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WEEKLY UPDATE

February 23, 2015

BRONX LEBANON HOSPITAL CENTER PPS

BLHC PPS UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Success at the DSRIP Project Approval and Oversight Panel Meeting

Last week, the state Project Approval and Oversight Panel (PAOP) met in Albany to review the 25 DSRIP Performing Provider System Project Plan Applications and scores as presented by the Independent Assessor.

The BLHC PPS team - particularly those focusing on the workforce piece - hit one out of the park! The PAOP panel was so impressed by the PPS's hard work, and the testimony presented by Dr. Jeff Levine, that it increased the Bronx Lebanon application bonus points for workforce from 1.33 to 3 points. The panel recognized the application was in full compliance with workforce requirements, which makes the PPS eligible for more funding.

"The panel was extremely impressed by the true community partnerships that are the hallmark of our PPS," said Dr. Levine. They -- and we -- see that the opportunity

to rationalize and integrate services for people in the South Bronx can truly come to fruition."

Congratulations to the whole PPS on this herculean effort. To read the entire scoring summary, [click here](#).



State DSRIP Updates

Capital Restructuring Financing Program

Last week was the deadline for applications for the Capital Restructuring Financing Program, or CRFP. The Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center PPS completed the CRFP submission process with the Department of Health. The Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center PPS submitted 14 CRFP applications.



Important Dates and Deadlines

*** The New York State Department of Health has updated the DSRIP Year Zero Timeline this week, making some important changes. A few highlights are below; more details are [available here](#). ***

Early March 2015 -- DSRIP Project Plan awards made

April 1, 2015 -- Implementation Plan due from PPSs

April 1, 2015 -- DSRIP Year One Begins

Mid-April 2015 -- First year payments to PPSs

Behavioral Health Webinar Available for Viewing

As implementation plans are finalized for the April 1 deadline, the state Department of Health has posted a webinar online, presented by the National Council, looking at the relationship between behavioral health, physical health conditions and hospitalizations -- along with more detail about DSRIP Project 3.a.i. It can be viewed [here](#).

Public Comments about the PPS Applications

Curious about what members of the public had to say about the state's PPS applications? The Department of Health has posted a revised document of all public comments received about DSRIP PPS Project Plan Applications as well as a summary of the public comments. It's available [here](#).



Here is a sampling of recent DSRIP media coverage.

Cuomo promises 'fair deal' on hospital

Saugerties Post Star

Feb. 16, 2015

If there was any question about whether or not the voices of local representatives were reaching the Governor's Office, or falling on the deaf ears of government underlings regarding St. James Mercy Hospital, that has been put to bed.

Q&A with Jason Helgerson on Health and Hospitals

City & State

Feb. 11, 2015

Q: What are some of the challenges that the state faces while implementing reforms with the \$8 billion federal Medicaid waiver?

JH: The biggest challenge is what we're asking providers to do to come together in large groupings, sort of across the entire continuum of healthcare-hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, home care providers and specialty providers in behavioral health developed for those who are developmentally disabled. You name it, we're asking all of these providers to come together and work as a team.

Q&A with Kemp Hannon on Health and Hospitals

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Q: What stood out in the governor's State of the State and budget address?

KH: The specifics about what we wanted to deal with were the major amounts of power that they would proposed to the [state Health] Department in regards to what they call value-based pricing.

Q&A with Ramanathan Raju on Health and Hospitals

City & State

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Q: Under the Medicaid waiver, applications for Performing Provider Systems were due in December. How many of the institutions that you oversee applied? Are any seeking to transition into non-hospital roles?

RR: HHC is taking a leadership role in the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) process. We have applied to the state as a single, city-wide Performing Provider System (PPS) consisting of all our healthcare facilities, including our nursing homes, community health centers, home health agency and our insurance plan, MetroPlus.



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