

Big Picture Update



Dear NYeC Community,

It's been a little while since you've heard from me and I thought it'd be a good opportunity to take a moment and provide you with a few updates on NYeC and our progress.

As you'll recall from our [January newsletter](#), NYeC has been working closely with our stakeholders and the State to

develop a multi-year roadmap to define the continued evolution of the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York](#) (SHIN-NY). Focused on increasing adoption (especially physicians), data contribution, and usage of important [core services](#), the roadmap will move us towards our goal of a transformed healthcare system where health information exchange is universally used as a tool to make lives better.

Over the past few months, I've visited a number of stakeholders across the state, meeting with the NYS DOH, physician groups such as ACP, MSSNY, hospital groups like HANYS and GNYHA, and the Suffolk Care Collaborative Project Advisory Committee (PAC), among many others, collecting input. It's great to see all the fantastic work being done around the state. As part of my meetings and presentations, I've been providing updates on the progress of the SHIN-NY Strategic Planning. We continue to work with stakeholders to refine the SHIN-NY, listening to them to better understand their needs to drive our development of long-term objectives, features, and operational plans.

Last month, we also provided an update on the work of the SHIN-NY Policy Committee. In 2016, the committee embarked on a review and assessment of current consent policies, the output of which was a [whitepaper](#) outlining three possible approaches to the creation of a new consent framework for consideration by NY State. We're exploring new ways of consent to ensure the model is fully consistent with the goals of improving clinical care and controlling costs. We invite you to [provide comments](#) on the proposed frameworks.

Finally, I wanted to share with you a high-level [2016 Year in Review](#) we presented at our last board meeting. This snapshot highlights progress and accomplishments of NYeC and the SHIN-NY, as well as key QE successes. It also outlines how the SHIN-NY supports various value-based care initiatives and fits into the larger healthcare ecosystem, advancing care statewide.

Thank you for your continued collaboration—it will truly take a concerted community of intelligent, passionate, and dedicated professionals working together to guide the evolution of healthcare.

Take care,

Val Grey
Executive Director, New York eHealth Collaborative

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Save the Date! 6th Annual Gala & Awards



Hosted by NYeC's Board of Directors, our **Gala & Awards** serve to recognize and honor the achievements of those leading the mission to improve healthcare through technology.

Join over 250 C-level executives, leaders, and policymakers from New York State health systems, health plans, associations, and the public sector leading New York's healthcare transformation by reshaping it into a new secure, digital system.

Be a part of an exclusive community of who's who in New York State healthcare—learn more about how you can participate in this year's event!

www.nyehealth.org/gala/

Final State Budget Supports Critical Tools for Healthcare Transformation Through Funding for Information Network

The **New York eHealth Collaborative** (NYeC) applauded the newly adopted New York State Budget for continuing critical funding for the **Statewide Health Information Network for New York** (SHIN-NY).

Through the SHIN-NY, clinical information and health records for millions of patients can be accessed by participating providers across the state—allowing care teams to better manage the healthcare of patients and collaborate for better care.

“By including this key funding, Governor Cuomo and Legislative Leaders in the Senate and Assembly recognize the tremendous value the SHIN-NY brings to New York's healthcare system and its patients,” said Valerie Grey, Executive Director of NYeC. “We thank the state for its ongoing dedication to improving and enhancing this program in communities across the state. These funds will ensure NYeC and our partners can continue our mission of maximizing the full potential of health information to improve patient care and population health.”

[Read more.](#)

