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Tuesday is Election Day, and there is much at stake this year, especially for the health care and wellbeing of Americans. This month's Window touches on so many of these crucial issues – as you read, also consider the opportunities held by Tuesday's decisions. This is a reminder that we all have a responsibility to exercise our civic duty and choose the next leaders of our community, Commonwealth, and country. Whether you have already voted or plan to visit the polls on Tuesday, thank you for contributing to this critical moment in history.

Henry L. Hillman Foundation Grants JHF \$120,000 for Contact Tracing

The Henry L. Hillman Foundation recently approved a contribution in the amount of \$120,000 to the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh (JHF), to support the Southwestern Pennsylvania COVID-19 Contact Tracing Consortium.

Led by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and JHF, the Consortium first mobilized in May 2020 to support and scale contact tracing efforts in Southwestern Pennsylvania. JHF Chief Policy Officer Robert Ferguson was a key player in convening the Consortium's more than 100 members, who joined forces to better equip the region to address COVID-19 cases. The Consortium is the first of its kind to support contact tracing in the Commonwealth.



The Henry L. Hillman Foundation grant will support the Consortium as it continues to monitor the number of available vs. needed contact tracers, ensures the workforce matches the region's diversity, disseminates key messages and resources, supports the ongoing skill development of contact tracers, and builds a regional safety net of social and behavioral health services to link people to when they self-quarantine. The members will also develop a long-term plan and pipeline for the contact tracing corps that could be re-deployed to respond to other public health priorities over time. Most recently, the Consortium heard from representatives of 11 colleges and universities in the region, who shared details from their contact tracing efforts during the school year. Many schools are setting up designated housing areas for students who need to isolate following a positive test. The Consortium facilitates a space for these institutions to share their learning and best practices with other Consortium members.

JHF President and CEO Karen Feinstein said, "This grant supports a vital part of the state pandemic response. The Consortium came from a recognition that our regional contact tracing system required urgent attention to respond to the rising number of cases and the demand for tracers. If we are to cohesively address the spread of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, the same approach must now be applied across the Commonwealth."

While this new grant will provide the Consortium with crucial support, there are still gaps in Pennsylvania's contact tracing services, which present barriers to developing a robust and highly effective response to the continuing spread of COVID-19. We applaud the engagement and commitment of the Consortium members thus far and call for additional progress to better assure the safety of Pennsylvanians.

Statewide WIC Summit Convenes Key Stakeholders

On October 14 and 15, over 300 WIC statewide leaders, advocates and stakeholders convened virtually for the Pennsylvania WIC Stakeholders' Collaborative Summit webinars. Hosted by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and the Pennsylvania Health Funders Collaborative, the webinars highlighted innovative best practice models from across the country that have proven effective during the COVID-19 pandemic and identified strategies to advocate and apply these best practices in the different regions of Pennsylvania.



The WIC Summit was the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and was held at a critical moment. Families are experiencing increased rates of food insecurity because of the pandemic and subsequent economic fallout, which threatens the health of mothers and children in Pennsylvania and across the country who rely on WIC for nutritious food and connection to social, mental, education, and other health programs. State leaders have an opportunity to learn from each other, and the Summit capitalized on this chance by convening top leaders for discussions that transcended state borders. WIC also has the potential to grow as a critical pathway for Pennsylvanians as they seek healthy pregnancies and families. JHF has been working to reinvigorate the WIC Program in Pennsylvania since the beginning of 2019, including publishing a [white paper](#) back in May 2019 examining opportunities for improvement.

Summit participants represented public health and WIC leaders from communities and regions across the Commonwealth and other states, as well as nationally recognized experts and federal representatives. Together they examined key challenges and opportunities related to improving WIC services in the middle of a pandemic and EBT transition, discussed existing strategies and programming that address intersecting WIC issues, and identified opportunities to build regional partnerships to fill gaps in WIC services that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The sessions also shared ongoing work to improve PA WIC in the future and emphasized the need for continued and increased collaboration among stakeholders.

