



CBC is hosting its first [Innovations Conference](#)—an event designed to bring the CBC Network together and provide an opportunity for network providers to showcase their innovative programs and service models.

CBC's Innovations Conference 2019 will feature 19 poster presentations that highlight unique practices and programs from across the CBC network. These are grouped into topical areas for panel presentations, including: Distinctive Outcomes, Addressing Gaps, Unique Approaches, and Collaborative Partnerships.

Agenda highlights included:

- Keynote – Jim Gavin, MSW, President + CEO of Community Care Behavioral Health Organization
- Practice Based Approaches Panel highlighting the winning posters from the CBC Network
- Structured sessions and free time to explore Poster Presentations
- Innovative Technology Panel highlighting innovations of technology in the behavioral health sector.
- Opportunities for networking between agencies

CARE COORDINATION SERVICES

HEALTH HOME ADVOCACY

On Tuesday, February 26, the NY Health Home Coalition and NYS Care Management Association, in conjunction with Ostroff Associates, attended a day of lobbying in Albany. Amanda Semidey, LCSW, Vice President of Care Coordination Services, represented CBC. The productive day of lobbying included meeting officials and/or their staff:

- Senator Roxanne Persaud, **Chair, Social Services Committee**;
- Senate Finance Health, Sarah Bangs, **Counsel** and Dan Leinung, **Counsel**;
- Senator Brian Benjamin, **Chair, Revenue and Budget Committee**
- Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, **Health Committee**;
- Assembly Ways and Means: Tony Kergaravat, **Analyst**, Luke Ritter, **Analyst** for Aging and Health, Selena Hajiani, **Deputy Director** of Budget Studies for Aging, Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Health, Insurance, and Mental Health;
- Assembly Member Michaelle Solages, **Health Committee**;
- Senator Gustavo Rivera **Chairman, Committee of Health**, and Chief of Staff, Kristin Sinclair;
- Assembly Member Ellen Jaffee, **Health Committee**;
- Assembly Member Nathalia Fernandez, **Mental Health Committee and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee**; and

- Assembly Member John McDonald, **Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee**.

The goals of this day were to:

1. Restore previous cuts directly to Health Homes and community-based care management providers;
2. Preserve and maintain current funding levels to community-based Health Homes for care management; and
3. Invest in a diverse workforce targeting recruitment, retention and training in the highest need communities.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION

The state recently announced a delay in transition into Medicaid managed care of all services and populations requiring approval of the state's 1115 waiver amendment by CMS. Specifically, the transition of 1915(c) waiver services and children in the waivers, and voluntary foster care agencies (VFCAs) and children residing in VFCAs is delayed from July 1 – October 1, 2019.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION SERVICES PROPOSED RULE

On February 20, NYS OMH re-released a proposed rule establishing standards for providers seeking to offer Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS). These providers must have OMH licensure within the new category, Mental

Health Rehabilitation Services (CMHRS) program. The rule can be reviewed [here](#). Public comment can be made until April 21 by emailing [Kelly Grace](#).

HHSC 1915C WAIVER TRANSITION

To date, 4 of the 5 1915C Waiver programs that are part of CBC's HHSC network have transitioned over 300 children to CBC's GSIHealth Dashboard. Approximately 70 end users are anticipated to receive new GSI user accounts and training. CBC anticipates close to 800 children will transition to the CBC HH by end of March. The SDOH Children's program has updated its guidance for all transitioning staff which is available on the [SDOH website](#).

CONSENTS

Health Home Service Children (HHSC) and Adult Health Home (AHH) continue to make progress with completing and uploading the new consent versions of the DOH 5055 and DOH 5201. As of February 28, the HHSC has achieved 94% completion, bringing us closer to our goal of 100% by the end of Q1 - 2019. Adult CMAs have attained 56% completion. CBC will continue to monitor uploaded consents through the monthly documentation reports. As a reminder, an updated DOH 5055 is due by the next Comprehensive Assessment Due Date. Since the Comprehensive Assessment is due annually, updates for both consents and assessments must be completed by July 31, 2019.

