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A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY



President & CEO, Linda Schwimmer

Together, We Must Change the Culture Around Death and Dying in New Jersey

Instead of my SchwimmerScript essay, I am sharing the opinion piece I wrote for NJ.COM that was published on Health Care Decisions Day. I wrote about the Quality Institute's efforts to change the culture around end-of-life care in New Jersey. I invite you to read the piece here and hope you will consider going online and adding your voice to the conversation

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Ellen Rand talks about the stark difference between the end-of-life experiences of her mother and her father, her work with the Quality Institute's *Conversation of Your Life* (COYL) program, and what she learned as a hospice volunteer.

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UPCOMING QUALITY INSTITUTE EVENTS



GPTN Webinar Series

Cultural Intelligence: Breaking Barriers in End-of-Life Care

Thursday, April 25 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

CE accredited webinar with Dr. David Barile, Founder and Chief Medical Officer of Goals of Care Coalition of New Jersey. *Open to the public.*

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Quality Institute Spring All Council Conference **Racial Bias in Health Care: A Diagnosis and Treatment Plan**

Tuesday, May 21 at 2 p.m.

Trenton Country Club
201 Sullivan Way
West Trenton, NJ

Featuring keynote speaker **Tiffani Johnson, MD, MSc**, at PolicyLab at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Panel will include: Lani M. Alison, Regional Cancer Care Associates; Arturo Brito, The Nicholson Foundation; Marjorie Forgang, WellCare of New Jersey; and Suzanne Sernal, RWJ Barnabas Health. Members and invited guests only.

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Conversation of Your Life (COYL) Breakfast

Thursday, June 13 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Trenton Country Club
201 Sullivan Way
West Trenton, NJ

Open to Quality Institute and COYL Task Force members, including Mayors participating in COYL, only.

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NEW MEMBERS



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Measuring and understanding customer satisfaction is essential to providing the best care to patients. The Medicaid Policy Center is pleased to announce that the NJ FamilyCare Data Dashboard now has the 2018 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) scores available. These scores provide insight into member experiences at the state's five Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.

The Quality Institute's Medicaid work is funded by [The Nicholson Foundation](#).

Read CAHPS Scores
Now



MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

Members: Participate in the development of a new Mayors Wellness Campaign tool, *Special Needs In Your Community*. We are in the process of developing a new tool in our MWC Toolkit, which will provide strategies that communities can use to make their community health and wellness events more inclusive by involving residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We want to work together to help our communities remove barriers to health for all. Please contact us if you would like to participate in this work. We'll be sharing the tool with our campaign mayors and interested members via a training webinar this summer.

Help Develop the New Special Needs Tool



CONVERSATION OF YOUR LIFE

Thank you to everyone involved in COYL's [National Healthcare Decisions Day \(NHDD\) signing events](#) throughout the month of April, especially to our members and amazing COYL taskforce members! Residents across New Jersey received crucial information on end-of-life care and how to communicate their wishes to loved ones and healthcare providers. We appreciate everyone's support, enthusiasm, and encouragement to make a difference in end-of-life care in New Jersey.

If you haven't filled out your own Advanced Directive yet check out [MyDirective](#) to create one on line and share it with your health care proxy and your primary care provider.

It's Not Too Late: Get Involved at an Upcoming COYL NHDD Event



Quality Corner

Learn hands on: Hospital and ambulatory surgery center leaders can receive an in-person training and orientation to help complete the [Leapfrog Hospital](#) and [ASC Surveys](#) at the Leapfrog Group Deep Dive Session at the DNG Healthcare Symposium, from June 4-7 in Orlando, Florida.

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SHOUT OUTS

Through the efforts of **Quality Institute Board Member, Linda Locke, CNM**, a joint legislative resolution recognized

Black Maternal Health Week (BMHW) in New Jersey. The designation brings attention to racial disparities in maternal health care and the need to improve outcomes for Black mothers and babies. BMHW is a week of awareness, activism, and community building.

[Get Involved & Learn More](#)

G-O-A-L! Students scored more than \$3,000 for Class of 2019 activities in the first annual “Trenton United” student soccer tournament healthy fundraiser at the Capitol City Sports Complex. The event was part of our member **Trenton Health Team’s** partnership with Trinity Health on the Transforming Communities Initiative, a multi-million dollar, five-year population health effort addressing policy, systems, and environmental change, and social determinants of health.

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Congratulation to our member **Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA)** on the announcement of their new CEO, Dr. Pat Basu, who will also serve on CTCA’s national board of directors.

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Congratulations to Dr. Alfred F. Tallia, professor and chair of Family Medicine and Community Health at our member **Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School**. Dr. Tallia was elected chair of the National Board of Medical Examiners and has been a Trustee of our member, **Visiting Nurse Association Health Group**.

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IN THE NEWS

[Quality Institute's 'Health Matters' Poll Explores New Jerseyans Views on End-Of-Life Care](#)

How can we change New Jersey’s culture around death and dying? “Patients, families, and communities must take control. Together we must change the culture...That’s what the Quality Institute’s Conversation Of Your Life is trying to do.”

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Making End-Of-Life Care Planning a Priority | Opinion

Governor Murphy recently declared April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day and encourages residents to attend Quality Institute's Conversation Of Your Life (COYL) advance care planning events across New Jersey with the goal to increase the amount of New Jerseyans documenting their end-of-life wishes.

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Most New Jerseyans have pondered, but not planned for, end-of-life wishes

New Jersey Health Matters poll series by the Quality Institute in partnership with Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University-New Brunswick — 60% of New Jersey adults have given a great deal to some thought about their end-of-life wishes, but only 30% have a written document detailing their wishes.

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INDUSTRY EVENTS

7.18.2019 | United Hospital Fund's Annual Medicaid Conference

Join the United Hospital Fund of New York at their Annual Medicaid Conference, *Medicaid in New York: A Look Toward the Future*, which will feature opening Keynote Donna Frescatore, New York State Medicaid Director.

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