



# North Country Regional Planning Consortium

# WELCOME

# North Country RPC

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## ***Call to Order & Welcome – Lee Rivers***

- Roll Call & Confirm Quorum – Karen
- New 2020 – 2022 Board!
- Approve December 20, 2019 - Q4 Minutes

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## ***Discussion – COVID-19: Communications & Resources***

### **LINKS TO REGULARLY UPDATED STATE INFORMATION:**

OMH - <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/guidance/>

OASAS - <https://oasas.ny.gov/keywords/coronavirus>

OPWDD - <https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance>

DOH - [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/covid19/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/)

**NEW YORK STATE - COVID-19 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT HELPLINE:**

**1-844-863-9314**

8 AM - 10 PM, 7 days a week

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***Presentation –  
Northwinds Integrated Health Network  
Carissa Parot, IPA Coordinator***



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## ***2020 Priority Activities –***

- North Country/Tug Hill Pilot Project: Bed Finder – Karen Rappleyea
- Children & Families Subcommittee – Richelle Gregory & JoAnne Caswell
- HHH – Andrea Deepe & Lee Rivers
- Housing – Suzanne Lavigne

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### ***Updates from Statewide RPC projects–***

- Peer Workforce – Emily Childress, Southern Tier RPC Coordinator
- Children & Families – Jacqui Miller, Mohawk Valley RPC Coordinator and Kat Gaylord, RPC Assistant Project Director
- Lori Kicinski, RPC Project Director

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## ***Peer Workforce – Project Lead: Emily Childress, Southern Tier RPC Coordinator***

- Current RPC Groups:
  - 2 functioning Learning Collaboratives (MV, LI)
  - 2 steering/task force groups (FL, ST)
- Dialogue and Collaboration with OCA and APS
- Resource and Guidance Development

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## ***Children & Families – Project Leads: Jacqui Miller, Mohawk Valley RPC Coordinator and Kat Gaylord, RPC Assistant Project Director***

- CYES
- Documentation
- Mapping out the process
- Survey Pilot in 2 regions with 3rd coming soon to give a snapshot of current services available.
- Deeper dive on the designation list



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## *Update from OMH*

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## ***OMH Guidance for Under 18 Inpatient Mental Health Admissions***

- Excerpts from March 5, 2020 presentation to RPC CoChairs by:

**Flavio Casoy, MD – Medical Director  
OMH Special Projects**

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- New York State (NYS) is overseeing and enforcing parity laws to make sure mental health and substance use disorder services can be readily accessed by the people who need them, when they need them.

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## ***New Statute***

- No prior authorization
- No concurrent review for first 14 days
- Hospital must notify plan in within two business days
- Initial treatment plan required - suggested template available
- Expectation that provider and plan actively communicate to coordinate care and plan discharge in first 14 days
- There may still be retrospective reviews

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## ***OMH Guidance for Under 18 Inpatient Mental Health Admissions***

- **Dr. Casoy urges stakeholders to reach out to OMH if they experience problems accessing children's inpatient mental health care under these new guidelines:**
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- NYS OMH Managed Care Mailbox: [OMH-MC-Children@omh.ny.gov](mailto:OMH-MC-Children@omh.ny.gov)

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## *Update from OASAS*

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## ***Updates and Information from MCO Stakeholders***

- CDPHP – Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director, Behavioral Health Operations, [Carl.RorieAlexandrov@cdphp.com](mailto:Carl.RorieAlexandrov@cdphp.com), 518-641-3475
- Fidelis – Marisa Joseph for Tyler Whitney, NC Marketing Supervisor, [Tyler.Whitney@fideliscare.org](mailto:Tyler.Whitney@fideliscare.org), 518-396-9984
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***Announcements?***

***Adjourn Meeting***