PAST AND UPCOMING VALUE - ADD TRAININGS

CBC hosted three in-person trainings for both AHH and HHSC providers. On February 8 CBC offered two trainings, a half-day **Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying**, where participants explored clinical and community interventions to reduce bullying behavior as well as interventions to assist victims in recovering from the trauma associated with being constant targets of bullying and **LGBTQ Basics**, covering the basics of service delivery to those who identify as gender nonconforming and LGBTQ+. In February, we resumed our **Trauma Informed Care** Training series with **Mary Dino**, CAI, with the introductory course of Understanding Complex Trauma.

March 22 11AM - 12PM WebEx

Person-Centered Care Planning Value Add HH Training

Audience: Health Home Serving Children and Health Home Serving Adults Care Management Staff

Register [here](#)

HEALTH HOME Q1 NETWORK PROVIDER MEETING

CBC Health Home hosted its 2019 Q1 Network Provider Meeting for both Adult and Children's providers on February 28. This meeting offered CMAs the opportunity to receive in-person updates on ongoing and forthcoming HH program developments as well as performance management initiatives and information about our upcoming CBC Re-designation

for Adults and Post-Implementation for HHSC slated to occur on May 1 and 2. As our newest HH Network Provider, [The Door](#) presented an overview of its service array for NYC youth. 50 participants attended across 28 HH Network Providers.

TECHNOLOGY

BPHC IT SUBCOMMITTEE NEW MEMBER

CBC was invited to participate on two Bronx Partners for Healthy Communities (BPHC) sub-committees. **Elise Kohl-Grant**, Director, IT Project Management was named a member of the BPHC IT Subcommittee, also making her a member of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC committee includes participation from all executive and subcommittee members. The IT subcommittee will be responsible for creating and updating processes and protocols for the adoption, utilization and implementation of technology solutions. We are thrilled to represent the CBC network on these committees.

CBC ATTENDS THE HIMSS CONFERENCE

CBC attended the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS19) Conference in Orlando in February. HIMSS is the leading health information and technology conference, bringing together 45,000+ professionals from 90+ countries for the education, innovation and collaboration we need to

transform health through information and technology. The conference offers over 300 sessions with an exhibit hall that includes over 1,300 vendors. CBC took this opportunity to meet with some of the leading technologies and disrupters in healthcare discussing topics like data analytics and how to better align technology with our Network member's needs. Meeting existing vendors helps inform CBC on new strategies that drive innovation and form partnerships with organizations who can ultimately support our network to improve outcomes.



Pictured L to R of CBC: Jorge R. Petit, MD, President & CEO; Elise Kohl – Grant, Director, IT Project Management

HEALTHIFY

Healthify continues to be utilized across the CBC Network. CBC now has unlimited Healthify licenses to access the search functionality! Contact Elise Kohl-Grant egrant@cbcure to receive access for your organization.

593 Total Searches for February 2019:

Top 3 categories of searches:

1. Behavioral Health
2. Housing
3. Food

CBC INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

PATHWAY HOME IS A 2019 SCATTERGOOD INNOVATION AWARD FINALIST!

CBC is delighted to announce that our Pathway Home is a finalist for 2019 Scattergood Innovation Awards at the National Council on Behavioral Health Conference. The ultimate winner will be decided by a public vote that runs from March 4 to March 25. Please vote right now for Pathway Home by clicking [here](#)! **Mark Graham**, VP of Program Services, will represent CBC at the [NATCON2019](#) award ceremony.

PATHWAY HOME PRESENTING AT THE 2019 ANNUAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

CBC's VP of Program Services, **Mark Graham**, LCSW and Senior Director of Pathway Home, **Barry Granek**, LMHC, will present at the [2019 Annual Case Management Conference](#), in April in Seattle, WA. The presentation is an hour long breakout session: "Pathway Home: Bridging Behavioral Inpatient Stays with Community Services."

HEALTHI TO THE CORE AT THE NYS DSRIP SYMPOSIUM

CBC participated in a well-attended presentation at the 2019 NYS DSRIP Symposium on February 12 in Saratoga Springs on CBC's Community Health Hot-

spotting Intervention Programs: HEALTHi and CORE. The presentation highlighted collaborations involving the Staten Island PPS and Mount Sinai PPS and their contracted community partners, CBC Project Hospitality, and The Bridge. The focus was on the program design, use of data and analytics, implementation, collaboration with community providers, and early outcomes.



