

HIT: Members see NJAMHAA as a Valuable Resource

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More NJAMHAA Members Get on Board with HIT and Sees NJAMHAA as a Valuable Resource

Congratulations to NJAMHAA member Turning Point, Inc. on securing a three-year, nearly \$1 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for implementation of Health Information Technology (HIT). "The grant will support new technology designed to improve access to treatment and facilitate client access to their personal health and treatment records. The grant will also support the customization of an electronic health record (EHR) to meet the unique documentation, reporting and billing needs of New Jersey's addiction treatment system," as described by Christine L. Barton, MSW, LSW, Assistant Director of Turning Point.

NJAMHAA is delighted that Turning Point sought consultative assistance for this project from our IT Project Director, June Noto. Staff of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services will also consult in the development and implementation of the project, according to Barton.

"In the current fiscal climate, few addiction treatment providers can afford the nearly \$100,000 price tag to undertake EHR development and implementation. It's just too costly at a time when we're all just trying to survive," said Manuel Guantez, PsyD, LCADC, Executive Director of Turning Point. "We are very pleased with this opportunity to make technology and an EHR useful and accessible not only to Turning Point, but to other New Jersey addiction treatment providers as well."