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WEEKLY UPDATE

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BRONX HEALTH ACCESS PPS UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Capital Restructuring Financing Program Request for Applications Reissued

On April 10, 2015, the New York State Department of Health re-issued its request for applications (RFA) for the Capital Restructuring Financing Program (RFA # 15-04100252). This RFA is identical to the one issued in Fall 2014 and submitted by the PPS to the State in February, 2015.

Organizations can either re-submit their previous applications, change their previous application, or submit a new application. All guidelines and DOH rules still apply: see [here](#) for instructions for applicants and the RFA itself.

As required by the state, all CRFP applications must first be submitted to Bronx Health Access PPS for review and consideration. The deadline for submission to the PPS is April 30, 2015. Applications are due from the PPS to the State by May 6, 2015.

Any eligible organization may submit a new application to the PPS under this RFA, whether or not they applied during the previous application period. You must be in the Bronx Health Access PPS to submit an application.

See the [DOH Q&As](#) for details about what organizations are eligible and other important information.

Applicants who responded to the previous RFA are encouraged to reapply. These applicants have two options: they may submit the same application, or they may choose to change their previous application. Previously submitted applications will not be considered for funding unless they are re-submitted formally under the new grant program.

If an applicant chooses to submit the same application, the individual who signed the original application must sign a new [Letter of Attestation](#). This letter certifies that the original application has not been changed in any way. The Letter of Attestation is available [here](#) (at the bottom of the page). Letters of Attestation are due to the Bronx Health Access PPS by April 30, 2015.

If an applicant chooses to change the previous application, the applicant must use the forms the State has issued under the current RFA. The application, directions and forms are available [here](#).

The Bronx Health Access PPS must submit applications to the State on behalf of its participating provider organizations, as was done during the previous application period.

Please direct any questions to [Stephen Banks](#) or [Emily Hart](#) at One River Grants. Stephen Banks is also available for consultation regarding the application process, and can be reached by phone at (518) 283-7400 or by email at sbanks@onerivergrants.com

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Physicians: Want to learn about how to transform patient care?

On April 29th at 6 p.m. the PPS Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) workgroup will present a free event for physicians who are interested in obtaining PCMH certification. DSRIP requires that all primary care physicians obtain PCMH certification by year three of the project. This event is open to physicians who have already signed an attestation

form and are part of the PPS. Space is extremely limited; additional events will be held in the future. For more information or to RSVP contact Gary Rosario at (347) 603-6593 or grosario@bronxleb.org.

Committee Updates

Project Development and Implementation Committee

The project leads met at Wave Hill on Wednesday, April 22nd. At this meeting, the Health Home At Risk project and the Asthma project walked through their project work flow and showed how it interacted with the proposed care coordination clearinghouse workflow. In addition, the IT Committee walked through an example of how projects can begin to think about their data needs by walking through an IT workflow for the Care Transitions project. Finally, the stakeholder engagement group talked about how to best engage providers who are interested in participating in project but have yet to be a part of the process.

The general PDI Committee met via conference call and webinar on Wednesday, April 14th. Below are major topics discussed:

- A representative from the Stakeholder Engagement work group gave a presentation on the provider network and discussed topics such as PPS membership, the top employers for primary care physicians and non-PCPs, and the benefits of provider network analysis to guide implementation planning.
- A representative from the Finance Committee walked through the budget template for those who did not see it at the project lead meeting.
- The PDI chairperson walked through an updated version of the care coordination clearinghouse flow chart.
- Project work group and cross-functional leads gave updates on the their groups' progress.
- Finance and IT gave a brief update on their progress related to the projects.

Upcoming PDI Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: (IN PERSON) Bronx Lebanon, 1276 Fulton Avenue, Bronx NY Conference Room A

Call-in info: (888) 586-0554

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2459351690978772226>

IT Committee

The IT Committee is dividing work into a number of work groups that include: EMR, HIE, Analytics, Care Coordination, Patient Portal, Short Term Data Needs, and Project and Committee engagement. To accommodate the work, the committee will be meeting weekly moving forward.

Workforce Committee

In order to ensure we have an adequate workforce to meet the needs of the DSRIP projects, the workforce committee is launching a process to determine the workforce needs of each project and partner. The Workforce Committee will be setting up meetings with project leads to learn about the impact of each project on the current and future workforce.



State DSRIP Updates

DSRIP Year 1 Timeline Has Been Updated

The DSRIP Year 1 timeline has been updated to reflect recent changes made by the state Department of health to key deliverables and due dates. Updates are available to be viewed [here](#). Please direct any questions related to the timeline to DSRIP@health.ny.gov.

Applicant Conference and Webcast for the Vital Access Provider Assurance Program (VAPAP)

The Department of Health will conduct an Applicant Conference and Webcast on Wednesday April 29, 2015. The Applicant Conference will be held in Meeting Room 2, Empire State Plaza, Albany NY from 1:30 - 3:00. Applicants are encouraged to send personal representation as questions and answers during the conference will only be addressed on site. The VAPAP mailbox remains available for general questions: VAPAP@health.ny.gov.

The conference agenda will include:

- History of the Interim Access Assurance Fund (IAAF), the Vital Access Provider Program (VAP) and the blend of the two programs: VAPAP
- Timeline of Financial Reporting and Transitional Planning requirements
- Tools and Assistance Available
- Questions and Answers



DSRIP in the News

[The Tangle of Coordinated Health Care](#)

New York Times

"Who coordinates the coordinators? More specifically, who coordinates the proliferating number of health care helpers variously known as case managers, care managers, care

coordinators, patient navigators or facilitators, health coaches or even - here's a new one - "pathfinders"?...Checking in with patients to help them manage chronic illnesses, find the services they need, understand their drug regimens, order medical equipment and adopt healthier habits could improve their well-being and ward off intensive and costly medical interventions."



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