

## Welcome

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

## Hudson Region DSRIP Public Health Council Convenes at MHVC



The Hudson Region DSRIP Public Health Council (HRD-PHC) convened its latest meeting at the MHVC offices on January 15. Dr. Bruce Rapkin and Dr. Rosy Chhabra from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, made a presentation on the availability of breast cancer screening programs across New York State and abroad.

The HRD-PHC is working to frame an outreach agenda around smoking cessation and cancer prevention initiatives. The School Based Prevention workgroup has distributed an initial round of anti-smoking ads to schools in the Hudson Valley. The second and third round of distribution will continue in honor of Kick Butts Day, on March 16, and the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 11. Partners interested in participating may contact [Christina Hamilton](#) for more information.

## MHVC Rolls Out Its Cultural Competency Initiative

[On January 15, we hosted a webinar to introduce our partners to MHVC's cultural competency and health literacy initiative.](#)

Katherine Brieger of HRHCare and Nolly Climes of Rehabilitation Support Services, Inc., co-chairs of MHVC's cultural competency and health literacy workgroup, provided an overview of the workgroup's plans. The co-chairs offered a vision of cultural competency that is larger than race, ethnicity and language. The goal is to facilitate an environment where the patient's needs, concerns and expertise on their own circumstances are respected and appreciated.

We have launched the cultural competency & health literacy resource repository that was noted during the webinar. You may access the repository [here](#). We will continue to update this resource and look forward to your contributions and suggestions.



The diverse viewpoints, backgrounds and experiences of our MHVC partners are what make us strong. We are looking to tap into these strengths in order to develop a well-rounded and robust cultural competency and health literacy strategy.

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## Key Dates & Events

**Feb. 4 – Webinar, Center for Integrated Health Solutions**  
[Skills for Activating Self-Management](#)

**Feb. 19 – Webinar, "3<sup>rd</sup> Friday" Education Series**

## Cultural Competency

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With that in mind, we spoke to several partners to learn more about your concerns and priorities. “We can’t talk about population health, without talking about and understanding the social determinants of health,” said Nadia Allen, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Orange County. “People don’t like to talk about race, racism, and all the ‘isms’ – but, economic and racial inequality are real and palpable concepts.”

One way to gain greater insight into the lives of those that we serve is by connecting with the community based organizations that are working at the grassroots level. “I think our organization’s strongest potential contribution to cultural competence is bringing the different community based organizations to the table,” said Dan Maughan, vice president of Patient Care Operations at St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital.

## Behavioral Health Integration

*Dr. Henry Chung Provides Insights Via Webinar*

On January 12, Dr. Henry Chung, chief medical officer of Montefiore's Care Management Program and medical director of Montefiore's Accountable Care Organization conducted a webinar for MHVC partners on behavioral health integration ([recording available here](#)). Dr. Chung discussed the two DSRIP models of integrating behavioral health into primary care. He also introduced and provided guidance on completing behavioral health integration into primary care assessment. The engagement metric indicated in addendum 1A of your cooperating provider agreement. Additionally, Dr. Damara Gutnick, medical director for the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative, provided information on the project requirements for behavioral health partners considering reverse integration of primary care into behavioral health (model 2).

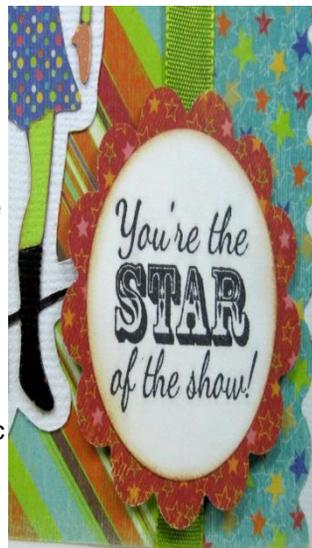


## Coming Attractions!

*Gearing Up for “3<sup>rd</sup> Friday” Webinars*

DSRIP is off and running! Here at the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative things are picking up steam! Starting in February, we will begin hosting monthly general interest educational webinars. These webinars will typically be held on the third Friday of the month. Next month’s webinar will be on Friday, [February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.](#)

These special, “3<sup>rd</sup> Friday” webinars will be held in addition to the other informational webinars that are held to disseminate specialized information to specific partners. “3<sup>rd</sup> Friday” is your time to shine, please email [Chelsea-Lyn Rudder](#) with your ideas and suggestions.



## 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

*Anne Kauffman Nolon, CEO of HRHCare, Inducted into Advocacy Hall of Fame*



Anne Kauffman Nolon, president and CEO of HRHCare, was recently inducted into the National Association of Community Health Centers Grassroots Advocacy Hall of Fame. Hall of fame members have all made lasting contributions to ensuring the creation, survival, and strength of health centers and the community health center movement through their dedicated and tireless efforts. Kauffman Nolon has been with HRHCare for 38 years and said that she "...looks forward to contributing many more years to the cause of community health and advocacy."

**Congratulations!**

## Three Partners Selected for OMH IMPACT Pilot

We are excited to share that five MHVC partner sites were selected by the Office of Mental Health to participate in an IMPACT Model funding pilot. Selected sites will receive access to learning resources and team coaching, and are eligible to bill a monthly depression care management fee of \$150 per member actively engaged in the IMPACT model. Congratulations to Harper Health for Individuals and Families in Transition (Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center), Middletown Community Health Center, Inc. and HRHCare (Park Care Yonkers, Beacon and Walden/Walkill Valley Health Center).

## A Warm Welcome to our New Team Member

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Sadia Ali is a graduate student at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, studying Healthcare Administration. Sadia has a sales and marketing background and has worked for Silicon Valley based firms. Prior to her graduate studies, Sadia created healthcare industry films for organizations like National Geographic and the Los Angeles Department of Public Health. In her role as project specialist she will be working with MHVC's partners to implement asthma related DSRIP projects.

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*Thank you for your continued participation in the MHVC.*