

# CNY REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM: VALUE BASED PAYMENTS NEWSLETTER

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## A REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM OVERVIEW:

As each region will experience unique challenges and opportunities as the behavioral health transition to managed care occurs, they will require in person dialogue and collaboration to resolve.

A **Regional Planning Consortium (RPC)** is a regional board populated with community-based providers, peers/family/youth, county mental health directors, regional healthcare entities and managed care companies from each region.

**The Purpose of the RPC** is to work closely with State agencies to guide behavioral health policy in the region, problem solve regional service delivery challenges, and recommend priorities for reinvestment of Medicaid savings.

## WHAT ARE VALUE BASED PAYMENTS?

“Value-based programs reward health care providers with incentive payments for the quality of care they give to people with Medicare. These programs are part of our larger quality strategy to reform how health care is delivered and paid for. Value-based programs also support our three-part aim: better care for individuals, better health for populations, and lower cost”

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/Value-Based-Programs.html>

## PURPOSE OF THE RPC VALUE BASED PAYMENT GROUP/NEWSLETTER:

The Value Based Payment Workgroup was formed back in 2017 to provide an information sharing platform for the region on State updates. Since then, the group has been repurposed to a bi-monthly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide updates from the Behavioral Health Care Collaborative Leads (BHCCs), from OMH and CNY Care Collaborative on upcoming trainings. Any Value Based Payment questions will be answered here. Contact Katie Molanare, RPC Coordinator with any questions.

## WHO ARE THE BHCC LEADS?

“The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) jointly announce awards for the NYS Behavioral Health Value Based Payment (BH VBP) Readiness Program. The funds have been awarded to selected networks of behavioral healthcare providers, called Behavioral Health Care Collaboratives (BHCCs).

The BHCCs will use the awards to help prepare behavioral health providers to engage in Value Based Payment arrangements, a financial incentive framework that rewards healthcare providers for improved quality, outcomes, and costs. A main goal is to improve the integration of physical and behavioral health.”

<https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/bh-vbp.html>

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For more information on the RPCs and past VBP Newsletters, check out the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors website

<http://clmhd.org/rpc/>

## **WHO ARE THE BHCC LEADS IN CNY?**

There are three BHCC Leads that cover the 6 county region. These providers are; Helio Health, The Neighborhood Center, and Family Counseling Services of Cortland County. If you are interested to see the other leads in the State below is a link with the providers and their network/affiliate providers.

[https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/bhcc\\_lead\\_and\\_network.pdf](https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bho/bhcc_lead_and_network.pdf)

## **BHCC UPDATES:**

**Helio Health:** “ Given the current COVID-19 crisis, the CNY BHCC has put much of its project work on hold. We are working to support our partner agencies in ways they would find helpful. CNY BHCC has been providing wellness and self-care opportunities for agency staff and the community, summarizing guidance and sharing resources across network. All information can be found in the resources section of our website [www.cnybhcc.health](http://www.cnybhcc.health). The CNY BHCC is offering guided meditations twice daily, five days a week and once per day on weekends. The BHCC team has been working on ways to assist providers post-COVID as behavioral health will most likely see tremendous effects from this situation.”

### **The Neighborhood Center:**

- Our network is bringing together providers to share their responses to COVID and in the process working to identify what is working and what gaps are emerging as providers shift service delivery.
- We are reaching out to our MCO partners so that we might understand gaps that they are seeing and work collaboratively to close those gaps.
- Our committees are shifting to align with the new modes of service delivery and actively working to ensure that our focus on performance measures continue, while acknowledging that providers are focused on the acute needs of program operation and the implementation of new systems, processes, and workflows.

### **Family Counseling Services of Cortland County:**

- The SCBHCC continues with our transition to a BHIPA now that the Operating Agreement is complete and signed by partner agencies.
- We are moving forward with our new State Opioid Response grant through OASAS which will focus on Medication Assisted Treatment within our network of providers.
- SCBHCC continues to work with Care Compass Network on the implementation of our data sharing platform for the network. We have been working with the CCN team and Blount consulting on preliminary decisions that are critical to the design of the platform including decisions around data sharing, care plan models and a unified approach to addressing social determinants of health.

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## **WHAT IS THE CNY CARE COLLABORATIVE (CNYCC)?**

“The Central New York Care Collaborative (CNY Cares) is a partnership that connects more than 2,000 healthcare and community based service providers in six counties across Central New York -- Cayuga, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego. The primary goal of the collaborative is to serve the population by improving the coordination of healthcare services, enhancing the quality of performance outcomes, and creating an overall better system of care for patients”

*<https://cnycares.org/what-is-the-cnycc/>*

## **CNY CARE COLLABORATIVE (CNYCC) TRAININGS, OMH TRAININGS, DOH TRAININGS:**

- No trainings at this time.