



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
Capital Region 3rd Quarter Board Meeting
September 18th, 2018 – 2-4pm,
Twin County Recovery Services, Inc.,
350 Power Avenue, Hudson, NY

1. Call to Order

- *Meeting called to order @ 2:05pm.*

2. Introductions (Name, stakeholder group, agency/organization, title)

- *Group went around room and introduced themselves. See page 6 for attendance.*

3. Approval of May 15th Meeting Minutes (Motion Needed)

- *Amanda Pierro asked for questions and/or comments – no questions or comments*
- *Motion to approve May 15th Meeting Minutes*
 - *1st: Brian Stewart*
 - *2nd: Rowena Smith*
 - *Motion carried – Minutes approved*

4. Bylaws Review (Motion Needed)

- *Kathy Coons highlighted key areas of the bylaws*
- *Board member terms are 3 years with a second term possible – total of 6 year*
- *Quorum discussion was had:*
 - *Ruth indicated that 2 is the maximum amount of attendees possible (for Peer, Youth, Family Advocate) group because that is all that they have at the meeting currently*
 - *Board decided that quorum rule is 2 from each stakeholder group*
- *Motion to approve Bylaws*
 - *1st: Jennifer Earl*
 - *2nd Rachel Handler*
 - *Motion carried – bylaws approved with edits above*

5. Board Vacancies

- *Amanda Pierro reviewed current board list and vacancies/anticipated vacancies*
- *Indicated that the board is now accepting nominations for vacant seats*
 - *Key Partner – group geared to Performing Provider Systems (PPS), Population Health Improvement Project (PHIP), Department of Social Services (DSS), or other appropriate entities that do not bill Medicaid*
 - *Peer/Youth/Family Advocates – individuals with lived experience or support of others with lived experience*
 - *Ruth Fennelly asked that we put in a diligent effort to find a youth advocate as there has not been one on the board historically*

6. State Issue Discussion – Next Steps of Drilling Deeper/Due Diligence

- *Co-Chairs led discussion on issues*
 - *Board, workgroup and subcommittee have been working through the issues since last meeting*
 - *At 2nd quarter board meeting RPC launched the due diligence effort*
 - *Board reviewed excel spreadsheet with all issues currently being worked on (green color coded and categorized at “State” or “Regional & State issues”)*
- *2 Issues that are board level issues and not being worked on in a work group or subcommittee – these are “state level” issues*
- **Board Level Issue #1 – Not adequate community services that will meet demand created by reducing number of inpatient beds**
 - *Hospitals and Health systems have a potential opportunity to be innovative*
 - *Regional attempts made by Columbia Memorial Hospital (Brian Stewart)*
 - *In lieu of services*
 - *Columbia county has received template for in lieu of services*
 - *CDPHP – as a MCO have received 5 “in lieu of service” referrals – not able to speak to them at this point – all addressing gaps in service*
 - *Across the providers there seems to be general sense of fear around this issue and what it means as well as fear about financial risk*
 - *MCOs have indicated that they need an entity to present an innovative idea – get it up and running and then come to MCO*
 - *This is a challenging task – difficult to create a program before the funding for the program has been secured*
 - *Gap in funding – restrictive funding mechanisms – MCOs do not get paid for something that is not a billable service*
 - *Creates a fiscal cycle where agencies cannot create innovative programs because they cannot get funding from MCOs – MCOs cannot provide funding due to not being a billable service*
 - *CDPHP – can be billable if not Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) – is it possible for MCOs to be together on this?*
 - *Larger barrier is not absence of IOP, but it is a lack of emergency housing options*
 - *People generally stay in hospital because they have nowhere else to go*
 - *Even when beds are available – processes are long and cumbersome (takes a month to get someone into a bed)*
 - *Cannot always send to shelter – if they cannot get into a shelter have no other resources (Note Columbia and Greene counties do not have shelters).*
 - *Emergency housing may be an issue in getting people out of the hospital*
 - *People tend to get stuck in placement as well (once they finally get into the bed)*
 - *Would a crisis respite stay be an in-lieu of service? Is there enough regulatory relief in terms of how we use this service?*
 - *Does not seem to be an answer for this*
 - *Project HOST is a model for this – can refer members – harm reduction model*
 - *No fast track models exist for this*
 - *Restrictions in how certain money can be spent is creating burdens – is there any way to have some wiggle room in where the funds are coming from?*

- *System has lots off \$ for housing but due to regulatory issues cannot allocate money where it needs to go. – this is creating burdens*
- *Need to redesign systems to accommodate less length of stay in hospitals (take walk-ins, etc.)*
- *Have to come at this from multiple angles – need for collaboration*
- *Example – DSS is not able to cut a check or release funds for an available bed – if we could tackle the funding piece we would be able to move this issue*
- *Can we create different types of shelters?*
 - *Alliance for Better Health has been working with MCOs to explore some innovative ideas*
- **Next Steps:**
 - ***Get LDSS & APS to table***
 - ***Get shelters to the table***
 - ***Get MCOs to table***
 - ***Have brainstorming session to discuss barriers (including regulations), and discuss if these can be overcome***
 - ***Create ad-hoc group for the above entities to have this discussion***
 - ***Kathy Coons and Michael Cole volunteered to lead this group***
- ***Board Level Issue #2: Related to meaningful connection and interoperability between primary care and behavioral health electronic health records (EHR).***
 - **Next Steps:**
 - ***Invite HIXNY to 4th quarter Capital Region RPC Board Meeting***

7. OMH HARP/HCBS Data Review – OMH Field Office Staff

- Tina L. Smith – OMH reported on 3rd quarter data
- Providers report folks losing HCBS due to not showing up for reassessments
 - Melissa Staats from OMH Central reported there is now a remedy for the reassessment issue – offered to provide this information following the meeting.