A Small Behavioral Health Agency Thinks Big with HealthlinkNY

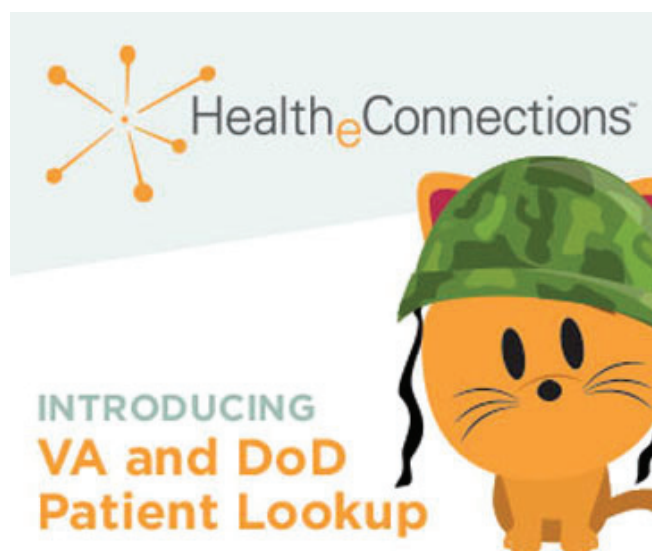


Search for Change is a small non-profit that operates supportive housing and vocational training programs in Westchester and Putnam counties for adults diagnosed with severe mental illness. Eligible for New York State's **Data Exchange Incentive Program** (DEIP), which was expanded to include behavioral health providers, Search for Change recently connected with HealthlinkNY. HealthlinkNY's Web Portal allows Search for Change to immediately benefit from the connection by accessing records, building up the infrastructure for a bi-directional interface between their EHR and the HIE, and improving the quality of life for its supported individuals.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: **HealthlinkNY**)

Veterans Administration and Department of Defense Patient Lookup with HealtheConnections



HealtheConnections has established connections to the Veterans Administration (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) within the last few years, to allow healthcare providers to access veteran and active military patient health records. A new feature has been added to Patient Lookup to improve the process for HealtheConnections users, thereby eliminating the extra steps needed to submit a query.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: HealtheConnections)

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Patient Engagement: Cracking the Code at #DHC16



Patient engagement has been dubbed the “blockbuster drug of the 21st century.” Many see a new wave of technology—doctors prescribing apps, wearables, social media, and IoT—as the driving force that will ultimately enable patients to be more active participants in their health. But, there are still multiple barriers to patient empowerment and the establishment of more collaborative partnerships with their providers. Is technology really the cure-all or is it just a piece of a larger, more complex solution to engaging patients in their health?

[Watch the video.](#)

See the Technology Improving Care Transitions

As care transitions become more critical, good technology also becomes more essential. A focus for years, care transition has gained greater prominence due to recent pressures of readmission penalties and prospective payment models. Information technology is enabling providers at every care site to receive, evaluate, monitor, and remind patients to promote their health and safety. Minding the patient’s health status remotely through various tech is key to preventing costly hospital readmissions, industry analysts say.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: Healthcare IT News)

Real-Time Alerts Now Available Across Most of New York State

Hixny®

Phase 2 of the Cross Qualified Entity Alerts (XQE) initiative has been completed, enabling real-time notifications when patients, with consent, are admitted to or discharged from hospitals in other parts of the state.

In this phase, Hixny has joined health information exchanges (HIEs) in two more regions, HealthlinkNY and HealtheConnections, to offer alerts. In phase 1, Hixny set up XQE alerts with two downstate HIEs—New York Care Information Gateway and Healthix. The HIEs include some of the largest hospitals in New York City and Long Island.

Phase 3 of the XQE initiative will bring the Bronx RHIO, Rochester RHIO, and HEALTHeLINK on line with the entire state and is expected to be completed this fall.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *HealtheConnections*)

The Value of Health Information Exchange

Health information exchange (HIE), the sharing of clinical and administrative data across the boundaries of healthcare institutions and other health data repositories, is imperative to recent efforts to achieve the Triple Aim of healthcare: improving care for individuals, bettering health for populations, and reducing costs.

Many stakeholder groups (payers, patients, providers, and others) realize that if such data are shared, healthcare processes would improve with respect to safety, quality, cost, and other indicators.

Explore recent examples showcasing the value of health information exchange, including the [Statewide Health Information Exchange for New York \(SHIN-NY\)](#), on our new page, [The Value of Health Information Exchange](#).

[Read more.](#)

NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

Meaningful Use Reminder: Attestation Deadlines

2016 AIU Attestation Deadline: **5/31/17**

2015 MU Attestation Deadline: **6/30/17**

2016 MU Attestation Deadline: **9/15/17**

***Note: Your 2015 MU attestation must be paid before your 2016 MU attestation can be submitted.**

Visit [MEIPASS](#) to begin your MU attestation.