Sessions included a comprehensive overview of the WIC program; EBT implementation during COVID-19; Using EBT and WIC Data to Improve WIC Services at the State, Local and Clinic Level; Using Technology and Telehealth to Improve Recruitment and Retention of WIC Participants; and Strategies to Strengthen WIC Stakeholder Collaboration.

Speakers included William R. Cramer, Director, Bureau of Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Pennsylvania Department of Health; Darlena Birch, MBA, RDN, Senior Public Health Nutritionist, National WIC Association; Zachariah Hennessey, Vice President, Neighborhood Health at Public Health Solutions in New York; Melissa Bishop, Vice President of Nutrition Services, Family Health Council of Central PA, Inc.; Linda Kilby, Executive Director, WIC Director, NORTH, Inc.; Filomena Ahlefeld, WIC Program Director, Foundation for Delaware County; Ruth Morgan, Social Science Research Analyst, USDA, Food and Nutrition Services; Mary Blocksidge, State Vendor Manager, Massachusetts Department of Health; Jessica Maneely, Policy Manager, Benefits Data Trust; Laura Stephany, Health Policy Coordinator, Allies for Children; Zoe Neuberger, Policy Analyst at Center for Budget Policy and Priorities; Noora Kanfash, State Public Policy Associate, National WIC Association; Kathleen Hiltwine, Public Health Nutrition Consultant, Bureau of Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Pennsylvania Department of Health; Geraldine Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy and Early Childhood Programs, FRAC; Roberta Hodsdon, Director of the Special Nutrition Programs for FNS's Mid-Atlantic Region; and Carrie Dinsmore, President, Pennsylvania WIC Association; Director of WIC & Family Planning at Community Health Services, Inc.

JHF Grants Allegheny Health Network \$75,000 Grant to Reinvest in Quality Maternal Care Model

The Jewish Healthcare Foundation (JHF) granted Allegheny Health Network (AHN) \$75,000 to launch a plan to re-design a value-based care model for women and infants. This model includes incorporating social workers into AHN maternity care to improve patient outcomes and reduce high-risk complications during pregnancy.



While early and regular prenatal care helps many women have healthy pregnancies and deliveries, approximately [8 percent of all pregnancies involve complications](#) that include gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM), placental complications, pre-eclampsia, high blood pressure, depression, opioid use disorder (OUD), and more. Expecting and new mothers also frequently experience complications of depression. According to the CDC, [rates of birthing women with a depression diagnosis increased sevenfold from 2000 to 2015](#), and [postpartum depression affects 1 in 8 women](#) in the United States. Research has also shown that the effects of maternal depression can [negatively impact](#) a child's growth and development.

JHF Chief Policy Officer Robert Ferguson said, "It has been a privilege to work with Highmark Health, Highmark Inc, and Allegheny Health Network to simultaneously redesign maternity care delivery and payment models to improve outcomes related to substance misuse, mental health, cardiovascular conditions, and social determinants of health. The payers and providers came together to make these changes, and we are pleased to provide a grant to support the role of social worker on the maternity care team to provide comprehensive assessments and wrap around supports."

AHN recognizes the need to integrate a comprehensive maternal health treatment plan that includes not only improved screening processes to identify complications at the onset, but also a comprehensive care team that will now incorporate mental health into overall general health care by improving the identification of and management of those patients also at high risk for mental disorder resulting from pregnancy and childbirth.

“This initiative aims to remove redundant services and reinvest in services critical to pregnant and postpartum women and newborns,” says Dr. Marcia Klein-Patel, PHD, Chair, AHN Women’s Institute. “The generous funding from JHF will allow us to recreate a strategy that includes improved screenings, better identification of high-risk patients and incorporating a focus on mental health to provide total quality care from the bottom up for new mothers and newborns.”

To learn more about AHN’s commitment to improving outcomes for women and newborns, [visit their website](#) and read their press release [here](#).

