



**Southern Tier Regional Planning Consortium  
Board of Directors**

*June 5, 2019 1:30-3:30PM*

**DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, South Riverside Room  
225 Water Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**

**Meeting Agenda**

- 1:30 PM Welcome & Introductions**
- New Board Members:
    - o Debra Maietta, HealthConnections
    - o Matthew McDonald, Peer Advocate
    - o Claire Isaacson, Molina Healthcare
    - o Cara Fraser, United Health Services
- 1:40 PM Administrative Items**
- Approval of Minutes (*Motion Requested*)
  - Community Co-Chair Vacancy (*Nominations*)
- 1:45 PM Ad Hoc Workgroup & Subcommittee Reports**
- Health Home/HARP/HCBS
  - Children & Families Subcommittee
  - HHSC Care Management Supervisors Round Table
- 2:00 PM RPC Election Process**
- 2:10 PM RPC Purpose and Scope – Refresh**
- 2:20 PM 2019 RPC Issue Identification**
- 2:30PM Breakout Session**
- 3:00 PM Breakout Session Report Out**
- 5 minutes for each group to report out its main issue
- 3:30 PM Meeting Adjournment (*Motion Requested*)**

*Please see upcoming meeting schedule on reverse.*

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

**HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup**, 6/18/2019 1:30-3PM at Catholic Charities of Broome County

**Children & Families Subcommittee**, 8/5/2019 1-3PM at Broome County Public Library

**HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup**, 9/17/2019 1:30-3PM at Catholic Charities of Broome County

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**, 9/25/2019 1:30-3:30PM at Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

**Children & Families Subcommittee**, 11/4/2019 1-3PM at Broome County Public Library

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**, 12/4/2019 1:30-3:30PM at Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

**HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup**, 12/17/2019 1:30-3PM at Catholic Charities of Broome County

## ST Board Meeting Minutes

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Emily and Sharon welcomed the group at 1:35 pm. Board members introduced themselves.
  - New Board Members:
    - Debra Maietta, HealtheConnections
    - Matthew McDonald, Peer Advocate
    - Claire Isaacson, Molina Healthcare
    - Cara Fraser, United Health Services
- **Administrative Items**
  - **Approval of Minutes (*Motion Requested*)-** Motion was made by Cindy Heaney and seconded by Jennifer Earl. Minutes approved with no edits.
  - **Community Co-Chair Vacancy (*Nominations*)-** The board is continuing to look for another co-chair with a community perspective. Sharon reviewed the responsibilities of the co-chair role which involves monthly calls, quarterly board meetings, and biannual co-chair meeting in Albany. Sharon asked for nominations. None came forward.
- **Ad Hoc Workgroup & Subcommittee Reports**
  - **Health Home/HARP/HCBS-** A new workgroup lead will start at next meeting; Joanna George from Circare. The group is interested in refocusing the meetings. At the next meeting they will work to identify areas of concern in the HCBS process using the OMH workflow chart. The Mid-Hudson RPC Coordinator is developing a statewide HCBS group and volunteers from this workgroup were asked to participate. The group is looking to support Peer workforce development by partnering with the Mohawk Valley and putting together a steering committee.
  - **Children & Families Subcommittee-** A networking event was held to help support HHCM's. About 50 members attended the event and asked questions of the panel. The panelists shared best practices and tips for attendees. The group is looking to continue events like this.

The group developed a survey for providers to forward to families to gather information on how the transition is going for them. 30 responses have been collected. Emily will attend the OMH State Family meeting in Syracuse next week. The subcommittee developed a flyer for PCP offices, schools, and other community partners to help guide families to appropriate services.
  - **HHSC Care Management Supervisors Round Table-** This meeting consists of a small group of 6 people. They are currently working to develop purpose. Trainings are being considered for CM's serving children.
- **RPC Election Process-** Emily updated the group that everyone's third year of their term is coming to an end. Therefore, there will be a Stakeholder meeting at the end of the year for those interested in nominating themselves for a spot on the board. Tentative date of 10/24, venue TBD. Any agency that is Medicaid funded can register as a voter or nominate their agency for a spot on the board. Attendance of the stakeholder meeting is mandatory to be considered as a nominee.

