2020 Gala & Awards: Confirmed Honorees, Host Announced

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This year has been a whirlwind for healthcare and health information exchange while our nation grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects. Without our innovative and adaptable healthcare leaders, and the heroic efforts of frontline healthcare workers, we cannot imagine how the health landscape would look today.

Our ninth annual Gala & Awards will be a virtual celebration on December 1, 2020 where we will come together to honor amazing leaders and "everyday heroes". We are pleased to announce the confirmed honorees and our host for this year's event:

2020 CONFIRMED HONOREES

2020 HOST

Laura Forese, MD
Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
NewYork-Presbyterian

Philip Ozuah, MD
President & Chief Executive Officer
Montefiore Medicine

Cheryl Wills
Anchor, Spectrum News NY1;
Host, *In Focus with Cheryl Wills*

Learn more about our honorees and host

To find out more about how to register or become a sponsor for this year's event, **click here** or follow the button below.

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NYeC Recognizes Two Board Members for their Leadership and Service

NYeC has been fortunate to benefit from incredible leadership by its Board of Directors for well over a decade. From incorporating the organization in 2006, through evolving roles and funding arrangements, to the establishment and growth of a truly statewide network, this leadership has ultimately guided the SHIN-NY to the point of critical mass where it sits today—aptly positioned to serve the State's healthcare and public health community as it navigates the worst public health crisis in modern times.

At NYeC's recent Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, two of the longest-standing members of NYeC Board transitioned out of their roles as active Directors, following many terms of committed service and tremendous contribution.

Carol Raphael, currently a senior advisor at Manatt Health, served as President and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY) from 1989 to 2011. During her tenure at VNSNY, she helped launch NYeC and served as Chair of our Board of Directors for many years. She has made a myriad of contributions to the health and long-term care fields, and her guidance has been integral to the success of NYeC and the SHIN-NY.

Dennis Whalen, serving now as Northwell Health's Vice President of State Government Affairs, has been an active Director on NYeC's Board for many years, including multiple terms as Board Secretary. Dennis has shared his deep public and private sector experience with NYeC over the course of his involvement with the organization, built on a career that includes leadership roles in the administrations of multiple New York State Governors, the State Department of Health (DOH), and at the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS).

Carol and Dennis have both been elected Directors Emeriti of NYeC, in recognition of their dedication and significant contributions for which we are grateful.

NYeC Submits Comments on CMS Proposed Year 2021 Rule

On October 5, 2020, NYeC submitted comments to CMS on the Proposed calendar year (CY) 2021 Physician Fee Schedule, which includes updates to Medicare telehealth services, the Quality Payment Program, and other Medicare Part B initiatives.

In the proposed rule, CMS proposed certain expansions for use of telehealth services under Medicare Part B given the COVID-19 public health emergency. NYeC supports changes that will continue the increased adoption and use of telehealth and advocated for the use of Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) to provide interoperability between telehealth data and data collected from in-person visits.

One other piece of the rule was CMS' proposed updates to the MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance category, including the addition of a new, optional, Health Information Exchange (HIE) bi-directional measure. NYeC supported several provisions here, with some clarifying comments and requests.

CMS also proposed updates to the Quality Payment Program (QPP), including updates to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for Medicare Part B clinicians and the MIPS Value Pathways (MVP) framework. NYeC supports the transition to digital quality measures, and requests that CMS continue to prioritize interoperability and health information exchange, particularly as a way to strengthen quality measurement, citing New York's experience.

Read more comments and recommendations to CMS at the button below.

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Funding to Support SHIN-NY Connection Now Available for Pharmacies and EMS Agencies!

The Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP) has historically provided financial support to physicians, long-term care providers, behavioral health and home and community-based services providers as they have established bi-directional connections to the SHIN-NY.

Supporting value-based, coordinated care remains one of NYeC's strategic pillars and we understand that EMS and pharmacies can play critical roles. We are excited to announce that EMS agencies and pharmacies within New York State are now eligible for the incentive program. Are you a pharmacy or EMS agency in New York State, or do you work closely with these types of organizations/entities? Improve patient care, increase connectivity within your care delivery network, and help to boost value through health information exchange. You can receive up to $13,000 in funding now to offset connecting and contributing data to the SHIN-NY.

Learn more about the program and your eligibility **here** or email us at **deip@nyehealth.org**.

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Hixny Puts Actionable Patient Information Front and Center with New Patient Snapshot
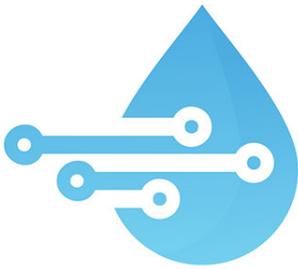

Hixny recently announced the launch of a new capability within its provider web portal to provide its provider participants the most important and relevant information on their patients, at a glance.

"We've repeatedly heard from providers that while the data they can access through Hixny is more complete and comprehensive than what they can find in their own electronic health records, it's not easy to find critical information quickly," said Mark McKinney, Hixny's CEO. "This helps solve that problem."

Now when a provider searches for a patient record within Hixny's web portal, this new patient snapshot will display the most recent, actionable information — including COVID-19 test results, gaps in recommended care and other quality indicators, previous and existing diagnosed conditions, clinical files and notes, lab and radiology results, immunizations and current medications. Providers can still click through for additional data, but this supports the delivery of more efficient and effective care.

