

Welcome

The Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative (MHVC) newsletter strives to keep you up-to-date on relevant DSRIP activities, events and resources.

Getting To Know “Esther”



Meet Jose, an 11 year old who loves playing soccer. Unfortunately, Jose also has severe asthma. It is difficult for Jose to get refills when he runs out of his asthma medicine because his mom has two jobs and does not have a car. If Jose has a major asthma attack, his mother calls 911 and an ambulance takes him to the hospital where he is treated and given a two week supply of medication.

Jose tends to take his medicine inconsistently, eventually running out, that’s when he ends up in the emergency department again.

Jose is a composite patient, but his cycle was familiar to the members of the asthma workgroup that recently met at MHVC. MHVC is utilizing “patients” like Jose to guide the efforts of the asthma, cardiovascular, health home at-risk, E.D care triage, behavioral health crises stabilization and other workgroups. Utilizing symbolic patients like Jose to incorporate diverse experiences, needs and perspectives into care is a hallmark of the Esther Project. Developed in Sweden, the Esther Project is evidence based and has demonstrated improved health outcomes. To learn more about Jose and the other MHVC “Esthers” please view our recent [webinar](#) on the Esther Project.

You’re The Focus



In February, MHVC held focus groups for several of our integrated delivery system initiatives. Representatives from a diverse group of partner organizations spoke candidly and provided valuable insight. Attendees provided feedback on issues like staffing ratios and the skills and competencies that are needed in order for the program to be successful. These sessions will help to inform the paths of our DSRIP projects.

HHS Proposes Changes Governing Substance Use Privacy

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced proposed changes to the rules governing the legitimate privacy concerns of patients seeking treatment for a substance use disorder. The goal of the proposed changes is to facilitate information exchange within new healthcare models. The proposed rules are available for review via this [link](#). Montefiore is assessing the rules and their application to our work at MHVC. Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to HHS by April 11, 2016 using one of the methods outlined in the [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#).

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Key Dates & Events

March, 2016 – [Webinars, Epstein, Becker, Green : Behavioral Health Crash Course](#)

March 4- [Webinar, Patient Engagement Reporting](#)

March 18 – [Webinar, “3rd Friday” Education Series](#)

Hudson Community Health Alliance Receives Local IMPACT Grant Funding

In January, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the award of a \$7 million grant to four organizations to prevent and control obesity, diabetes, heart disease and stroke. The Local Initiatives for Multi-Sector Public Health Action program or Local IMPACT grant was awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and will be dispersed by the State of New York over the next three years. \$2.05 million of the grant was awarded to HRHCare to launch the Hudson Community Health Alliance which will serve Rockland and Westchester counties. The funding will allow the organization to implement strategies that promote health, support and reinforce healthful behaviors, encourage lifestyle change program participation, and link community programs to clinical services. The Hudson Community Health Alliance is a coalition which includes the Rockland and Westchester County departments of health.

Coming Attractions!

MHVC Partner Portal

The Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative partner portal is being designed to enhance communication between our staff members and you, our partner organizations.



It will also serve as a platform to facilitate dialogue amongst partners. The "chatter" function, which resembles a social media platform, will allow for conversation and collaboration with features like document sharing and polls. The portal will be a go-to resource for relevant DSRIP updates, upcoming events and activities. Final touches are being made to the beta version of the portal. The partner portal will be available for use this spring.

Don't Forget:

You're The Star on "3rd Friday"

Our "3rd Friday" webinar series is off and running! We kicked things off this month with a highly interactive webinar on [The Esther Project](#). Thanks to those who attended the live event. The next MHVC "3rd Friday" webinar is on [March 18th](#).

We can't do it without you. To suggest a topic or maybe even appear in an upcoming webinar contact [Chelsea-Lyn Rudder](#), our communications manager.



Resources

- [MHVC Website](#)
- [NY State DSRIP Website](#)
- [DSRIP, Opt-Out Talking Points for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Nov. 2015- Welcome to Phase 2: Implementation, MHVC Webinar](#)
- [MHVC Subcommittee Panels](#)
- [Labor Management Project DSRIP Video](#)
- [DOH Value Based Payment Video, English or Spanish](#)
- [What the Heck is Value Based Purchasing? Video](#)
- [PTN Grant Letter of Intent](#)
- [Cultural Competency & Health Literacy Repository](#)
- [Jan. 2016 Financial Sustainability Webinar](#)
- [Jan. 2016 NYS Project Approval Oversight Panel](#)

Partners Making News

Hudson Valley Community Services' Executive Director Appointed to HIV Planning Council

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio has appointed Andi Straus, executive director of Hudson Valley Community Services, to the HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York. The council provides medical and support services to 22,000 New Yorkers living with HIV and AIDS. Ms. Straus was appointed for a three-year term and will also serve as co-chair of the tri-county region steering committee.

A Warm Welcome to our New Team Members

Susan Seltzer-Green
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Susan has worked in the healthcare industry for 20 years and has been delivering IT solutions for over 14 years. Most recently, Susan worked for Montefiore IT and was responsible for the implementation of the organization's first meaningful use outpatient certified electronic health record (EHR) system. At Montefiore IT, Susan was responsible for the design, integration, optimization and operation of the outpatient EHR. In her role as associate director of IT transformation,

Susan will help to foster the adoption of needed IT & health information exchange technology. Susan has a master's degree in Health Services Administration from Iona College and a bachelor's in Social and Behavioral Science from Stony Brook University.

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Patricia is a quality management leader with experience in IT, telecommunications, call center, staffing and management consulting. Pat comes to us from Volt Information Sciences where she was responsible for implementing quality management across all Volt divisions.

She built a blended Quality/Lean/Six Sigma consulting practice and program office, including a portfolio of quality-based engagement models to provide on-demand expertise in change, workforce, and supply chain management. Pat holds a master's from Fordham University, is a Certified Process Professional®, Six Sigma Green Belt, Six Sigma Champion, Certified Lead International Standards Organization Auditor and a Certified Project Management Professional.



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