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



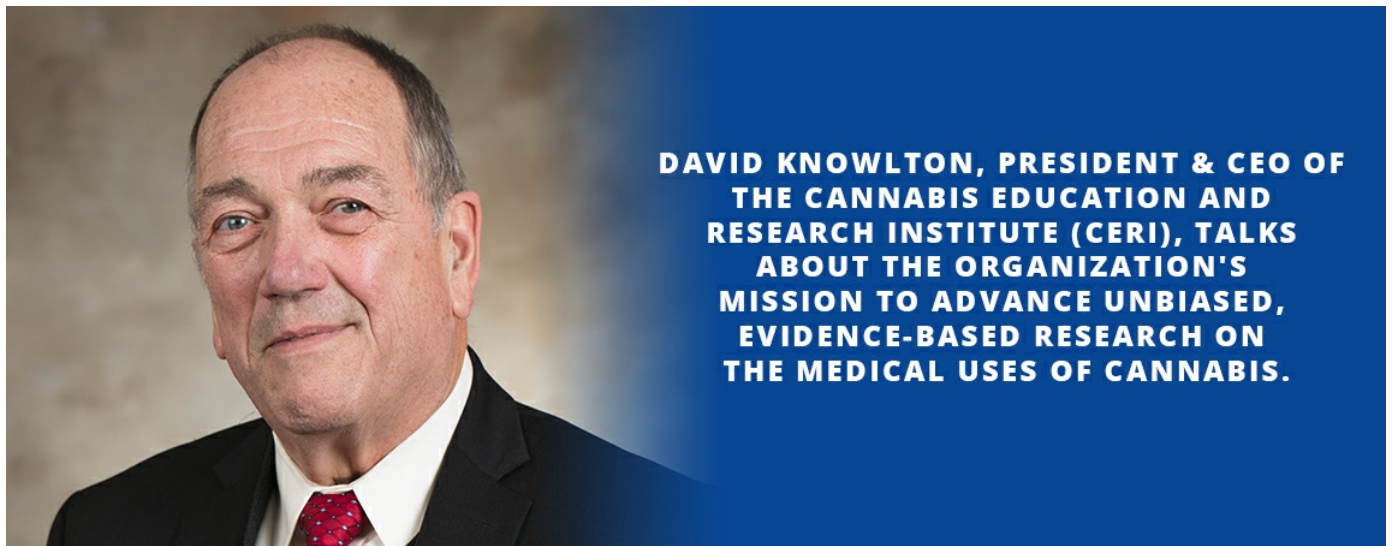
SCHWIMMER SCRIPT

President & CEO, Linda Schwimmer

Looking Back — And Ahead — After 20 Years of Quality Measurement

In her essay, Linda Schwimmer says purchasers, including government, should respect providers' time and align quality reporting programs and models to make the journey to a safer health care system less burdensome for all.

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

David Knowlton said CERi works to differentiate medical cannabis from recreational marijuana to drive decision-making that supports patient needs. The organization also aims to educate the public, health care providers, and policymakers about the benefits of medical cannabis.

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UPCOMING QUALITY INSTITUTE EVENTS



GPTN Webinar Series ***Cultural Intelligence: Breaking Barriers in End-of-Life Care***

Thursday, April 25 from 12PM to 1PM

CE accredited webinar with Dr. 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 **Racial Bias in Health Care: A Diagnosis and Treatment Plan**

Tuesday, May 21 at 2PM

Trenton Country Club
201 Sullivan Way

West Trenton, NJ 08628

Featuring keynote speaker **Tiffani Johnson, MD, MSc** 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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NEW MEMBERS



The Burke Foundation

[The Burke Foundation](#) is a private grantmaking foundation based in Princeton that funds transformative early childhood initiatives to foster the healthy development of families and communities in New Jersey. The Foundation focuses on three key areas: healthy pregnancies and births, positive parent-child relationships, and high-quality early care and learning.



