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The 10th Annual Gala & Awards is Just 11 Days Away!



We're counting down the days until our 10th Annual Gala & Awards on November 30th, 2021 at 7:00pm!

Join us virtually for an evening of recognition and celebration as we honor the accomplishments of groundbreaking leaders transforming healthcare across New York State. Hosted by longtime friend of NYeC, NY1's Cheryl Wills, our 2021 event will honor **Kristin Myers**, Executive Vice President & CIO, Mt. Sinai Health System, **Herbert Pardes, MD**, Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, and **Wayne Riley, MD**, President, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University.

[Learn more about our honorees and host.](#)

This year, we welcome back dynamic jazz band The Revisionists to fill the evening with lively, upbeat entertainment. The Revisionists are led by trumpeter and arranger Danny Jonokuchi, whose arrangements have been performed by numerous acclaimed artists including Lady Gaga and Grammy-nominated vocalist Nicole Zuraitis.

Your attendance and generous support of our annual Gala & Awards is a great way to show support for the Statewide Health Information Network of New York and the crucial work of NYeC and our partners to improve care delivery and patient outcomes through HIE. Join us at this year's virtual Gala & Awards and help show your support for healthcare in New York!

Find out more about how to register or become a sponsor for this year's event at the button below.

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SHIN-NY Spotlight: Health Plan Finds Great Benefits with HIE



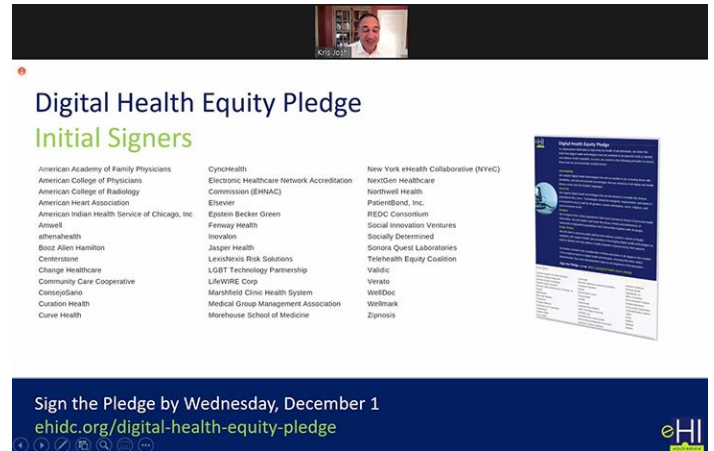
In the latest SHIN-NY Spotlight video, we feature Independent Health, a health plan based out of Buffalo, NY which serves nearly 380,000 members. Since the beginning, Independent Health has seen tremendous value in HIE and was a founding stakeholder of HEALTHeLINK, one of the SHIN-NY's Qualified Entities.

With a connection to the SHIN-NY via HEALTHeLINK, Independent Health members receive enhanced quality care coordination. Listen as Michael Cropp, MD, MBA, Independent Health President & CEO, and Christina Manciocchi, PharmD, BCACP, CDE, Manager, Pharmacy, Population Health Management & Integrated Care explain how the SHIN-NY benefits the health plan, their staff, and their members.

Watch the video at the button below.

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NYeC Becomes an Initial Signer of eHealth Initiative's Digital Health Equity Pledge



On November 4, 2021 at the virtual Digital Health Equity Summit, the eHealth Initiative (eHI) released the Digital Health Equity Pledge.

NYeC is proud to be one of the initial signers of this important pledge, which is designed to ensure that “powerful digital health technologies do not exacerbate existing biases” and focuses on commitments from organizations in “four main areas: accessibility, diversity, respect, and public policy.” Highlighting these equity issues in digital health is vitally important, and NYeC agrees that “increased focus and responsibility from companies to address those issues by following the guidelines and working to reach its ambitious goals” is critical to solving these important issues.

“eHI is proud to lead the Digital Health Equity Pledge,” said Jen Covich Bordenick, CEO, eHI. “We have been at the forefront of convening healthcare leaders to discuss barriers and address inequities in the current system and how technology and data can be leveraged in this on-going work. The organizations who have signed the Pledge are taking a strong step forward toward health equity, and we are thrilled to partner with them on this important work.”

Learn more and see how your organization can sign the pledge at the button below.

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Bronx RHIO Collaborates with Members on Research Projects



Bronx RHIO launched its Subcommittee on Research and Quality Improvement in 2019, and since then it has collaborated on several research projects. Any Bronx RHIO member can participate in the Subcommittee and submit research proposals.

When reviewing project proposals, the Subcommittee considers potential impacts to Bronx RHIO data-contributing member organizations, to the population being researched, and to New York City as a whole, as well as whether the project is suitable for the use of Bronx RHIO data.

