



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 19, 2024

7:30 AM

Microsoft Teams

Draft Meeting Minutes

Directors, Officers, and Trustees: David Shippee – Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Centers (Chair), Brian O’Grady - CDPHP (Vice Chair), Julie Bazell, Jeremiah Benoit, MD – Highmark Western and Northeastern NY, Ashima Butler – Ellenville Regional Hospital, Scott Cohen, MD – Bassett Health Care Network, Julie Demaree – St. Mary’s Amsterdam, Kevin Gallagher, MD – Hudson Headwaters Health Network, Eric Linzer – New York Health Plan Association, Scott Momrow – MVP, Charles Welge – Albany County Department of Health

Invited Members of the Public: Howie Architzel – Broadview Federal Credit Union, Mackenzie Boushie – Adirondack Medical Center, Lyndsay Macagg – Community Health Center of the North Country, Josh Retell – St. Peter’s Health Partners, Jim Sinkoff – Sun River Health

Hixny Staff: Mark McKinney – CEO, Bryan Cudmore – Vice President, Account Management, Debra Hamway – Vice President, Finance, Taiymoor Naqi – Chief Compliance Officer & Vice President, Privacy & Security

Guest: Lisa Tuggle – Adirondack Medical Center

Public Session Commenced: 7:31 AM

I. Welcome & Chairperson Remarks
Mr. Shippee welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Adopt Minutes from July 18, 2024 Board Meeting

A motion to approve the July 18, 2024 Board Meeting minutes was made by Julie Bazzell and seconded by Jeremiah Benoit, MD. With no further comments, no opposition, and no abstentions, the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Public Session

Mark focused on the status of the 1115 waiver implementation and Hixny’s role.

Awards were announced by the governor’s office for the Social Care Networks (SCNs). Healthy Alliance Foundation was awarded to serve as the SCN for the North Country, Capital District and Central New York. A SCN will select and partner with one Qualified Entity (QE) per each region. Hixny will work with Healthy Alliance for the Capital District and the North Country, but not Central NY where HealtheConnections will support the SCN.

The original waiver implementation date was October 1st; however, the state has delayed the program start date to January 1, 2025.

QEs will support the waiver in three areas: directly supporting the SCN, collecting screenings from community providers and making HRSN data available to providers. SCN direct support will involve the QEs delivering data to the SCN, submitting data to the SHIN-NY data lake captured by the SCN referral management platform and providing optional value-added services to the



SCN where necessary. Only the first two of these services are covered under existing or planned SHIN-NY funding, allowing the QE to charge for any value-added services it provides.

In addition to supporting the SCN, the QEs will also be responsible for collecting screening data from community providers and ensuring that it is shared with the SHIN-NY and SCNs via the data lake. Community providers have the option to use their EHR, the SCN referral platform or other tools such as the Hixny screening tool to perform screenings and get paid for their work if it meets the states' criteria, and the provider has contracted with the SCN.

An organization must utilize the NYS AHC screening instrument that includes "question o" (consent to screen). Any data collected outside the SCN platform must be submitted to Hixny for data validation and transmission to the SHIN-NY data lake.

For community providers that are interested in screening patients in their workflow, they can either use their EHR or the Hixny Snapshot application which has the AHC instrument with question o available. Mark shared that the implementation "lift" for providers who already have access to Snapshot via their EHR is negligible and provides benefits to providers that that may incur costs to customize the EHR to add the question o or require different screening tools for different populations. Hixny encouraged providers to consider using Snapshot instead of the EHR to reduce the development and implementation timeline to make screenings available to the SHIN-NY data lake.

Finally, Mark described the three levels of consent that will be used to support waiver activities. They include:

- Question o – a consent to screen and share the results of the screening with the SCN and other relevant participants (health plan, CBO, etc.). When patients elect not to answer or answer "no" to this question, the screening is discontinued.
- Consent to Assessment. The screening occurs upon review of the screening results and authorizes eligibility verification and other activities to determine if a patient should be referred for social services. This consent is collected by the SCN navigators and stored in the SCN referral platform.
- Consent to Referral. Patients who are eligible for services are asked to consent to being referred to CBOs for services. This is also documented in the SCN platform.

These new consents are independent of the SHIN-NY consent which is still required for any organization or person to view the patients clinical record via the SHIN-NY.

Additional conversation regarding the implementation of the waiver ensued.

A motion to adjourn the public session was made by Brian O'Grady and seconded by Julie Bazzell. With no further comments, no opposition, and no abstentions, the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Session Adjourned: 8:14 AM

Respectfully Submitted by:

**Linda Mensching-Quinn
Human Resource & Board Relations Administrator**

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 21, 2024 at 7:30 AM