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## NYeC's Executive Director Valerie Grey Appointed to Federal Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC)



U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer appointed NYeC's Executive Director Valerie Grey to serve on the federal Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC). Citing her longstanding commitment to improving the healthcare landscape, numerous fellow healthcare leaders from across the state and continuum

recommended Ms. Grey for her expertise in healthcare policy and insight into the complexities facing all stakeholders involved in health information exchange and its critical role in improving patient care and outcomes.

HITAC was established by the 21st Century Cures Act to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology on the implementation of healthcare infrastructure, with the goals of improving interoperability, assuring the best use of technology and data, and easing the adoption of and use by patients, providers, payers, and healthcare professionals. Committee members advise on a variety of policies, including patient care coordination, population health initiatives, telemedicine, data reporting, and security provisions.

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## New York State Proposed Executive Budget Released

On January 16, Governor Cuomo released his proposed 2018-19 Executive Budget. The proposed budget included \$30 million in funding for the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York \(SHIN-NY\)](#) and language to streamline the network's contracting process.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, NYeC thanks Governor Cuomo for his commitment to enhancing health information exchange across New York State and asks the Legislature to support this investment in the final adopted 2018-19 State Budget. By continuing to fund the SHIN-NY, the State's leadership will advance this public resource and its critical role in improving health outcomes and reducing costs for taxpayers, patients, providers, and health plans.

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## January NYeC Board Meeting Guests



**NYeC Executive Director Valerie Grey and Dr. Adetutu Adetona**

As a part of NYeC’s work to advocate on behalf of the SHIN-NY, our January board meeting included three special guests.

Dr. Adetutu Adetona, a solo practitioner with three employees in an underserved upstate community, uses the connection to her Qualified Entity, Hixny, and the SHIN-NY, to deliver high-quality, value-based care. She attended the board meeting to share her experience with health information exchange and how it improves workflow and care delivery in her practice.

“To deliver high-quality care, it is essential to know what has happened to the patient at every point of care and to have the ability to bring up the records at the point of delivery,” Dr. Adetona said. “Hixny helps me streamline, reduces duplication and fragmentation of care, and increases patient safety.”

We held an extended dialogue with Senator Kemp Hannon and Assemblyman Richard Gottfried as a part of a special “Healthcare: State Budget & Legislative Session”. Both Senator Hannon and Assemblyman Gottfried expressed support for healthcare transformation using the SHIN-NY and shared their thoughts on a number of current hot healthcare policy areas as a part of an interactive dialogue with NYeC’s board members.

“It (SHIN-NY) has continued to evolve. You (NYeC) have evolved as an organization. The Department of Health has evolved as an organization,” said Senator Hannon. “We have made great progress and move forward. That’s to be congratulated.”

“The system...really needs to be regarded as a public utility and has enormous public interest aspects to it,” Assemblyman Gottfried said. “I think, therefore, keeping a public role in governance and financing is very important.”



**NYeC Board Chair David Klein, Senator Kemp Hannon, & Valerie Grey**



**Valerie Grey, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, & David Klein**

## ONC Issues TEFCA Call for Public Comments

As a part of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act), Congress identified the importance of interoperability and set out a path for the interoperable exchange of electronic health information. Specifically, Congress directed the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to “develop or support a trusted exchange framework, including a common agreement among health information networks nationally.”

The [Draft Trusted Exchange Framework \(TEFCA\)](#) released on January 5, 2018, outlines a common set of principles for trusted exchange and minimum terms and conditions for trusted exchange. The proposed framework is intended to bridge the gap between providers’ and patients’ information systems and enable interoperability across disparate health information networks.

ONC also released the US Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Glide Path to identify a roadmap for broadening the data that can be exchanged via the TEFCA. The draft USCDI and its proposed expansion process aim to achieve the goals set forth in the Cures Act by specifying a common set of data classes that are required for interoperable exchange and identifying a predictable, transparent, and collaborative process for achieving those goals.

NYeC is interested in stakeholder feedback to inform a comprehensive and coordinated comment as a part of our advocacy efforts. To share your comments, please submit them by Monday, February 12th to [publiccomments@nyehealth.org](mailto:publiccomments@nyehealth.org).

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Register today for NYeC’s comprehensive, [CMS-Certified Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\) Reporting and Support Services](#)! Our full-service offerings enable MIPS eligible clinicians to elect the performance categories they want to report and at what pace. Service offerings include guidance to select measures, data collection tools, training, monthly webinars, support calls, and data integration from EHR or claims data directly to the Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR).

Register to report with NYeC [here](#). **The reporting deadline is March 31.** Register with NYeC and report with confidence!

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- [Program Coordinator](#)

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## Statewide Health Information Network for NY (SHIN-NY): Its Value to New Yorkers and What Regulated Facilities Need to Know

As part of the SHIN-NY Regulation (Addition of Part 300 to Title 10 NYCRR (Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY)), **Article 28** nursing homes and diagnostic treatment centers, **Article 36** certified home health care agencies and long-term home health care programs, and **Article 40** hospices are required to be connected and contributing data to the SHIN-NY by March 9, 2018.

