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## Valerie Grey Recognized by Crain's New York Business



Female leaders in one of New York's biggest industries

We're proud to announce that NYeC Executive Director Valerie Grey has once again been named among *Crain's New York Business* 2019 Notable Women in Health Care. The list recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of female leaders who have impacted healthcare in New York through their professional, civic, and philanthropic achievements.

**Congratulations**, Val!

National HIE Model Must Advance—Not Disrupt— Successful Exchanges



NYeC Executive Director Valerie Grey reflects on the transformation of health records from paper-based to electronic, and how the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) might impact existing health information exchanges (HIEs) —

"The ONC deserves credit for tackling this complicated ecosystem—creating tremendous potential to improve patient outcomes and reduce healthcare costs. The rewards and impacts could be monumental, so let's make sure we get it right."

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### HealtheConnections Introduces New Healthcare Analytics Tool myData



In July, HealtheConnections unveiled a new value-based care analytics tool called myData that provides patient information to providers in a responsive, user-friendly dashboard. Expanding on aggregated data from HealtheConnections' HIE, the application was developed to aid in population health management, supporting growing providers, care management, and payer needs of value-based payment systems. David Page, MD, of FamilyCare Medical Group comments:

"This allows me to look at my panel of patients, to identify and take action on a population of patients that have unaddressed needs. I have a visibility I've never had before, and that's the true value of myData."

**FULL STORY** 

## How Can HIEs Help Make Sense of Population Care?



Healthcare can be cluttered with acronyms, programs, and requirements—but at the core of it, the goals are the same: to improve care quality and satisfaction while reducing costs. Hixny CEO Mark McKinney explains how interoperability and the exchange of clinical information are at the center of this:

"It's only when all information is available in a single setting — and as quickly as possible — that aggregation, comparison tools and information highlights work together to create a complete picture of the patient for both providers and insurers."

**FULL STORY** 

## HITAC Submits Recommendations to ONC on Final TEFCA Draft

The Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) **recently submitted** its recommendations for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information of Technology (ONC)'s final draft of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA).

HITAC stressed balancing new requirements with existing frameworks in order to ease added burdens on stakeholders. Additionally, the committee suggested that the ONC provide funding to Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) to support potential financial difficulties and loosen functional requirements to allow room for creative solutions.

Stakeholders, including NYeC, sent in over 100 comment letters to suggest the direction of TEFCA's development.

**FULL STORY** 

### NYeC Executive Director Joins Paradigm Project



Health services research (HSR) has the power and potential to dramatically improve the health of individuals, families, communities, and entire populations. But the healthcare landscape is rapidly changing, and HSR must keep pace.

The **Paradigm Project** is a concerted, collaborative effort convened by AcademyHealth and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to increase the relevance, timeliness, quality, and impact of HSR.

In July, NYeC Executive Director Valerie Grey joined more than 100 leaders in a Learning Community that explores real-world issues and rethinks processes, before identifying concrete ideas to test. In addition to the work of the Learning Community, the Paradigm Project is soliciting input through its online Reactor Panel to provide ad hoc input on a variety of subjects.

If you would like to participate in the Reactor Panel, please sign up on the Paradigm Project website. The Panel will not hold in-person meetings; it will seek occasional online feedback. And, if you would like to receive regular updates about the progress of the Paradigm Project, **sign up here**.

#### **FULL STORY**

### CMS Proposes New MIPS Framework



Hoping to reduce clinician burden, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing a new framework for the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). The new framework, MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs), streamlines requirements by having clinicians report on a smaller, more specialty-specific set of measures. Overall, MVPs seek to connect existing MIPS performance categories toward goals of value, increased patient involvement, and reduced clinician burdens as they move toward Alternative Payment Models.

#### **FULL STORY**

## Join Our Team!

Healthcare is undergoing an unprecedented transformation through digital health — do you want to be at the center of it in New York State?

#### **Albany Opportunities**

- Help Desk Technician
- Manager, Information Security
- Policy Analyst
- Windows System Administrator

**New York City Opportunities** 

- Head of Infrastructure & Operations
- Healthcare Data Analyst

NYeC is an equal opportunity employer.

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#### September 30 Deadline to Attest is Fast Approaching!

Struggling with your NYS Medicaid EHR Incentive Program 2018 Attestation? NYeC's EP2 team is here to help. Our team provides expert support and assistance to guide you through the attestation process and onward toward successfully achieving Promoting Interoperability objectives and milestones **(think incentive payment!)**. Even better? **These services are available at no cost to your organization**.

As one of two Regional Extension Centers in New York State, the NYeC's EP2 program works to support eligible providers in the meaningful use of EHRs and to successfully engage in healthcare transformation initiatives pivotal to success under Value Based Payment arrangements.

If you have questions about attesting for the NYS Medicaid EHR Incentive Program or would like further details about our **complimentary** services, contact us at <u>ep2info@nyehealth.org</u>.

### **Upcoming Learning Opportunities:**

#### **WEBINAR: Patient Engagement and Care Coordination**

DATE: August 22, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** This webinar reviews the requirements of the NYS Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Objective 6: Coordination of Care Through Patient Engagement. We'll provide some tips and best practice workflows on how to meet the measures using your EHR.

**REGISTER TODAY** 

#### **WEBINAR: Health Information Exchange**

DATE: September 5, 2019 - 1:30 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** This webinar reviews the goals of health information exchange (HIE) and the Stage 3 Promoting Interoperability (formerly Meaningful Use) requirements for the NYS Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. We'll also discuss some of the common challenges providers face with health information exchange and some potential strategies to help overcome these challenges.

**REGISTER TODAY** 

## WEBINAR: Promoting Interoperability (formerly Meaningful Use) Stage 3 Objectives and Measures (Deep Dive)

**DATE**: September 16, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** This webinar provides details on the requirements for Program Year 2019 of the NYS Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. We'll review objectives, measures, and exclusions for Stage 3, and we'll also review the flexibility within specific measures.

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#### NYeC to See You!



The PTN team met in NYC with practices to discuss VBP.



The PTN team met in Skaneateles Falls with practices to discuss interoperability and the end of TCPI.



