

Agenda for CDPAANYS 18th Annual Conference
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October 27, 2021

12:00-1:00 – Registration and Buffet Lunch in Exhibit Hall – **Ferris Foyer**

1:00 PM – Introduction and Welcome - Jared Schneider, Caretime;
followed by:

Medicaid Director Update and Q&A: Brett Friedman, Esq. - Deputy
Commissioner and Acting Medicaid Director, New York State Department
of Health - **Ferris Ballroom**

2:15 – 3:30 – Breakout Sessions A

3:45 – 5:00 – Breakout Sessions B

5:00 – 6:00 – Cocktail Hour/Networking Reception with Exhibitors and
Gift Basket Raffle/Auction for Consumer Scholarship: *Sponsored by HSM*
Personal Care - **Ferris Foyer**

6:00 – 7:30 – Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle/Auction Drawing: *Sponsored*
by Direct Care Innovations – **Ferris Ballroom**

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8:00 – 9:30 – Breakfast Buffet & Networking with Exhibitors – *Sponsored*
by HHAeXchange – **Ferris Foyer**

9:30 – 10:30 – Breakfast Keynote Address: Ai-Jen Poo, Executive Director,
National Domestic Workers' Alliance; 50/50 Raffle Drawing – **Ferris**
Ballroom

10:45 – 12:00 – Breakout Sessions C

12:15 – 1:30 – Breakout Sessions D

Schedule of Breakouts

2:15 Wednesday, October 27

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Value-Based Purchasing & CDPA: Innovative Ideas to Improve Quality While Maintaining Consumer Control

Join in on a panel discussion on how fiscal intermediaries can explore the Value-Based Purchasing pay-for-performance model while staying true to the principles of self-direction. This session is led by James Graff, Director, Elara Caring; Julian Hagmann, Vice President, Caring Professionals; and Bryan O'Malley, Executive Director, CDPAANYS

Ferris A

A discussion on timely Employee Benefits, Insurance and Risk Management topics for FIs

Paul Essner, Bryan Pendrick and Sean Rosenfeld of TSG Financial will lead this fast moving session on a variety of topics including "ACA Compliance for Joint Employers – New Lower Risk Solutions", "Wage Parity Problems and Solutions – Upstate FIs beginning to work downstate and what you need to know", "ICHRA, a lower cost solution for offering health insurance to employees and PAs" and "Whatever unique requirements the new FI contracts require, that you didn't plan for."

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Labor & Employment Legal Update

Theresa Rusnak, Associate Counsel of Bond, Schoeneck & King returns for a breakout session exploring changes to New York State's labor and employment laws that impact Medicaid providers. This session will cover topics such as wage parity benefits changes and reporting requirements and legal changes related to COVID-19.

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Medicaid eligibility changes - what does it mean for me?

Consumer Track

Valerie Bogart, Director of the Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program and previous recipient of CDPAANYS' Sally Johnston Award for Advocacy, will outline Medicaid eligibility changes that went into effect this year and the impact that will have on consumers who are currently enrolled in CDPA and those who will be signing up for the first time.

3:45 Wednesday, October 27

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Federal Policy Updates: What's Next for Consumer Direction on Capitol Hill?

This session will cover the latest on the Biden reconciliation bill and the special funding provisions for consumer-directed personal care. It will also address COVID-related policy issues affecting the industry, including the upcoming OSHA vaccine mandate. Katherine Murray is Principal at Applied Self Direction - the Technical Assistance, Training and Membership arm of the National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services (NRCPS).

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Fair Pay For Home Care: Provider Leadership Panel

The #FairPay4HomeCare campaign to create a new, equitable wage and reimbursement structure for home care workers, including CDPA personal assistants, is fast gaining traction with elected officials. In order for this effort to succeed, providers must be on board. This is a panel, featuring Doug Hovey, President & CEO of Independent Living Inc./Independent Home Care and James Robertson, Community Outreach Specialist at Trusted Choice Home Care.

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Today's Provider Landscape: Legal, Contracting and Policy Changes

This session, led by CDPAANYS Counsel and Distinguished Service Award recipient Hermes Fernandez, Partner at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, will seek to cover the latest provider compliance and contracting topics impacting fiscal intermediaries in NYS, including a discussion of what is known regarding the RFO. This session will help fiscal intermediaries strengthen their internal controls and assist in building and maintaining compliance programs.

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NY Caring Majority: How to Get Involved

Consumer Track

Julia Solow, Lead Organizer, and Gemma Calinda, Hudson Valley Organizer with Hand in Hand/Caring Majority Rising, will outline ways that you and the people in your community can become part of the fast-growing movement promoting #FairPay4HomeCare and better pay for home care workers and personal assistants, regardless of how much experience you have or where you are.

10:45 Thursday, October 28

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How Empowering Consumers Strengthens Your Business

How can fiscal intermediaries encourage their consumer and workforce base to find their own voices and participate in advocacy - and why it is great business sense to do so? Panelists are Alexander Litman, Director at Ideal Home Health; Denise DiNoto, Communications & Outreach Specialist at Consumer Directed Choices; and Carlos Martinez, Executive Director of BRIDGES of Rockland County.

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Panel: Are You Getting the Most Out of Your EVV System?

CDPAANYS is thrilled to welcome this panel of EVV experts for a discussion on how EVV implementation is going, what trends New York is seeing, and in what ways fiscal intermediaries can work with EVV vendors to ensure their product aligns with the consumer directed environment. Panelists are Jared Schneider, CEO of Caretime; Brian Perry, Vice President of Sales at Direct Care Innovations; & John Pandolfi, VP of Client Solutions at HHAExchange.

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Understanding New York's New Tuberculosis Testing Regs

Julia Battista, Policy Associate at CDPAANYS, will lead this workshop on the new tuberculosis testing requirements for personal assistants in CDPA and what responsibilities and protocols these new regulations will impose on fiscal intermediaries.

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What To Consider When Choosing a Fiscal Intermediary

Consumer Track

New and current consumers in CDPA have a right to decide which fiscal intermediary is the best for their needs. But what goes into making these decisions - and what research should be done before making that choice? Hear from CDPAANYS' Peer Mentoring Team, featuring Joanne Taveras, Sandra Lamb, and Athena Savides, and Peer Mentoring Program Manager Laura Cardwell.

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Open Q&A Session: Bryan O'Malley, CDPAANYS

This open-ended session offers an opportunity for conference participants to engage in an extended Q&A session with Bryan O'Malley, Executive Director at CDPAANYS.

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Navigating Harassment and Workplace Issues in CDPA

Michael J. Weiner, Home Care legal expert at Glaser & Weiner, P.C., will lead this breakout seeking to unfold the complicated grey areas associated with issues relating to sexual, gender and workplace harassment in Consumer Directed Personal Assistance and what responsibilities and liabilities exist for fiscal intermediaries when navigating these sensitive topics.

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Impact of Peer Mentoring on Consumer Self-Sufficiency and Workforce Retention

How can fiscal intermediaries utilize peer mentoring services to keep consumers active, teach self-sufficiency and reduce worker turnover? What impact can peer mentoring have on consumers who struggle to recruit? This engaging discussion features Emily Briggs, Director of CDPAP at Blossom Modern Home Care Solutions of Western New York, plus CDPAANYS' Peer Mentoring Team: Joanne Taveras, Sandra Lamb, and Athena Savides.

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Consumer Transition: Rights, Needs and Desires

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New York's provider landscape in CDPA will be changing on or after November 1 with the advent of new State contracts and consolidation of fiscal intermediaries. What do consumers need to know when navigating these changes? This session is a panel discussion.

