

Welcome

The Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative (MHVC) newsletter strives to keep you up-to-date on relevant DSRIP activities, events and resources. We thank you for your participation in our performing provider system and look forward to collaborating with you to integrate care in the Hudson Valley!

Steering Committee Meeting Update

At the September 24 Steering Committee, MHVC took several important steps to formalize the structure of our PPS. The Leadership Steering Committee was formally transitioned to become the MHVC Steering Committee. The Steering Committee confirmed adoption of the cooperating provider agreement. Also, the charters that govern and define the formal subcommittees which will advise the Steering Committee on the issues and decisions facing MHVC. At the end of September, MHVC subcommittee slates, made up from more than 30 PPS partners, were nominated and finalized.

Partner in the News

Andrus Featured in The Wall Street Journal



NY REGION

Therapy by Alpaca

New York mental-health provider Andrus is using the soft, woolly creatures to help traumatized children



On October 7 Andrus, a mental health provider in Yonkers, introduced an unusual group of new therapy animals to its students. A reporter from the [Wall Street Journal](#) was on hand to capture the moment when alpacas Amadeo, Phoenix and Zingaro were welcomed to their new home. “Alpacas are intuitive. They know if you are sad, lonely or if you need a kiss. That’s important for our children,” said Bryan Murphy, CEO of Andrus. Murphy said he’s planning to expand Andrus’ animal therapy program to include more furry creatures. In addition to providing therapy, the animals serve as trusted companions to children on the autism spectrum. “My goal is to quadruple the number of therapy dogs on campus. We are also looking into guinea pigs.”

SHIN-NY Update

The [Statewide Health Information Network of New York](#) (SHIN-NY pronounced “Shiny”) is a “network of networks” that links New York’s nine regional qualified entities. A real time connection is now available for the Hudson Valley and New York’s Southern Tier through our qualified entity [HealthlinkNY](#).

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Key Dates & Events

Nov. 19

Rockland Psychiatric Center
1 p.m

[Heroin and Opioid Overdose Prevention Training Sessions](#)

Dec. 1

Olmstead Housing Subsidy
Grant Application Due
Rental subsidy and transitional housing support service program for high-need Medicaid beneficiaries. [Click here for additional details.](#)

October is Health Literacy Month



Founded by occupational therapist, Helen Osborne in 1999, [Health Literacy Month](#) is a time for organizations and individuals to promote the importance of understandable health information. This year's Health Literacy Month theme is, "Be a Health Literacy Hero." It's about taking action and finding ways to improve health communication. How can we work together to improve our understanding of healthcare communications to insure better patient outcomes? Who are the health literacy heroes at your organization? [Click here](#) to nominate your organization or a member of your team to the Health Literacy Month Heroes Directory. Make sure to let MHVC know if your nomination is accepted.

Opportunity for IMPACT Model Participants

To encourage practices to choose the IMPACT model of behavioral health integration, New York state has decided to support a series of pilot sites across the state. These state selected pilot sites will receive free training for IMPACT model care teams and will be eligible to bill Medicaid a monthly care management fee of \$150 per engaged patient. Pilot site selection is via a competitive application process. Pediatric clinics are not eligible for funding at this time. MHVC is committed to providing training for your IMPACT model whether or not your program is selected for the New York state pilot program. Only selected pilot sites will be eligible for the monthly Medicaid care management fee.

Applications for the state program are due on **Friday,**

November 20. For additional information please contact [Amy Jones](#), at the Office of Mental Health or click [here](#) to view a webinar on the application process. Please let [Rachel Evans](#), our partner engagement consultant know if your organization applies for this pilot program.

Montefiore Awarded Transformation Grant

Center for Medicaid & Medicare Innovation Grant Will Benefit Severely Mentally Ill Patients

Montefiore Medical Center was recently awarded a Center for Medicaid & Medicare Innovation grant to implement a practice transformation network for severely mentally ill individuals. This four year grant is aligned with the aims of DSRIP as it will focus on helping behavioral and medical providers to collaborate on the treatment of severely mentally ill patients. Be sure to look out for additional details and information on how you might be able to participate in this exciting new program. Please contact [Christina Hamilton](#), our community liaison with any questions. She will connect you to the appropriate Montefiore staff person.

Resources

- [MHVC Website](#)
- [NY State DSRIP Website](#)
- [Sept. 2015 – NY State DSRIP Update Video](#)
- [Sept. 2015 NY State Learning Symposium Presentations](#)

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Thank you for your continued participation in the MHVC.