



Care Compass Announces Southern Tier Integrated Collaborative Hub RFA Awardee

Care Compass is pleased to announce that the [Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier \(MHAST\)](#) has been selected to deploy a mobile response team to support the work of the Southern Tier Integrated Collaborative Hub (STICH) initiative. STICH's mobile response team differs from traditional crisis models in that teams will be dispatched to support a cohort's cross-continuum needs ranging from social care to preventative care and include crisis response. For people with mental health and substance use diagnoses, this marks the launch of innovative wrap-around care tailored to specific and often times complex needs. Funding will support a team of two (one peer and one medical professional) for up to 24/7/365 coverage and a full-time case manager. Implemented in phases, Care Compass and MHAST will be working together to identify which shifts need to come online first respective to the greatest need and volume for this population.

MHAST has proposed serving Broome, Tioga, Cortland, Chenango, and Tompkins Counties, a significant footprint in the Southern Tier –and a reach MHAST is able to respond to within an hour of a call being made. Collaboration from health systems, physicians, county health departments, law enforcement, social care agencies, and more will be assisting to pursue meaningful outcomes for people with mental health and substance use in our communities.

Upcoming Event

Please seriously consider joining us in November for a STICH Meeting: Moving the Pilot from Vision to Implementation. Tentative date and time is November 2nd from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. We are convening organizations from across the care continuum who have experience serving the target population to share knowledge about current services available in the region, and to identify next steps for ensuring optimal collaboration across agencies. Care Compass will be hosting a meeting in early November to begin discussions on the implementation of this work. Your voice and perspectives are vital in the implementation of this work. Additional details and registration to follow.



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