

HIGHLIGHTS IN CITY & STATE HEALTH POLICY & PROGRAMMING

CHILD HEALTH NOW! COALITION MEETING

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HIGHLIGHTS:

STATE HEALTH POLICY & PROGRAMMING

In New York State:

- 1.25 million individuals enrolled in New York's Marketplace by the end of open enrollment in Year 1 (March 31, 2014).
- State Budget was passed in March 2014.

Wins for children/families include:

- continued funding for NY State of Health;
 - making health insurance more affordable for low- to moderate-income New Yorkers by creating a Basic Health Program with premiums up to \$20 a month;
 - protecting New Yorkers from surprise medical bills from out-of-network providers; and
 - helping New Yorkers use their insurance by supporting consumer assistance programs.
- 1115 Medicaid waiver was approved by CMS in April 2014. This will allow for New York State to reinvest \$8 billion in implementing the Medicaid Redesign initiative.
 - State Administration continues to transition all previously exempt Medicaid consumers and populations into managed care.
 - *Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment* initiative was announced.



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In New York City:

- New Mayoral Administration appointed:
 - Deputy Mayor Lilliam Barrios-Paoli to oversee health and human services for the City of New York
 - Mary Bassett as the city's Health Commissioner.
- NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene testified before the NY City Council and announced the following as priorities:
 - Reducing health disparities
 - Maternal and Reproductive Health
- City 2014-15 Budget passed in June 2014.



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Work in Analysis & Advocacy

Early Childhood:

- Finding the most effective form of governance for early childhood programs in New York State.
- Ensuring the implementation of a comprehensive, quality Universal Pre-Kindergarten program; and the improvement of early care programming and education in New York State.

Education:

- Achieving school discipline codes and implementation practices that are appropriate and relevant for New York City youth.
- Reducing the suspension rate for children, especially for grades K-3.



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Work in Analysis & Advocacy (cont.)

Youth Justice:

- Raising the Age of adjudicated youth in New York State.
- Reforming the provision of mental health and medical services in New York City jails.
- Eliminating recidivism for incarcerated youth post-release.

Youth Development:

- Supporting youth who are transitioning to college via:
 - preparatory programming, workshops, and education;
 - financial scholarship



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Health:

- Supporting effective implementation of the Affordable Care Act in New York State.
- Supporting the sustainability and growth of access to health care for children in New York State – via school-based health centers.
- Eliminating disparate health outcomes for minority children/youth in New York State.

Staff additions:

- Andrew Leonard, MPA, Sr. Health Policy Associate
- Health Policy Intern – graduate/undergraduate student



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