One completed project was led by the James J. Peters VA Medical Center investigating when and where veterans seek outside emergency services in order to reduce emergency department (ED) overuse and improve care transitions. Other projects in progress include:

- Examining the healthcare utilization patterns of HIV at-risk patients and whether certain patterns of care are associated with increased PrEP uptake and HIV seroconversion with Montefiore/Einstein;
- Studying the impact of the NYC DOHMH's Relay program on individuals with an opioid overdose-related ED visit with DOHMH/NYU;
- Another Montefiore/Einstein study looking at the epidemiological risk factors impacting COVID-19 disease progression and mortality in the Bronx.

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Hixny: You Built It and They Came... But Will They Return? Part 2



In the last volume of NYeC News, Hixny CEO Mark McKinney spoke about the importance of data quality for HIE in a recent blog post. He also mentioned that, “in the current environment—where providers have numerous choices for accessing remote data—HIEs need to do more than just make quality data available. HIEs need to focus on making unique data available, through applications powered by SMART on FHIR technology, to ensure continued success.”

This month, he returns with a new blog to discuss continued exploration of the technology and how HIEs, can use technology to showcase the breadth and depth of their capabilities.

Read Hixny CEO Mark McKinney's latest blog post at the link below.

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Northwell Health Solutions, Using Healthix to Fill Gaps in Care



Northwell Health, one of the largest healthcare systems in the nation, currently uses the monthly Healthix Gaps in Care Report as an additional layer of information on top of its own data, to examine and fill patient gaps.

The Northwell VBC team used the Healthix reports from January through September 2021 and matched gaps of 11,766 patients.

“The significance of Healthix information is not in the mass volume of data available, but in the meaningfulness to close specific gaps for keystone patients...”, said Kimon Stathakos, Senior Director, Operations at Northwell Health Solutions.

Complete care measures based on Healthix data allows the VBC team to submit the Healthix sourced information to payers as supplemental data. This has resulted in a one STAR increase across at least three payers so far which allows them to achieve key performance incentives/earnings.

Gaps in Care reporting is instrumental in identifying closed gaps previously unknown (e.g., patients who received care outside of network). The Gaps in Care report is helpful to improve HEDIS and QARR metrics, read the full report at the button below.

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HealthConnections and Diameter Health Publish Second Whitepaper



HealthConnections has completed a new whitepaper in partnership with [Diameter Health](#), titled: “Improving Ambulatory Clinical Quality Measurement Using a Consolidated Patient View”.

Despite the successful adoption of EHRs, current approaches to quality measurement continue to be challenging. Healthcare organizations face significant hurdles in implementing and reporting electronic quality reporting due to inconsistent data formats, concerns of data completeness and accuracy, lack of structured data, and inconsistency in measure logic implementation.

HIEs can provide a more complete longitudinal patient record of aggregated data across sources back to their participating member organizations. HIEs could make it possible to measure quality across institutions in a patient-centric manner by gathering data wherever a patient seeks care, thus more accurately reflecting the quality of care provided.

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Rochester RHIO Leverages Direct Secure Messaging to Boost Care Coordination



Rochester RHIO has partnered with health IT vendor Secure Exchange Solutions (SES) in efforts to boost data exchange and care coordination through direct secure messaging.

Implementing direct secure messaging will help to close communication gaps between physicians and healthcare providers for referrals, care coordination, and critical clinical event notifications, Rochester RHIO said.

“Rochester RHIO chose to partner with SES to ensure that our HIE participants have access to the highest rated Direct solution in the market,” Andrea Richardson, CIO of Rochester RHIO, said in a public statement.

Read the full article from EHR Intelligence at the button below.

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Healthcare technology and digital health has never been more important as it is today. Do you want to be in the middle of the action here in New York State?

[Healthcare Data Analyst / Sr. Healthcare Data Analyst](#)

(opportunity available in either Albany or NYC office)

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EP2 Program

Last Call! Vital Audit Materials to Sunset December 31st, 2021

NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program participants could be audited up to six years after receiving their incentive payment. Key program documents that can simplify a potential audit are scheduled to be taken offline December 31st including:

- Meaningful Use Registration for Public Health (MURPH) Audit Report Cards
 - A MURPH Audit Report Card document serves as the best evidence of a provider's history of active engagement with New York State Public Health Registries.
 - Log onto the MURPH now to download and save a copy of the MURPH Audit Report Card.
- Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Administrative Support Service (MEIPASS) Attestation Documentation
 - MEIPASS Attestation Document is a complete record of the information providers attested to during a specific Performance Year.
 - **Log into MEIPASS, select the Performance Year desired, click "MEIPASS Attestation Document" to open a PDF copy of your attestation.your next application of Meaningful Use.**

Security Risk Assessments Must Be Completed by December 31st, 2021

Providers that attested to completing their SRA at a future date must meet the December 31st deadline to retain their incentive payment. **Those unable to meet the deadline will need to complete the self-report process to retract their attestation and refund their incentive payment.**

What's Next?

Meaningful Use set the foundation for participation in more advanced Quality Programs. Visit the EP2 landing page [here](#) for post program resources to support the advancement of Meaningful Use activities in your practice.

Please contact the EP2 team at ep2info@nyehealth.org for more information.