L to R: Scott Pidgeon - CBC, Victoria Njoku-Anokam - SIPPS, Hannah Maddox - Project Hospitality, Marissa Mendelsohn - MSPPS, and Amy Whelan - The Bridge

IN THE NEWS...

EMERGING LEADERS GRADUATION & RECEPTION

Melissa Martinez, MS, Director, Health Homes graduated from the Princeton AlumniCorps Emerging Leaders NYC 2018 – 2019 program on February 19. CBC was proud to sponsor Melissa in the Princeton AlumniCorps Emerging Leaders program; an 8-month long leadership program. Emerging Leaders provides affordable, and meaningful professional development for mid-career nonprofit leaders. The program is designed to provide young professionals with the



L to R: Margaret Crotty, Emerging Leaders NYC Program Leader, Melissa Martinez, Emerging Leader and HH Director, CBC, Yael Sivi, Emerging Leader NYC Facilitator

skills, knowledge, and confidence that will increase their impact within organizations and within the sector. The Emerging Leaders program has served a critical role in nonprofit professional development since its inception in 2011.

INTEGRATED CARE FOR KIDS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a new 1115A Medicaid demonstration, the Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) Model. Under the InCK Model, a lead organization, in collaboration with their state's Medicaid Agency, will partner with community providers to offer integrated access to a set of Core Child Services, focusing on prevention, early identification, and treatment of behavioral and physical health needs, with a focus on addressing opioid addiction issues. Through InCK, CMS aims to reduce spending and improve the quality of care for children residing in specific service areas who are covered by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CMS will award approximately \$128 million to a up to eight awardees. Applications are due on June 10. Information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

MEDICAID TELEHEALTH EXPANSION

NYS DOH has released a special edition of the Medicaid Update (available [here](#)) to announce expanded coverage of telehealth services for DOH-regulated providers and

practitioners. Coverage is being extended to include additional originating and distant sites, additional telehealth applications (store-and-forward technology), and additional practitioner types. The update also provides billing rules and guidelines, including CPT codes and rates. These updates are effective January 1, 2019 for Medicaid fee-for-service and March 1, 2019 for Medicaid Managed Care plans.

MACRA AND VBP ROADMAP ALIGNMENT WEBINAR

NYS DOH will host a webinar along with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to explain the alignment of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and the NYS Value Based Payment (VBP) Roadmap. The webinar will demonstrate the opportunity for NYS providers to participate in the Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) track under MACRA and explain what providers should consider as they pursue alternative payment arrangements that include enrollees for both Medicare and Medicaid. To register, visit [here](#).

BEST PRACTICES IN IMPLEMENTING BUPRENORPHINE RELEASED BY OASAS AND DOH

NYS OASAS and DOH have released a joint letter introducing a best practices document for implementing buprenorphine entitled, Implementing Transmucosal Buprenorphine for Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder, available [here](#). It was developed to assist those caring for

individuals with Opioid Use Disorder in integrating buprenorphine into their practices. Additional resources are available [here](#).

OHEL OPENS NEW COMMUNITY PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES

OHEL opened the Kāmin Health Urgent Care /Ganger Medical Center in December, with a grand opening in [January](#). This Center offers integrated physical and mental health to the Brooklyn community.

The center is open daily and boasts a state-of-the-art lab, X-ray equipment, and free parking on site. In speaking to **Nachum Weingarten**, Medical Director of Operations, he stated, "we treat the whole person and offer professionals with warm and nurturing personalities." Community members come in for primary medical care and if needed, receive a warm hand off to other programs of OHEL—be it for themselves or family.

Marc Katz, COO further stated "many individuals have received integrated care services to fill in the gaps of care as well as identified health risk factors to further promote one's health and wellness, which makes us different than others."

The center is located at 1268 East 14th Street in Brooklyn and can be reached at 718-686-3344. To learn more about the many services of OHEL, please visit their [website](#).