8. Report Out

- **HARP/HCBS/Health Home Work Group – Linda Lewis**
 - *Linda reviewed the standardized regional adult BH HCBS referral form that this group had created – may need some revisions in the future*
 - *Referral form just went out today – open and available to be used by any HCBS providers that would like to*
- **Children & Families Subcommittee Update – Bill Gettman**
 - *No additional report out – covered while reviewing State Issue Discussion*

9. State Designated Entity (SDE) & Recovery Coordination Agencies (RCA) – Report out from Managed Care Organizations

- *Question from 2/13/18 Board Meeting with revisions: Percentage of HARP enrollees who have opted out of HH? Can we get this data? (How is this being tracked/documentated? How are we documenting that you asked the question, the person declined it and is it being reported to the HH?) Are MCOs tracking number of individuals who are HARP eligible and decline HARP?*

- *Response: This information may exist at the MCO level. Alexis reached out to the MCOs prior to the 2nd quarter board meeting. Asking for the MCOs to report out on their responses.*
- ***Previously Discussed Next Steps: Due to running out of time to discuss this on 5/15, MCOs please be prepared to discuss during our 3rd quarter board meeting.***
- *Seems to be confusion around infrastructure funds – how to become an RCA, etc.*
 - *As an agency that wants to become an RCA – what are the costs associated with this?*
 - *Many questions from provider perspective – what is the advantage to doing this?*
 - *Advantage is that MCOs have a lot of \$ to give out – providers only need to submit 1 single proposal to all MCOs*
 - *MCOs encouraging anybody that wants to do this to contact the MCOs to help them walk through the process*
 - *Agencies that have done this report it being fairly easy to do*
 - *Disadvantage is that the \$ is not forever*
 - *Volume is low*
- ***New Next Steps Discussed 9/18/18: Invite MCOs to next HARP/HCBS/Health Home meeting to report out on the RCA and Quality/Infrastructure updates.***

10. Capital Region RPC Board Feedback – Standing Agenda Item

- *Index cards passed out for anonymous feedback – board members encouraged to share any feedback they may have*

11. Success Story

- *An individual who had been in and out of the ER really wanted a driver's license. This was low priority for care managers and providers. Individual began to study the learners permit book with help from their HCBS provider. Googled practice tests for the permit and the HCBS provider recognized that this person could not read. Provider continued to work with the individual on their reading skills. The individual saved up \$60, went to DMV, asked for accommodations to have test read to him. The individual failed the first time but decided to take it again. He passed the second time and based on his exciting reaction in the DMV, people clapped for him in the DMV. Major success!*

12. Adjourn Meeting (Motion Needed)

- *1st: Brian Stewart*
- *2nd: Jon Anderson*
- *Meeting Adjourned at 3:51*

Upcoming Meetings:

- **October 2, 2-4pm:** HARP/HCBS/Health Home Work Group (In-Person, Catholic Charities Disabilities Services, 1 Park Place, Suite 200, Albany, NY)
- **November 14, 3-4:30pm:** Children & Families Subcommittee (In-Person, Parsons, SATRI Training Facility, 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY)
- **December 4, 2-4pm:** HARP/HCBS/Health Home Work Group (In-Person, Unity House- 2nd Floor, 2431 6th Ave, Troy, NY 12180)
- **December 11, 2-4pm:** Capital RPC Board Meeting (In-Person, Krause Center, 2212 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY)

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	Name	Attendance	Stakeholder Group
1	Renee Abdou-Malta		BHO
2	Kathy Alonge-Coons		LGU
3	Jon Anderson		MCO
4	Samuel Bastien IV	Absent	H&Hs
5	Nicole Bryl	Absent	H&Hs
6	Michael Cole		LGU
7	Kevin Connally	Absent	CBO
8	Katie Conroy		PYF
9	Victoria DeSimone		State Gov
10	Catherine Duncan	Absent	Key Partner
11	Jennifer Earl		MCO
12	Ruth Fennelly		PYF
13	Bill Gettman		CBO
14	Stephen Giordano	Absent	LGU
15	Maggie Graham		LGU
16	Rachel Handler		H&Hs
17	Kevin Jobin-Davis	Absent	Key Partner
18	Rick Jobin	Absent	State Gov
19	Linda Lewis		CBO
20	Cher Montanye	Absent	State Gov
21	John Padauno		CBO
22	Amanda Pierro		PYF
23	Frank Pindiak		CBO
24	Bill Porter	Absent	State Gov
25	Michael Prezioso	Absent	LGU
26	Eushabell Rodriguez	Absent	PYF
27	Carl Rorie Alexandrov		MCO
28	Darin Samaha	Absent	LGU
29	Mandy Senko		Key Partner
30	Elliot Shaw		MCO
31	David Shippee	Absent	H&Hs
32	Brendon Smith		H&Hs
33	Rowena Smith		CBO
34	Brian Stewart		H&Hs
35	Angela Vidile		MCO
36	Lyndsi Wickert	Absent	PYF

Additional Attendees:

Kerry White (Saratoga County Public Health), Barbara Porzio (OMH Hudson River Field Office), Tina L. Smith (OMH Hudson River Field Office), Pete Griffiths (North Country RPC), Cathy Hoehn (RPC Office), Donna DeWan (RPC Office), Margaret Coker (Schenectady County), Megan Berardi (OMH Central Office), Melissa Wettengel (Long Island RPC), Melissa Staats (OMH Central Office), Ivette Morales (Wellcare Health Plan)