Three Finalists Selected in Liff PGH Ideathon Pitch Competition

In its quest to reinvent Pittsburgh’s vision of health care, Liff PGH believes in the power of young innovators. Of all industries, health and life sciences remain some of the thorniest to disrupt. Though startups abound with new devices, systems, and care models, entrepreneurship and outside voices are consistently drowned out in a sea of regulations. But if we are to bypass incremental change, if we are to chart a new future for our region, these outside solutions are precisely those that must be nurtured.

To create a new platform for undergraduate and graduate students, Liff PGH launched the Ideathon Pitch competition, an opportunity for teams to present their ideas for big-picture solutions to some of the biggest problems facing health care. This competition is the core of Liff’s regional effort to activate and convene the leading disruptors across Pittsburgh’s technology, health, education and entrepreneurship sectors during Liff PGH 2020, a virtual healthcare innovation summit.

On October 23, twenty-two semi-final Ideathon teams pitched live in front of judges, evaluated by an incredible cohort of judges from across the Pittsburgh innovation ecosystem. The semifinalists began their education in fields ranging from dentistry and occupational therapy to engineering, public health, and pharmacy. Participants hail from more than 8 different countries and speak more than 10 different languages.



Much like the judges, Liff PGH Innovation Associate Megan Butler was thoroughly impressed after hearing the inspiring pitches during the semi-finalist event.

After a day-long competition, judges selected three teams who represent different but equally important needs in health. These teams are among the best and brightest of our region's next generation of innovators, and they will compete on December 15th for the chance to win a total of \$50,000 in prizes.

We are thrilled to announce the three winning teams:

LittleMoochi seeks to solve the growing childhood obesity crisis triggered by increasingly unhealthy eating habits. A child snaps a picture of his/her plate, and the LittleMoochi AI engine recognizes the ingredients, analyzes the nutrients, and provides children with personalized food suggestions through the guise of a cute personalized character. Founder Summer Xia, a 2020 graduate of Carnegie Mellon's MBA program, was inspired by her daughter's unwillingness to eat vegetables. After 10 years in product design, she and her team turned their expertise to crafting a compelling game for children to play, while secretly learning healthy habits.

Heart IO takes the uncertainty out of cardiac testing by empowering the most used cardiac test (the electrocardiogram) with a robust algorithm to quickly, comfortably, and accurately assess a patient's risk for cardiac-related death. Team members include Utkars Jain, Michael Leasure and Adam Butchy. The idea started with an experience Jain had with his grandfather, who passed away after having an ulcer misdiagnosed as a heart attack. Jain, having earned his PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, combined his expertise with fellow bioengineering PhD candidate Adam Butchy to reroute the analysis of routine heart screenings.

MindTrace Tech protects the minds of brain tumor and epilepsy patients by simulating surgical resections and predicting post-operative cognitive outcomes—all before the first incision. The product includes a testing platform and a 3D imaging and mapping model, all precision based. Recent MBA Rochester graduate Max Sims joined Raouf Belkhir, pursuing his master's degree from Carnegie Mellon in psychology, to dive into the neuropsychology and neuromapping markets. They brought fellow CMU alumni Brad Mahon and Hugo Angulo, and the team is currently a part of Optum Startup Studio and the Creative Destruction lab.

Thank you to our semi-finalist judges:

***=JHF Board member**

- Barbara Barnes* (UPMC)
- Jeremy Bonfini* (Allegheny County Medical Society)
- Jessica Brooks* (Pittsburgh Business Group on Health)
- Jessica Burke (University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health)
- Laura Carlson (AHN)
- Jo Clark (Highmark Health)
- Ilana Diamond (AlphaLab Gear)
- Erica Friedman (Innovation Works)
- Jeremy Guttman* (Biomotivate)
- Steve Irwin* (Leech Tishman Fuscaldo & Lampl)

- Nadyli Nunez (AscenderPGH)
- Rebecca Jacobson* (UPMC Enterprises)
- John Keelan (Ikem)
- Edgar Largaespada (Partner4Work)
- Laura Poskin (United Way of Southwestern PA)
- Aneesh Ramaswamy (University of Pittsburgh Clinical and Translational Science Institute)

Thank you to our semi-finalist mentors:

