



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
Western Region Children & Families, Subcommittee Meeting
February 24th, 202 @ 3:00- 4:30pm
Children & Family Services
844 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: 20, attendance sign sheet with RPC Coordinator

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **RPC C&F Subcommittee Kickoff Presentation**
- **Website: NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors/ Regional Planning Consortia**
 - Children & families Subcommittee Resources
 - NYS Children's System Updates (Quarterly)
 - Children's Health & Behavioral Health Transition Resource Guide
 - Overview/ Helpful Trainings/ Listserv/ Contact Information
- **Updates from OMH**
 - Recent Changes
 - *Call with providers is a long process*
 - *EZ Par- request licensure (being revised)*
 - *Details needed*
 - *Due to budget, some providers have agreed to only providing some services. This is NOT acceptable- all services must be provided*
 - *DE designation, OMH will reach out by phone*
 - *Must provide all services*
 - *Health Home*
 - *residential treatment can go in 30 days ahead, in with Medicaid,*
 - Address Questions?
- **WNY Top 5 Concerns Identified:**
 - CFTSS Rate Advocacy
 - Universal referral w/ checklist
 - Directory of CFTSS providers in each region, conversation / clarity with each C-SPOA
 - Template for agreements between agencies/ difficulty with various liabilities among agencies. Will agree to collaborate.
 - Exploration of utilization of universal referral for CFTSS vs agreement to accept medical necessity form completion by other agencies
 - PSA qualifications- experience vs. education
- **Progress on Items Since Last Meeting**
 - Progress has been slow but picking up steam in the new year

- **Discussion/ Break-out groups: to be discussed at the next meeting**
 - Rate the top 5 concerns: What should be prioritized as an item to bring to Albany?
 - What are the action items we need to accomplish as a subcommittee before we bring this top concern and proposed solutions?
 - Are there other concerns not listed?
 - What changes would be most beneficial for those you serve? Your agency?
 - Group 1: Rate advocacy, Universal referral w/ checklist, CMS Referral
 - Group 2: Provider referral, Medical eval., LPHA CFTSS expanded scope vs. HCBS restrictive scope barrier
 - Group 3: Low hanging fruit- template agreement for agencies, Rate advocacy (infusion of startup funds), Longer startup length of time for intake person, Family friendly visual web-based or centralized
 - Group 4: Managed care, Foster Care (11 Erie co) not at table, Health Homes, Managed care roundtable, Workflows, processes – refresh from providers perspective, new regs OMH CTAC, New services added
 - Subgroup Universal Form? Sarah has a template from the subgroup will follow up
 - Universal Form (Rochelle) offered to lead a group
 - Rural counties (rate advocacy) bill for travel, could it be looked at? Rate increased code? Based on duration of services, travel time, no add on for HCHB
 - Rate advocacy alternatives, new rate code, higher for offsite, service plan (Rochelle) coded differently- bill for different things?

- **Foster Care role out**
 - Who should be at the table for conversation?

- **Open Floor Discussion**

- **2020 Subcommittee Meeting Dates**
 - **Quarterly: May/ Aug/ Nov (TBD)**
 - **What days/ times work best for the group? (TBD) avoid Friday meetings**

Questions about the RPC process can be answered by your RPC Coordinator, Cheryl Krouse via email, ck@clmhd.org or phone, 518-441-8635