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**NYS COUNCIL AND CHCANYS AWARDED NATIONAL GRANT
TO PROMOTE FURTHER LEADERSHIP ON
CARE DELIVERY AND PAYMENT INITIATIVES**

ALBANY, NY – The New York State Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NYS Council) and the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS) have been jointly selected as one of ten national grant awardees to participate in a primary care and behavioral health State Learning and Action Collaborative focused on care delivery and payment initiatives.

Funded by The Delta Center for a Thriving Safety Net, with sponsorship by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the award recognizes the NYS Council and CHCANYS as leaders within the behavioral health and primary care fields and further supports our partnership. The memberships of both organizations will greatly benefit from this unique opportunity of learning, as well as from the expanded relationship afforded by both organizations working together.

“Thank you to The Delta Center for this funding award to the NYS Council and CHCANYS. We are delighted to be collaborating with our partner, CHCANYS, for what we know to be a fruitful and sustained relationship to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of care for the individuals we serve. The NYS Council has been at the forefront of efforts within the mental health and addictions treatment field to educate and provide technical assistance to providers as they realign their services with new models of care delivery and payment initiatives. We look forward to expanding those efforts by working more closely with CHCANYS and their members,” said Lauri Cole, Executive Director of the NYS Council.

CHCANYS President and CEO Rose Duhan said, *“In order to ensure sustainability under the State’s value-based payment model, it is critical for primary care and behavioral health providers to strengthen their partnerships. Thanks to The Delta Center for a Thriving Safety Net for providing this funding, which will enable CHCANYS and the NYS Council to collaborate on new training and technical assistance opportunities for our members that will position them for success in this new environment.”*

The \$240,000 award funds a two-year project dedicated to supporting organizational efforts to improve care delivery in the context of new value-based payment initiatives.

The Delta Center also will be working closely with the National Association of Community Health Centers and the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Specifically, the Delta Center’s Collaborative has a multi-pronged approach that focuses on:

- Building capacity within existing state associations to support their provider members and local partners—fostering broad and sustained reach;
- Synthesizing and disseminating lessons from local, state, and national experiences to inform policy and practice at all levels; and
- Advancing creative collaboration between primary care and behavioral health organizations.

The *NYS Council* is a statewide association that represents 100 behavioral health prevention, treatment and recovery organizations across New York. Our mission is to protect and enhance the availability of effective and efficient behavioral health programs and services that meet the needs of underserved individuals and families in their local communities.

The *CHCANYS* purpose is to ensure that all New Yorkers, including those who are medically underserved, have continuous access to high quality community-based health care services including a primary care home. To do this, CHCANYS serves as the voice of community health centers as leading providers of primary health care in New York.