- Peter Allen (University of Pittsburgh)
- Rick Cancelliere*(Treatspace)
- Carrier Farmer (RAND)
- Steve Fleck (ConnectiveRx)
- Jackie Gelzheiser (UPMC Enterprises)
- Shane Hochradel
- Lance Lindauer (P.A.R.T)
- Sean Luther (InnovatePGH)
- Craig Markovitz (Pepper Hamilton)
- Olga Pogoda (Krnls)
- Lynne Porter (Porter Consulting)
- Charlie Schaller (UnitedHealth group)
- Jeannine Sivi (SDLC Partners)

Don't miss our live final pitches as part of the Liftoff PGH main event on December 15. Purchase your tickets at <https://liftoffpgh.org/register>

Liftoff PGH Begins Countdown to December Summit

Oakland is a-buzz with Liftoff PGH's latest *Liftodrop*, after we landed on the University of Pittsburgh campus to bring some Liftoff PGH innovation on October 30. While our Early Adopter ticket purchasers dropped by to pick up their new Liftoff PGH gear, students and faculty couldn't help but wonder why an astronaut wandered the city and popped up on their [social media feeds](#).

It's a sure sign that we are one month away from our virtual conference, which is our own experiment in remote collaboration. If you are imagining a series of never-ending video calls, think again. Starting with our Liftoff GO app, the conference experience is designed to fit into your daily schedule. [From December 1-14](#),



Liftoff Speaker Dr. Abdesalam Soudi of the University of Pittsburgh stopped by and posed for a photo with Innovation Associate Megan Butler and our own Liftoff Astronaut.

we have morning yoga sessions, lunchtime facilitated discussions, and happy hour networking, in addition to speakers that you can listen to when you need a brain break or a walk. You will meet real Pittsburghers from the safety of your porch, and you may even venture out to visit our interactive art piece in the cultural district of downtown.



Innovators and Early Adopters gathered to pick up their gear and learn about the Liftoff PGH 2020 Summit.

After following your personal innovation journey for two weeks, our last two days will introduce you to [boundary pushers](#) for our final collaborative effort. December 15th is a full day live broadcast featuring some of the nation's most inventive minds, including founder of OneMedical Amir Rubin, Netflix documentary producer Dr. Jessica Zitter, health design thinking pioneer Dr. Bon Ku, and Verily Life Sciences' President of Health Platforms Dr. Vivian Lee. December 16th is a full day of topic specific interactive workshops, challenging you to create your own future in health care. You'll participate in a design sprint, brainstorm new end-of-life solutions, or reimagine Pittsburgh's innovation district.

If you're feeling the end-of-year blues, give yourself a creativity refresh with a Liftoff PGH December. Tickets are on sale at liftoffpgh.org/register. The countdown is on. See you December 1st.

Register for Liftoff PGH 2020 Virtual Summit

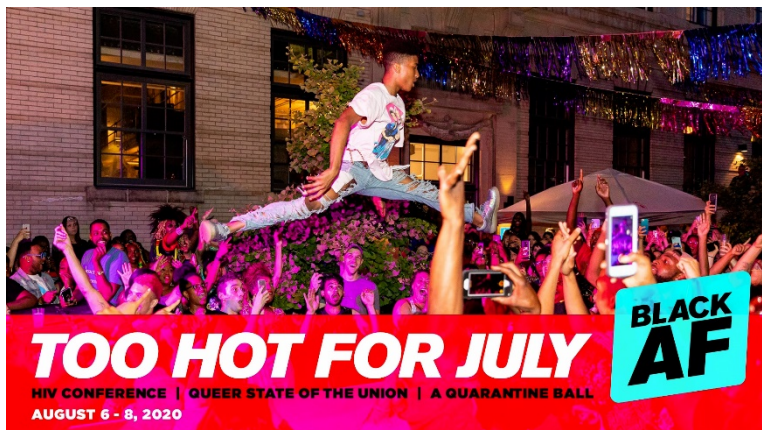
Liftoff PGH is launching our virtual healthcare innovation summit, blending augmented reality with digital keynotes and interactive workshops. Tickets are on sale, and the first [100 registrants](#) will receive a festive Liftoff PGH face mask or T-shirt. Register here: <https://liftoffpgh.org/register>



Too Hot for July Video

Want to relive the events from [AIDS Free Pittsburgh's](#) (AFP) and [True T Pgh's](#) *Too Hot for July: Black AF?* You can catch some snapshots in a new video from the annual HIV awareness event, held this year in August. The video is available [here](#).

