronic disease management and motivational interviewing in order to support patients with uncontrolled chronic conditions or social factors. They also receive six undergraduate credits and a certificate in Health Coaching.

Health Coaches certified through this training currently work in a range of practice settings in Brooklyn, including hospital-based clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and community-based pediatric and adult clinics.

Certified Recovery Peer Advocates (a.k.a. “peers”) Now Supporting Patients with Substance Use Disorders at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Certified Recovery Peer Advocates, also known as peers, have begun working at CCB partner hospital Wyckoff Heights Medical Center as of the end of May. Peers have been on-site at Maimonides Medical Center since August 2017 and at Interfaith Medical Center since April 2018.

The peers are employed by outpatient addiction and counseling service center Bridge Back to Life with financial support provided by CCB. The goals of CCB’s peer initiative are to connect more patients struggling with substance use disorders to treatment and to continue to engage them throughout rehabilitation to encourage full recovery and reduce their need for costly hospital services. To learn more about peers and their unique contribution to patient recovery, please see our **Partner Spotlight** on Gary Butchen, President and CEO of Bridge Back to Life.
Submit Innovative Ideas for Addressing Social Determinants of Health to the New York State Department of Health by June 29

The deadline to submit innovative ideas for addressing social determinants of health for expert review and potential awards has been extended to 5:00 PM on June 29.

Do you work for a community-based organization? No? How about a technology solution organization? A healthcare provider? Any organization with an innovative solution to address social determinants of health?

Great! The state is launching a new initiative to solicit innovative ideas to address the social determinants of health for Medicaid beneficiaries across New York. Interested parties are invited to submit ideas through this application before June 29, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Innovations will be reviewed by a team of healthcare experts. Top innovations will receive special recognition, but all, with the consent of the submitting organization, will be shared publicly by the NYS DOH. CCB encourages any of its network partners to take advantage of this opportunity to receive exposure and help spread the word about work that you have done to drive transformational change.

UPCOMING INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAININGS

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

- **Microsoft Excel for Healthcare Workers (Basic)**—Two half day trainings, best suited for those with little to no knowledge of using Excel.* Trainees must attend both dates for completion.
  - **Tuesday Cohort** | JUNE 19 AND 26, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
  - **Thursday Cohort** | JUNE 21 AND 28, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- **Microsoft Excel for Healthcare Workers (Advanced)**—Two half day trainings, best suited for those with a working knowledge of Excel who want to gain advanced skills.* Trainees must attend both dates for completion.
  - **Tuesday Cohort** | JUNE 19 AND 26, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM
  - **Thursday Cohort** | JUNE 21 AND 28, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 21 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Social Determinants & the Law - BH, Safe Living, Immigrants’ Rights**
- **THURSDAY, JUNE 21 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Motivational Interviewing**
- **FRIDAY, JUNE 22 AND 29 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Coaching Techniques for Healthcare Supervisors** (Two half day trainings. Trainees must attend both dates for completion.)
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 11:00 AM – 11:30 PM | Webinar- Developing a Registry for Patients with Asthma**
- **THURSDAY, JUNE 28 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Advanced Motivational Interviewing**

*If you are unsure which course would be most appropriate for you, please complete this [self-assessment](#).

ONLINE TRAININGS VIA CCB’S RESOURCE PORTAL
To access CCB’s catalog of CME or CEU-eligible online courses, existing users can log in to the **CCB Resource Portal** and browse the “My Training” section. 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.

NEW **Asthma E-Learning** | An interactive web-based training on the basics of asthma, how patients cope and self-manage, and how to assist patients in talking to their doctors and prepare patients for productive medical visits. Trainees that wish to learn more about asthma population management should take this course in addition to the upcoming webinar Developing a Registry for Patients with Asthma and the Excel trainings listed above, which has an emphasis on creating and managing registry data.

**Previously Recorded Primary Care Webinars:**

NEW **Social Determinants and Health Disparities**
NEW **Team-based Care**
**Care Planning**
**Risk Stratification**
**Care Management**

**This is it! Only two weeks left to meet our targets!**

We’re with you here on the home stretch...let’s work together to meet our targets on DSRIP performance measures by June 30!
Before we sign off, we just wanted to offer a final reminder that **June 30** marks the end of the fourth DSRIP measurement year. In an effort to perform highly on as many state-designated measures as possible by that date, we are asking our partners to prioritize the following visits, tests, or screenings (as relevant) in the next two weeks:

- Follow-up visit for children prescribed ADHD medications
- LDL and HbA1c tests for people with diabetes and schizophrenia
- LDL tests for people with cardiovascular disease and schizophrenia
- Glucose or HbA1c tests for people with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder who are using antipsychotic medication
- Annual preventive or ambulatory care visit for members age 65 and older
- Annual primary care visit for children ages 25 months – 6 years

Click here for the DSRIP definitions for these measures. CCB stands to earn tens of millions of dollars if we meet our targets for these measures—all funds to reinvest in Brooklyn.

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