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NYeC Announces New CEO David Horrocks



NYeC Board Chair John D. Bennett, MD (President and CEO, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan) announced today the hiring of NYeC's new CEO, David Horrocks. He succeeds Valerie Grey, who departed at the end of 2021 after serving as CEO for more than five years.

Horrocks has been the President & CEO of CRISP, Maryland's designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), since its formation in 2009. While at CRISP, he launched CRISP Shared Services, an innovative HIE affiliation by which five state designated HIEs share a single technology operation to gain economies of scale and share best practices. In 2012, under David's leadership, CRISP developed an ADT-based encounter notification system which became a model for the country's HIEs.

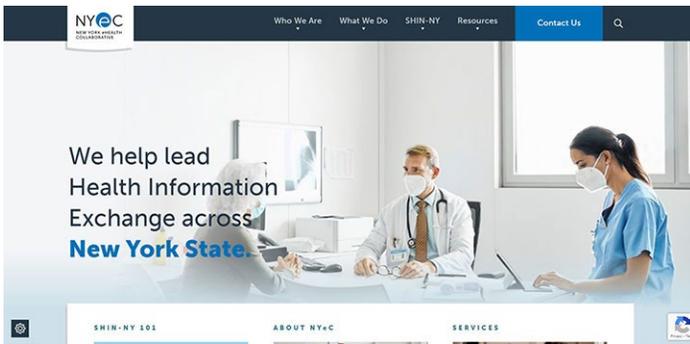
"David has the skills, smarts, and leadership abilities that make him the ideal person to guide NYeC and the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY) forward as we work to improve health care outcomes and reduce healthcare costs for New Yorkers," Dr. Bennett said. "On behalf of everyone at NYeC – and New York's healthcare community — I want to welcome David. I would also like to thank Jordanna Davis for leading the Board's search committee and all the members of the committee for their good work."

"It is an honor to join the team at NYeC and all those who contribute to the work of the SHIN-NY. New York has built a strong foundation from which to innovate and advance healthcare interoperability, in support of New York State's healthcare stakeholders, including patients and public health agencies, that are served by the SHIN-NY," Horrocks said.

Read the full press release at the link below to learn more about new NYeC CEO David Horrocks.

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NYeC Launches Redesigned Website



NYeC is pleased to announce the launch of a redesigned website with a more modern, user-friendly interface, intuitive navigation, and a more engaging design that supports the understanding and awareness of NYeC, the SHIN-NY, and the organization’s initiatives.

The website focuses on providing concise, clear information and easy-to-understand language to improve education and understanding for stakeholders, patients, providers, and others interested in learning more about the SHIN-NY and health information exchange. The new site has been designed to better meet current and future communications needs through flexible page templates to share, support, and promote success stories, events, case studies, and educational campaigns.

NYeC welcomes your feedback on the new website. Please direct any comments and inquiries to: info@nyehealth.org

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NYeC Selected as 2022 Mother Cabrini Health Foundation Grantee



NYeC is honored to announce that the organization has been selected as a 2022 Mother Cabrini Health Foundation grantee. This grant helps to fund the *Technology-Enabled Fall Prevention Pilot Program for Older Adults*, which focuses on evidence-based exercise programs as well as wearable technology to better mitigate and prevent falls for New York’s senior population. We look forward to sharing the results of this pilot program to better support older adults in our communities.

“After nearly two years of recovery from a pandemic that has hit vulnerable populations the hardest, we must continue to address the challenges communities across New York State are facing: food and housing insecurity, lack of access to basic healthcare including vaccines, lack of equity within the healthcare professions, and racial and economic healthcare disparities made worse during COVID-19. We must continue to support the full range of services that make for healthy people and communities,” said Msgr. Gregory Mustaciolo, Chief Executive Officer of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of vulnerable communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Named after a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation funds programs and initiatives across New York State that either provide direct healthcare services or address the social determinants of health. For more information, visit <https://www.cabrinihealth.org/>

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ONC Publishes the Trusted Exchange Framework, Common Agreement (TEFCA)

On January 18, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that ONC published the Trusted Exchange Framework, Common Agreement — Version 1, and QHIN Technical Framework — Version 1.

The overall goal of TEFCA is “to establish a universal floor of interoperability across the country. The Common Agreement will establish the infrastructure model and governing approach for users in different networks to securely share basic clinical information with each other—all under commonly agreed-to expectations and rules, and regardless of which network they happen to be in. The Trusted Exchange Framework describes a common set of non-binding, foundational principles for trust policies and practices that can help facilitate exchange among HINs.”

Learn more about TEFCA at the ONC’s website at the button below.

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HEALTHeLINK Releases 2021 Report to the Community



HEALTHeLINK, the HIE for Western New York, was formed in collaboration with the local health care community to support hospitals, physicians, health plans, public health organizations and others in improving the efficiency and quality of care. As highlighted in the HEALTHeLINK 2021 Report to the Community, that spirit of partnership continues with a focus on improving the HIE foundation and enhancing the services offered to its participants.