How do New Jersey counties rank in health outcomes? A new [study](#), published by the RWJ Foundation and University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, ranks counties based on a system that accounts for social determinants of health. The Medicaid Policy Center (MPC) recognizes how systems of care can help to raise overall health outcomes of a community, and we stress the value of counties and cities working to link health care programs and social services to better reach the needs of the community.

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



MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN



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HEALTHY TOWNS

- BERGENFIELD BOROUGH
- THE CHATHAMS
- MONTCLAIR
- MORRISTOWN
- PLAINFIELD
- PRINCETON
- STONE HARBOR
- WESTWOOD

HEALTHY TOWNS TO WATCH

- BRIDGEWATER
- ELIZABETH
- FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP
- ORADELL
- RIDGEWOOD
- RUTHERFORD
- SCOTCH PLAINS

HEALTHY TOWNS IN THE MAKING

- JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
- VERNON TOWNSHIP
- WILDWOOD CREST



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Join the Statewide Effort to Improve End-of-Life Care for New Jersey Residents

To honor [National Healthcare Decisions Day](#) (April 16), COYL taskforces are holding multiple community signing events throughout New Jersey during the month of April. We invite everyone to attend and to participate in these events by sharing a personal story on why advance care planning is important to you and/or publicly signing your own advance directive. The Quality Institute is asking that people who sign their advance directives consider sharing the news on social media using these hashtags: **#NHDD #ConversationOfYourLife #NJHCQL**.

[See the Full List of Events Here](#)



Quality Corner Update

As New Jersey's Regional Leader for the Leapfrog Group, we are excited to share that the 2019 [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) and [new Leapfrog ASC Survey](#) both opened on April 1. For the first time Leapfrog is collecting data from hospital outpatient departments and Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) to provide purchasers and consumers with even more information about the quality and safety of health care in New Jersey. Data collected through the ASCs, and new outpatient section of the Hospital Survey, will NOT be publicly reported by facility in 2019. Instead, the data will be aggregated in a national report that will be shared later this fall.

SHOUT OUTS

Congratulations to Terri Schieder-Rann, Quality Institute member **Atlanticare's** VP of Population Health and Business Development, for being inducted into the Atlantic County Women's Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

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RWJUH Somerset, an RWJBarnabas Health facility, announced the launch of its Healthy Homes housing program. Healing Homes provides sustainable solutions for those who encounter both economic and health challenges and are in need of a healthy and safe place to live. The Quality Institute applauds RWJUH Somerset's efforts to help their community by addressing the social factors that affect health outcomes.

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Cheers to the **Trenton Health Team (THT)** for receiving a grant from Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson to provide mental health first aid training to front line staff, lay leaders, family members, and others. With the goal of teaching basic knowledge about mental health issues and appropriate resources that are available for assistance, the THT will use this funding to address mental health and substance abuse issues in Trenton.

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IN THE NEWS

[NJII Innovation Showcase Explores Value-Based Care](#)

At the 2019 Innovation Showcase, held by the Quality Institute and the New Jersey Innovation Institute on March 21, one of the prevalent themes explored at the conference was how to use data to drive value innovation. Former Governor Mike Leavitt discussed the current and future states of value-based care in his keynote speech, setting the tone for the event's value-themed break out sessions. The Quality Institute's Medicaid Policy Center Director Matt D'Oria, pictured, spoke at a break-out session. He outlined the value of innovative maternity care models that improve outcomes for mothers and babies.

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[Do You Have An End of Life Plan?](#)

Despite New Jersey's Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) law, a large number of New Jerseyans do not have living wills, or any other documentation, which is a critical issue, especially if they are unable to make medical decisions for themselves. **Adelisa Perez**, the Quality Institute's Director of Quality, discusses what the Quality Institute's COYL program is doing to address this dilemma.

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Industry Events

4.15-4.16.2019 | 2019 NJAMHAA Annual Conference; The Ivy League of Behavioral Health, Policy and Practice in Action

Join the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc., at their Annual Conference at 8am at the Crowne Plaza Princeton, which provides CE credit courses. Follow Annual Conference news via #NJAMHAA2019Annual.

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