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Rochester RHIO Presents Finger Lakes Health Data Conference

The inaugural **Finger Lakes Health Data Conference** — presented by Rochester RHIO on November 10, 2020 — will be a collaborative, half-day virtual event designed to encourage sharing of best practices and challenges in health data through lively panel discussions, informative presentations, and on-screen forums.

Presenting the Keynote address will be Joshua Vest, Ph.D., MPH, Associate Professor of Health Policy & Management and Director of the Center for Health Policy at Indiana University.

In addition, hear from and engage with leading voices about health data initiatives affecting our communities, including Wade Norwood, CEO, Common Ground Health, as he moderates a panel on *Understanding Race and Ethnicity in Health Data Today*.

Registration is free. Space is limited to ensure active discussion. Learn more about additional topics and **secure your spot today**.

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Bronx RHIO: Structured Data Exchange (SDX) Project

The Bronx RHIO has partnered with HealtheConnections in a multi-year project supported by NYeC through the Interoperability & Innovation program to design and implement a FHIR-ready, cross-QE Structured Data Exchange (SDX). The SDX will enable the flow of key, discrete clinical data elements in support of value-based payment arrangements and quality measurement.

The project is based on the belief that gaps in care are often inaccurately identified due to gaps in data. The efficient and accurate exchange of pieces of discrete data between QEs, through SDX, can ensure that measure calculations are complete and accurate so that provider organizations can receive and utilize that information to follow up on only those patients who truly have gaps. This, in turn, saves valuable provider time and resources, improves accuracy of quality measures, and reduces duplicative tests and procedures.

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HealtheConnections: Introducing New Population Health Tool for Local Health Departments

Leveraging the patient health information contributed from more than 500 organizations in its 26-county region, HealtheConnections launched a new application for local health departments (LHDs) to view de-identified clinical data from the HIE for population health-level use. The application is an analytics-based tool, with graphical dashboards and user-selectable criteria, that includes prevalence estimates for hypertension, diabetes and pre-diabetes at the county and zip code level.

Utilizing this tool, LHDs can better understand disease pervasiveness, and plan effective interventions to address disparities and protect and improve public health.

"We are pleased to leverage our robust HIE clinical network to support our local health departments and the vital role they play in the wellbeing of our communities," said Rob Hack, President & CEO of HealtheConnections. "While the application is initially being launched with LHDs, there is enormous potential for these population-level data to be made available to a broader set of users to help providers examine the context under which their patients live."

READ THE ARTICLE

HEALTHeLINK Medical Minute: General Physician, PC

HEALTHeLINK recently released their latest Medical Minute video, featuring Dr. Richard Charles, Chief Medical Officer at General Physician, PC, a large medical group serving the western area of New York.

In this installment of the Medical Minute, Dr. Charles explains the value of connecting to HEALTHeLINK and how it supports him in delivering a higher standard of care. Providers at General Physician, PC enhance care for their patients by accessing patients' previous health data, even or especially if the patient received care outside of their network. They also view previous test results and reduce duplicative testing. Through health information exchange and HEALTHeLINK, providers at General Physician, PC have found an invaluable resource in supporting comprehensive, connected care throughout their community.

Watch the video at the button below.

WATCH VIDEO

Healthix: Dr. Lewis Marshall:
A Citywide HIE Champion

Dr. Lewis Marshall, Jr., a physician leader at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, part of the NYC Health + Hospitals System, is a long-time, fervent advocate for access and use of patient data available through health information exchange (HIE) to improve care. Over the years, he has shared his excitement with colleagues throughout NYC, concerning the expanding value and flexibility of HIE data.

Dr. Marshall is now exploring potential applications of Healthix data to better coordinate care and social services for Lincoln's patients, a predominantly low-income, underserved population. He envisions Healthix data supporting increased innovation across the hospital's population health management programs (e.g., for hypertension and diabetes management), including cases where more complete patient history, social determinants of health information, additional diagnoses and other HIE data would be essential in informing treatment decisions, predicting risk and mitigating disease progression.

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Learning Opportunities

NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Audit Preparation

Date: Thursday, October 29 at 1:00 pm

Description: The webinar will highlight everything you need to know about audits for the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, so that you can feel confident and prepared throughout the attestation and audit process.

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MEIPASS PY2020 Soft Opening Available to Eligible Providers

For the final two years of the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, a Soft Opening period will be introduced. Soft Opening allows for qualifying providers to submit an attestation in MEIPASS before the official opening of a payment year.

The PY 2020 Soft Opening is available for providers who:

- Do not have a PY2019 attestation pending. If a provider attested to PY2019, the provider must first receive payment for that year prior to attesting.
- Have a 90-day EHR Reporting Period ending prior to September 30, 2020
- Have a 90-day CQM Reporting Period ending prior to the September 30, 2020
- Have a 90-day MPV Reporting Period ending prior to the September 30, 2020

PY2020 Soft Opening will begin on October 1, 2020 and be available through the Official Opening in early 2021. For further information and/or assistance in preparing for MEIPASS 2020, contact the EP2 team at EP2info@nyehealth.org.

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