Highlights from the report include:

- Increased utilization of HEALTHeOUTCOMES, HEALTHeLINK’s community population health tool that uses data from HEALTHeLINK sources and claims data from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York, Independent Health, and Univera Healthcare.
- Migration to a new HEALTHeCOMMUNITY Portal that offers a fresh and more user-friendly interface for participants when accessing applications.
- More than 950,000 clinical results like lab tests and radiology reports and images were delivered monthly. This marks a 10% increase over 2020.
- Patient record lookup, which enables participating HEALTHeLINK providers to instantly access a consented patient’s clinical record and obtaining information such as test results, medication history, etc., totaled more than 6.5 million.
- Finally, in 2021 alone, the HEALTHeLINK team worked on a total of 83 different projects focused on improving the HIE foundation and enhancing the services offered to its participants across the health care community.

Read the 2021 HEALTHeLINK Report to the Community at the button below.

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Rochester RHIO's Annual Report Highlights 15 Stories for 15 Years



ROCHESTER RHIO **15 STORIES** *for* **15 YEARS**
2021 Annual Report to the Community



Healthcare has undergone dramatic changes in the past 15 years. When Rochester RHIO began in 2006, it was one of the first community health information exchanges in the United States. Secure and rapidly sharing health data securely between historically disconnected providers and systems was a novel concept.

In celebration of this milestone, Rochester RHIO showcases 15 stories in its 2021 Annual Report to the Community. These stories demonstrate how clinicians and care managers use health information exchange services to make a meaningful difference. Read one of these important stories, featuring Catholic Charities:

Imagine having been diagnosed with a treatable life-threatening disease, yet not knowing it. That's what happened with a patient at Catholic Charities of Chemung-Schuylar Counties.

Catholic Charities is a care management agency. It connects people to providers to reduce emergency room visits and improve overall health.

"We had a person come in who didn't realize he was diabetic," says Jessica Maher, HARP Care Manager for the organization. "The patient had the bloodwork performed by an independent provider, with a clear diagnosis, but the gentleman had not been informed during the follow-up."

Maher says that through Rochester RHIO's health information exchange, the staff at Catholic Charities was able to identify the diabetes test result, then provide assistance to get the patient needed care.

"Without RHIO, we would be blind," says Maher.

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Healthix Impact of Data: A Year of Improving Data Access, Data Expansion and Data Integrity



Healthix continues to expand the breadth, depth, and quality of data from thousands of healthcare partners, including the SHIN-NY, and is excited to share the Healthix Impact of Data report.

Impact Report Highlights:

- President & CEO's Message
- Board Chair Outlook
- Data Access
- Data Expansion
- Integrity of Data
- Benefits of Data
- Public Health & Security
- Healthix by the Numbers
- 2022 & Beyond

Read Healthix's Impact of Data report at the button below.

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HealtheConnections: New Report on ASCVD Now on myPopHealth



In 2021, HealtheConnections was awarded funds from the Division of Chronic Disease Prevention at the New York State Department of Health to add a new report presenting prevalence estimates of Arteriosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD).

HealtheConnections is pleased to announce that this new report is now on the myPopHealth application. ASCVD is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality, and this new report will help inform each county's primary and secondary prevention activities.

Similar to the other reports available on the application, the ASCVD prevalence estimate is presented by county and zip code through interactive maps, tables, and charts. Filters for age, gender, race, and ethnicity are also available to help examine the distribution within sub-populations of each county.

The myPopHealth application offers unique value for public health partners. Unlike most population-level data sources, the HIE data included in myPopHealth reflect a recent period of the past two years. The myPopHealth application is updated with new data every week, making it possible to evaluate interventions closer to when they occur and better make data-informed decisions.

HealtheConnections is dedicated to leveraging its broad, diverse set of health information exchange data to support the regions' LHDs and the New York State Department of Health in their work to monitor, help manage, and prevent chronic disease within our communities.

The State of Hixny (Annual Report 2021)



In a recent blog post from Hixny, CEO Mark McKinney and Hixny Board Chair Wouter Rietsema, MD, reflect on 2021 and what the next steps look like in 2022 and beyond:

“As 2021 came to a close, we looked back at another challenging year for the healthcare community as a whole. We’re proud that Hixny continues to serve as an increasingly valuable hub for the exchange of all sorts of information among a wide variety of providers and consumers in nearly every care setting.

What lies ahead for Hixny? We want to make the right thing to do the easy thing to do. That is, we want to provide actionable information completely within a typical provider workflow. For example, we’re starting to integrate clinical and social care information to empower providers to take steps to address social determinants of health within the health information exchange itself.”

Read the full blog post at the link below.

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