AFP and True T Pgh, who organized and hosted the event, divided *Too Hot for July* into three events over three days, which included a combination of physical and remote components to ensure the safety, health, and wellness of the community while still providing quality, meaningful opportunities for connection. The agenda began with a HIV mini-conference, during which healthcare providers shared information about HIV testing, prevention, and treatment, and community leaders voiced some of their concerns and experiences with racial disparities in health care and housing in the region. For the second event, [True T Pgh](#) hosted a Queer State of the Union to address the community on components of advocacy, education, empowerment, and entertainment for the consumption of queer people of color and our allies. The last event was a quarantine vogue ball, scenes from which can be viewed in the video. Four local DJs prerecorded their sets, and the night commenced with a contest consisting of three categories: Best Dressed, Painted Face, and a vogue dance battle judged by local ballroom legends. Participants were limited to ensure safety, but joy and celebration were felt.

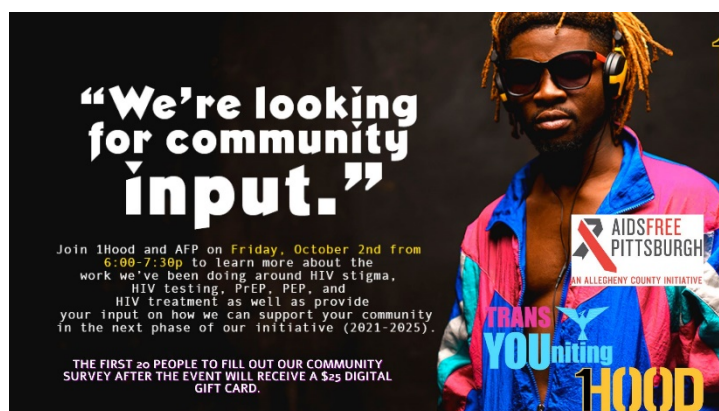


Participants of Too Hot for July in a previous year enjoy festivities and music.

Over 6,000 people viewed the events on Facebook and Twitch, a livestreaming platform. Sponsors for the events included [True T Pgh](#), [Allies for Health + Wellbeing](#), [Central Outreach Wellness Center](#), [Macedonia FACE](#), University of Pittsburgh's HIV Treatment and Prevention Research Clinic, and [Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania](#).

AIDS Free Pittsburgh Gathers Community Feedback in Online Sessions

In developing their strategic plan for 2021-2025, AIDS Free Pittsburgh (AFP) is turning to the community for feedback. AFP is a collaborative initiative comprised of government agencies, healthcare institutions, and community-based organizations set out to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Allegheny County. Launched in 2015, AFP has helped normalize HIV testing and reduce new cases of HIV and AIDS in the region, but the work is not done. AFP facilitated an October 2nd community engagement session in



collaboration with [1Hood Media](#) and [TransYOUning](#), via Facebook Live. The session was the latest in a series of small community engagement sessions that build on the community survey AFP launched in summer 2020. The October 2nd event, which was organized by AFP Project Coordinator JT Stoner, MPH and JHF HIV/AIDS Program Officer Ashley Chung, MPH, reached more than 900 people on Facebook.

During the event, JT joined 1Hood Media Director of Policy and Advocacy Miracle Jones, JD, MSW and TransYOUning Founder Dena Stanley for a discussion on the organizations' recent work around HIV stigma, HIV testing, PrEP, PEP, and HIV treatment. They invited attendees to provide input on how AFP can support communities in the next phase of their initiative. Feedback from the sessions and survey will inform AFP's collective work for the next five years to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Allegheny County.