Do you need assistance with your MU attestation?

Contact Program Support via phone at **(877) 646-5410** Option 2 or via email at hit@health.ny.gov.

Additional questions? If you are enrolled in NYeC's EP2 Program, reach out to Nicole Melendez at NMelendez@nyehealth.org.

Quality Reporting Moving Forward

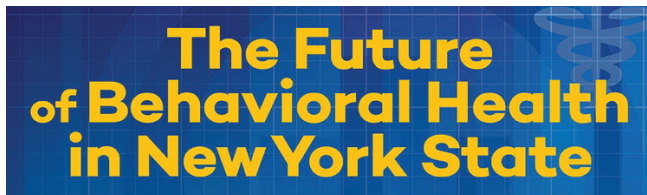
NYeC successfully concluded its 2016 PQRS Quality Reporting Year on March 31st. As CMS sunsets this quality reporting program, NYeC is actively in the process of developing its MACRA/MIPs Registry services. Providers who reported via our PQRS Registry are already a step ahead; PQRS data can be evaluated as a baseline for the new reporting requirements.

CMS approved NYeC as a MACRA/MIPs full-service registry, which means we will support all components of the program's reporting requirements. This new reporting program will combine three independent reporting programs into one: Meaningful Use, PQRS, and the cost and utilization component from Value-Based-Modifier. Additionally, there is a fourth reporting component, Advancing Care Information, streamlining measures and focusing on interoperability, information exchange, and security measures.

[Sign up today for the upcoming May 23rd webinar: MIPS Reporting as a GPRO](#)

Partner Events & Opportunities

Crain's 2017 Health Care Summit: Future of Behavioral Health



May 9, 2017 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. | New York, NY

New York's highest-need patients—and those with the steepest health care costs—tend to struggle simultaneously with physical and behavioral health conditions, including mental health and substance use problems. The integration of behavioral health and primary care is a priority under DSRIP, New York's \$8 billion Medicaid reform effort. At the same time, there's increased awareness about the need to bring people with mental illnesses and addiction into the health care system.

Opening keynote: How to address the stigma of behavioral health care

Patrick Corrigan, Psy.D.

Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Illinois Institute of Technology

Panel 1: Integrating behavioral health and primary care

Eric G. Gayle, M.D.

NYC Regional Medical Director, The Institute for Family Health

David Lim, M.D., Ph.D.

Chief Medical Officer, Quartet

Sabina Lim, M.D., M.P.H.

Vice President and Chief of Strategy, Behavioral Health, Mount Sinai Health System

Ian A. Shaffer, M.D., MMM, CPE

Vice President & Executive Medical Director, Behavioral Health, Healthfirst

Panel 2: From criminals to patients: caring for drug users

Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., MSW

Senior Director, Office of Behavioral Health, Medical and Professional Affairs, NYC Health + Hospitals

Terrell Jones

Outreach and Advocacy Manager, New York Harm Reduction Educators

Michael E. McMahon

District Attorney, Office of the Richmond County District Attorney

Barbara C. Zeller, M.D.

Chief Clinical Officer, Brightpoint Health

[Learn more and register.](#)

Enter promo code **HC-NYeC** for discounted tickets.

d.health Summit



May 10, 2017 | The New York Academy of Sciences

In collaboration with West Health, the University of Rochester is hosting the third annual d.health Summit, a unique forum for health and technology leaders, entrepreneurs, senior care advocates, and policymakers to exchange ideas, create new partnerships, and foster disruptive technological and process innovations to improve the lives of the nation's aging population.

[Learn more and register.](#)

HxRefactored



May 10, 2017 | The New York Academy of Sciences

HxRefactored is a revolutionary conference, gathering more than 600 cross-disciplinary thinkers and practitioners in one space. Through an inspired mix of thought-provoking talks, workshops, and discussions, HxRefactored applies design, science, evidence, and theory to re-imagine the entire health journey, and find new ways to deliver that vision.

Now in its seventh year, HxRefactored will take place in Cambridge, MA on June 20 & 21, 2017.

[Learn more and register.](#)