We hosted an informational webinar, “Statewide Health Information Network for NY (SHIN-NY): Its Value to New Yorkers and What Regulated Facilities Need to Know”, to address the value of the SHIN-NY and explore available funding opportunities for connecting.

If you’re not already working with a Qualified Entity (QE) to connect to the SHIN-NY, listen to the webinar and learn if your facility is required to connect and how to get started.

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## HEALTHeLINK Consumer Survey Finds Strong Utilization of HIE



HEALTHeLINK recently announced results from a consumer survey conducted in late 2017 across the eight-county Western New York

region. The survey found healthcare consumers in the region largely believe that the community’s healthcare system is performing at a high level, is generally safe, and that access to electronic health records by physicians is good for healthcare. For a summary of the survey results [click here](#).

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(Source: HEALTHeLINK)

## 2018 Outlook: What Healthcare Industry Insiders are Watching in the Year Ahead

While 2017 was marked by tremendous uncertainty, insiders are hoping that 2018 will bring more stability. As the year begins, there are still significant policy questions up in the air and industry insiders are fearful that the pace of cyberattacks will accelerate. But there’s also hope, hope that new care models will continue to emerge and providers will tap into the promise of health technologies to deliver better outcomes. *Modern Healthcare* reporters talked to experts to get a sense of what hot-button issues they’ll be watching in 2018.

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(Source: *Modern Healthcare*)

## HealthlinkNY Community Network’s 2017 Progress Report



HealthlinkNY Community Network’s 2017 Progress Report for the New York

State Population Health Improvement Program is now available! This report shares updates on the regional health planning that has occurred over the past three years of the program.

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(Source: HealthlinkNY)

## There’s an App for That

Smartphone software programs from the likes of athenahealth’s Epocrates, Doximity, Medscape, Wolters Kluwer, and others help physicians engage patients in shared decision-making and are giving both clinicians and patients more confidence in diagnosis and treatment options.

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(Source: *Healthcare IT News*)

# NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

## Advanced Primary Care (APC) Program

Healthcare is shifting from fee-for-service to value-based care, placing greater emphasis on patient-centered care. Is your practice prepared?

NYeC's [free Advanced Primary Care \(APC\) practice transformation services](#) help small and medium primary care practices deliver high-quality coordinated care, earn payment incentives, and prepare to thrive under value-based payment arrangements.

If you are interested in the APC program or for more information, please contact us at [APC@nyehealth.org](mailto:APC@nyehealth.org).

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## Behavioral Health Information Technology (BHIT) Program Update: Feedback Requested

Through the [BHIT Program](#), NYeC is working with designated Adult BH-HCBS provider agencies in the adoption, implementation, and upgrade of certified Electronic Health Record and Electronic Billing Software to successfully document and bill for their Adult BH-HCBS services to Medicaid Managed Care. We recently created a [survey](#) to gauge the vendor training experience of participating provider organizations and to offer them a chance to provide feedback on how their trainings went. This survey will not impact funding and is being used solely as a means for collecting data.

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## Medicaid Meaningful Use Update: New Medicaid MU Grant

If you are a Medicaid provider in New York State (outside of the five boroughs) and are participating in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, NYeC can help!

We can provide FREE consulting services to your organization to help achieve Meaningful Use. An informational webinar, [EP2 Program Overview: 2018](#), will be held on February 7th, 2018 from 11am - 12pm.

Please email [EP2info@nyehealth.org](mailto:EP2info@nyehealth.org) for more information.

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## New York State Practice Transformation Network (NYSPTN) Update

NYSPTN is actively working to ensure all eligible TCPI clinicians avoid a negative payment adjustment on Medicare Part B billing in 2019 by taking action and reporting to CMS under the Quality Payment Program (QPP).

NYeC offers comprehensive, CMS-certified [Merit-based Incentive Payment System \(MIPS\) Reporting and Support Services](#) that make it simple to attest. Eligible clinicians enrolled in NYSPTN will receive a discount on reporting fees.

Contact [qppsupport@nyehealth.org](mailto:qppsupport@nyehealth.org) to learn more.

## Partner Events and Opportunities



February 7 | New York City

### Healthcare Investment Trends: Where Will the Money Flow in 2018?

[NYC Health Business Leaders](#), with [Grassi and Co.](#), is hosting their annual look at the healthcare investment landscape, [Healthcare Investment Trends: Where Will the Money Flow in 2018?](#). This popular event convenes a panel of healthcare investors to discuss where the healthcare dollars will flow in the coming year. Fresh off the heels of the JP Morgan Healthcare Conference, hear insights and perspectives from the panel of experts who fund companies across the healthcare spectrum.

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March 5-8 | Las Vegas

### HIMSS18

The HIMSS Annual Conference & Exhibition brings together 40,000+ health IT professionals, clinicians, executives and vendors from around the world. Exceptional education, world-class speakers, cutting-edge health IT products and powerful networking are hallmarks of this industry-leading conference.

### HIMSS VENTURECONNECT

HIMSS VentureConnect will be held March 7 in Las Vegas. It will convene the biggest and most active investors in health tech to discuss the latest market trends and hear directly from the start-ups creating the biggest waves in the industry. This one-day program will feature investor panels and a rapid-fire pitch competition for vetted health tech companies and an exclusive investor breakfast and evening networking event.

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