- **RPC Purpose and Scope – Refresh-** Emily reminded the group of the scope and purpose of the RPCs.
- **2019 RPC Issue Identification-** The group was given a chart with identified issues. Contact Emily Childress if you did not receive this. Sharon reviewed the issues listed and ask for any gaps.
  - **Suggestions:**
    - **Housing:** Adding “affordable” to the Housing issues. Emily reminded the group of the OTDA meetings being held across the state. The next one is in Syracuse on 6/20. It was mentioned that Housing issues should be removed from the RPC issues list due to other forums working on these issues. Sharon mentioned narrowing the focus of Housing issues. Are there any initiatives of collaboration to develop sustainable and affordable housing? Agencies are unaware of the conversations being held at the State offices regarding Housing.
    - **Open Access:** MAS/DOT holding roundtable meetings for people around the State. The RPCs are looking to partner with OMH/OASAS to develop a Taskforce around this issue. Central Region is holding a MAS training/Q&A session next Monday, 6/10. If anyone has questions to submit, please send to Emily Childress.
- **Breakout Session-** Breakout groups met to identify issues
- **Breakout Session Report Out:** Emily will follow up on the below discussions.
  - 5 minutes for each group to report out its main issue
    - **CBO Group:** Focused on housing. Where the “log jams” are. Is the RPC the most appropriate forum for this? COC? Emily will look into holding a few stakeholder meetings to gather support/data around this issue. Discussed the barrier of being a rural region. Look to partner with other rural regions to share best practices. Emily will outreach board member Rebecca Rathmell from the Southern Tier Homeless Coalition regarding this.
    - **PFY Group:** There are long waits for transportation for families with long distances needed to travel. Many agencies seem to have a shortage of employees, specifically counselors. There is confusion around Peer credentialing both for OMH Certified Peer Specialists and OASAS Certified Recovery Peer Advocates. A credentialing grid was mentioned as a helpful tool that should be created. Education around Peer standardizing language is still a necessity. Is DSS employing Peers? It was mentioned that there is a noted barrier for those with disabilities being turned away by agencies.
    - **HHSP Group:** This group discussed sustainability issues and noted that DSRIP grants are incentives, but not sustainable. How do programs, agencies, and hospitals make sure the funding continues? Additionally, the group discussed Value Based Payment issues regarding rate setting. The RPC would like to look into partnering with the State on determining what sustainable rates are. The group also discussed the housing issue regarding the lack of various types of housing, e.g. emergency, temporary, and transitional. There is a delay with accessing shelters due to overflow. Why is

it a problem in ST? Due to past flooding there has been lost housing. Also, off-campus students have taken many housing options. Lastly, there is a general lack of knowledge for the HHSP group regarding what Health Home offers and additional education is needed.

- **Meeting Adjournment** (*Motion Requested*)- Motion made by Jennifer Earl and seconded by Melissa Young. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

**Southern Tier Board Meeting Attendance June 5, 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Stakeholder Type</b>
Bill Perry	Lourdes Center for Mental Health	CBO
Cara Fraser	UHS	H/HSP
Carmela Pirich	Addiction Center of Broome Co.	CBO
Christina Olevano	CASA Trinity	Key Partners
Cindy Heaney	Delaware County	DCS
Claire Isaacson	Molina Healthcare	MCO
Colleen Klintworth	Excellus Health Plan	MCO
Debby O'Brien	DVH	H/HSP
Debra Maietta	HealtheConnections	Key Partners
Emily Taggart	O'Connor Hospital	H/HSP
Eric Jansen	Cayuga Medical Center	H/HSP
George Dermody	Children's Home of Wyoming	CBO
Jennifer Earl	United Health Care	MCO
Jeremy Boyce	CDPHP	MCO
Kim Taro		P/F/Y Advocate
Laura Zocco	OMH	State Gov. Rep
Lisa Berard	Care Compass Network	Key Partners
Lori Morgan	Tioga County	DCS
Margaret Fontenot	Circare	H/HSP
Marilyn Donnelly	Margaretville Hospital	H/HSP
Mary Maruscak		P/F/Y Advocate
Matthew McDonald		P/F/Y Advocate
Melissa Young	Fidelis Care	MCO
Nancy Williams	Broome County	DCS
Noemi Simpson	OCFS	State Gov. Rep
Patricia Vincent		P/F/Y Advocate
Paula Currie	Family & Children's Society	CBO
Rebecca Rathmell	Southern Tier Homeless Coalition	Key Partners
Robin Cotter	Catholic Charities of Chenango Co.	CBO
Ruth Roberts	Chenango County	DCS
Sharon MacDougall	Tompkins County	DCS
Shawn Yetter	Tioga County DSS	Key Partners
Susan Ruff	Southern Tier Ind. Center	CBO
Susan Wheeler	The Star Group	CBO
Terry Diluzio		P/F/Y Advocate

**Gallery Attendance:** Katie Molanare, CLMHD; Cathy Hoehn, CLMHD; Mark Perry, HealtheConnections; Nicole Kelley, OASAS; Alexandrina MacPherson, OASAS; David Morgan, OASAS; Bridgette Hartman-DeCenzo, OASAS; Jennifer Lea, iCircle; and Emily Childress, RPC Coordinator.