A recording of the October 2nd Facebook Live event can be [viewed here](#).

WHAMglobal Hosts 2020 Election Town Hall: What's at Stake for Women+

On October 15, the Women's Health Activist Movement Global (WHAMglobal) convened expert health and policy leaders for a discussion of crucial women+ health issues and policy points. Over 50 attendees joined via Zoom and 1,442 people were reached via Facebook Live.

The town hall highlighted that much is at stake for women+ when elections occur that select leaders who will make policy for years to come. The Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, and Title X have been vital sources of health services funding and resulted from national leaders with an eye to women's health.



Women carry much of the burden for the safety, health, and health care of families, the panelists noted. Children's rights, elder rights, equal pay, safe housing, and clean water are all "women's health issues." This calls for a deliberate integration of care models that address physical, social, environmental and emotional health for women in critical periods--puberty, maternity, menopause and older age. To support pregnant and birthing women, bipartisan policies should promote the licensure of doulas, midwives, and perinatal community health workers, and fund more comprehensive maternal health and child development centers.

Members of the transgender and LGBTQIA+ communities and Black, indigenous, and racial, ethnic and linguistic minorities continue to experience serious health disparities. Policies that address systemic racism, and implement implicit bias training, can promote health and even lower maternal mortality rates.

The panel was moderated by Dr. Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew, the incoming Chief Clinical Diversity & Inclusion Officer for Allegheny Health Network. Panelists included State Representative Sara

Innamorato; State Representative Morgan Cephas; Usha Ranji, M.S. Kaiser Family Foundation Associate Director, Women's Health Policy; Tracey Conti, M.D., Letterman Family Health Center; Daeja Baker, Pittsburgh Feminists for Intersectionality; Aasta Mehta, MD, MPP, Philadelphia Department of Public Health; Dr. Carol Sakala, Director of Maternal Health, National Partnership for Women & Families; and Dena Stanley, CEO & Founder of TransYOUning.

UpStreet Launches Website

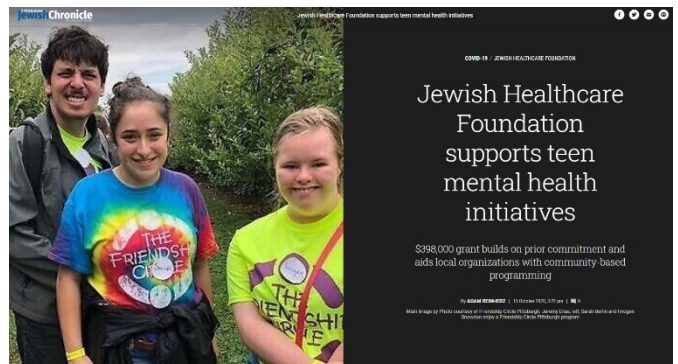
Congratulations to UpStreet Pittsburgh on the launch of their new website! Check out the UpStreet site [here](#).

UpStreet provides mental health services to teens in Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas, currently offered through an accessible online chat system. JHF is pleased to support UpStreet, having awarded an \$80,000 grant to Jewish Family and Community Services to develop UpStreet in March 2020. UpStreet was initially imagined as a teen mental health and wellness space, but now has expanded to deliver virtual programming and text-based support via UpStreet's website. These programs were designed in collaboration with a diverse youth advisory committee. The UpStreet grant is part of the Foundation's larger initiative to support community-based teen mental health programming with a total of \$398,000 in grants to 14 local organizations that offer teen mental health programs.



Teen Mental Health Grants Receive Media Coverage

The Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle published an [October 15 article](#) highlighting JHF's grants to local organizations supporting teen mental health during the pandemic. One grantee, Allegheny Health Network and the CHILL Project at Baldwin High School, were featured in a [WPXI news article and video](#).



Karen Feinstein Makes Case for National Safety Authority to Healthcare Value Hub

On October 16, Jewish Healthcare Foundation's President and CEO Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD spoke at Altarum's Healthcare Value Hub webinar, "Brainstorming Solutions to Medical Harm: Creating a National Patient Safety Authority." [Altarum](#) is a national nonprofit health and healthcare research and consulting organization focused on creating solutions to advance the health of vulnerable and publicly insured populations. A recording of Karen's comments and the webinar can be [viewed here](#).



Karen called for a “swerve” towards a new patient safety solution and introduced the concept of the National Patient and Provider Safety Authority (NPSA). The NPSA would be a data-driven, nonpunitive, collaborative approach to protecting patients and providers, modeled after the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). As an independent federal agency, the NPSA would leverage autonomous technologies and big data to improve safety systems and centralize and unify patient safety efforts nationally.

A collaboration of current Patient Safety Organizations with an NPSA would have great potential for developing standardized data collection and processes, she said, adding that the United States is well positioned to move on an NPSA. Other industries have already used automated technologies to great success, the U.S. is growing in its capacity for data collection, and healthcare has begun to develop autonomous technologies like the [Pascal Metrics systems](#) and [MDIRA](#).

The other panelists were John T. James, PhD, Founder, Patient Safety America and Former Chief Toxicologist at NASA Johnson Space Center, who brought a patient perspective to the discussion, and Regina Hoffman, MBA, RN, Executive Director of Pennsylvania's Patient Safety Authority and Editor-in-Chief of Patient Safety, who spoke on states' action for patient safety.

Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative Presents at NRHI Event

The Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative (PRHI) presented at the NRHI R.E.A.L. Solutions event on October 27. Manager of Lean Healthcare Strategy and Implementation Jennifer Condel, SCT(ASCP)MT and Practice Transformation Specialist Carol Frazer, MEd, LPC shared insights from a recent project, in which they supported Cornerstone Care staff to integrate a new behavioral health role into their workflow. The presentation by PRHI and Cornerstone Care provided attending organizations a framework and on-the-ground perspective for implementing similar processes as they add behavioral health roles and processes within their teams.



JHF Commemorates the 2nd Anniversary of the 10/27 Tree of Life Shooting

To commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue, the Jewish Healthcare Foundation purchased a quilt, titled *No Hate Flag*, made by [Louise Silk](#), and gifted it to the [10.27 Healing Partnership](#). The quilt serves to reinforce the campaign against hate and violence and memorialize the lives lost at Tree of Life Synagogue. A Jewish Pittsburgh-based artist, writer, and quilter, Louise Silk has been creating art that combines aesthetics and functionality with meaning and memory for over forty years. The Jewish Healthcare Foundation has two quilts in its office by Silk, one of which was commissioned when the Foundation began 30 years ago to symbolize the mission of JHF. This new quilt was part of Silk's recent exhibit *ReNew* organized by Contemporary Craft in the Gallery in BNY Mellon Center, and though it was created as a commemoration of the 10/27 shooting, it also is intended to address all forms of prejudice and be a symbol of peace for everyone. The quilt is now displayed in the 10.27 Healing Partnership space at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh to offer a point of reflection upon the Tree of Life shooting and foster a sense of community well-being.



Maggie Feinstein, Director of 10.27 Healing Partnership, Jason Kunzman, Chief Program Officer of the JCC, and Brian Schreiber, President and CEO of the JCC in front of No Hate Flag quilt by Louise Silk.

Salk Fellows Receive Overview of Policy Process and Insights

Take an insider's look at our recent Salk Health Activist Fellowship session from October 13, where Fellows learned about the policy process from Sarah Pesi, MPP, Teen Engagement and Outreach Coordinator at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh, and Robert Ferguson, MPH, Chief Policy Officer at the Jewish Healthcare Foundation. This fourth session in the program gave the 29 participating Fellows from across Pennsylvania a better understanding of developing comprehensive, improved policies for pregnancy and maternal/reproductive health, a critical issue that affects many women and non-men in the United States. View the [session excerpt here](#).



Happy Halloween from JHF!

The JHF staff kept the season's spirit alive on a celebratory Halloween Zoom call and staff meeting at the end of October. We hope your Halloween is filled with treats and no tricks!

