



Long Island RPC Advisory Board Meeting - September 26, 2018 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Melville Marriott – 1350 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, NY

- A. Welcome and Introductions** – Meeting called to order by Mike Hoffman. Mike thanked group, sharing what an honor it has been to serve as Coordinator. Several board members spoke to wonderful work Mike did to forge relationships and build LIRPC, on top of his long esteemed career supporting mental health advocacy with the OMH Long Island Field Office and suicide intervention training throughout the region.
- Melissa Wettengel thanked Mike and introduced herself as new FT Coordinator, with background in public health, peer services, and building MH and SUD crisis intervention programming. Melissa is taking advantage of transition by reassessing state of LIRPC, with goal of re-engaging members and creating focused 2019 goals.
 - Donna Dewan introduced as Albany-based NYS RPC Director.
 - New Board Members introduced and welcomed:
 - **Matt McCluskey**, Suffolk Care Collaborative (replacing Susan Jayson), *Key Partner*
 - **Nancy Moran**, South Shore Child Guidance (replacing Denise Francois), *Community Based Organization*
 - **Ivette Morales**, Wellcare (replacing Milna Thomas), *Managed Care Organization*
 - **Corinne Hammond**, Collaborative for Children & Families (replacing Jodi Saitowitz), *Health Home Lead*
- B. Approval of Minutes – Mike Hoffman**
- The minutes of the May 19, 2018 RPC Board meeting were approved with no opposition.
 - Meeting minutes will be posted to the CLMHD.org website.
- C. Board Priorities – Melissa Wettengel**
- Coordinator transition is opportunity to assess RPC progress and clarify goals moving forward. Melissa will be reaching out to each board member to collect feedback to help create a focused 2019 work plan.
 - Suggestion made that successes of RPC should be better articulated so concrete accomplishments are clearer.
 - Suggestion made that board hears more about other RPC regions' activities/accomplishments around state.
 - Results of May 2018 survey of board members identified board's **top 5 priorities**:
 1. *Improve Prep for Children's Medicaid Managed Care Transition.*
 2. *Improve Communication with Local Government Plan Process.*
 - RPC and county planning has felt disconnected. Melissa will work with Omayra Perez and Ann Marie Csorny coordinate RPC with county activities without duplicating efforts. RPC support is now required part of Nassau and Suffolk Local Government Plans.
 - Point made re coordination of services across counties (i.e. SBIRT in EDs, crisis continuum)
 3. *Improve Prep for Value Based Payment*
 4. *Improve HCBS Workflow*
 5. *Increase Peer and Family Voice* – Voted top priority. Ideas explored:
 - Board accepting nominations to fill empty slots in Peer/Family/Youth (P/F/Y) stakeholder group.
 - Board described as potentially intimidating; need to create comfortable space for P/F/Y identified.
 - Suggestion for peer representative with SUD lived experience.

- Need for proactive education for P/F/Y in between board meetings, as well as group patience – the acronyms and jargon are only growing from here.
- Suggestion to distribute a glossary of terms and acronyms.
- We have flexibility in workgroups and task forces we create. Possibility for P/F/Y Workgroup and/or task force focused on peer workforce challenges discussed.
- Suggestion that peer community itself should invite peers, which creates welcoming, familiar entry.
- Request made for Peer from SUD community to join Board.
- Q: Is stipend or travel reimbursement for P/F/Y Board Members possible? A: If cost is prohibitive, will be looked at on case-by-case basis.
- Q: Can P/F/Y attend for just 15-20 minutes instead of entire meeting? A: No, elected board members do commit to full meetings. But community members outside of board are welcome to observe all - or part - of any board meeting.

D. Board Terms and Vacancies – Melissa Wettengel

- By-Laws – Board will vote on simple by-laws at Dec 12 meeting. Draft will be distributed for review.
- Board Vacancies – Up to 4 vacancies Peer/Family/Youth stakeholder group. Nominations welcome.
- Terms –RPC Boards originally agreed to 2-year terms, but getting started has taken considerable time in all NYS regions. Other regions in NYS have extended to 3 years to avoid disruption of elections and board member turnover at end of 2018. Board voted and agreed to follow suit. No term limits in place, so board members have option of running again in December 2019.
- Attendance – There are several empty seats and several members missing multiple meetings. Original commitment was missing two out of four meetings (in a year) would result in being asked to transfer seat to someone who can honor commitment. Mike has begun, and Melissa will continue, process of reaching out to board members, and will replace as needed to create robust, engaged group.

E. Status Reports on Work Groups and Subcommittees

- **HARP/HCBS/HH Workgroup – Mike Stoltz**
 - Last meeting 9/11/18
 - Well attended, multi stakeholder workgroup with rich conversation.
 - Goal has been having more people enrolled in Health Home and adults using HCBS.
 - HCBS process has been wrought with complexity and confusing.
 - OMH has put in infrastructure funds to streamline, and MCOs are evaluating proposals.
 - SDE/RCA applications being accepted so assessments can be done outside of HH.
 - Healthix (RHIO) presented and is now part of group. Can help facilitate use of technology in process.
 - Severe care management workforce issues, including role confusion with many types care managers.
 - Next meeting 10/16/18
- **Children and Families Subcommittee – Mike Hoffman**
 - Last meeting 9/18/18
 - Focus on training needs for families, care managers, and other professionals
 - Focus on changes in Children’s HCBS services – feedback given to state partners about changes to financial viability to providers, required staffing changes, and ability to continue providing services.
 - Next meeting 11/18/18
- **Value Based Payments Workgroup – Mike Lardieri, for Bob Detor**
 - Last meeting 6/18/18

- Mike Lardieri, COO of Advance Health Network, provided an update on the work of the BHCCs (Behavioral Health Care Collaboratives) on Long Island, which are entities funded to improve readiness for VBP. Slides attached.
- 35 organizations involved, doing a lot of work getting data infrastructure in place.
- 22 measures selected, most related to transition of care.
- Working unit cost of care and how savings are shared.
- Hope to have tech framework live and functioning in March 2019
- Next meeting 11/6/18

F. Four NYS RPC Strategic Initiatives – Donna Dewan. Should guide activities going forward in all regions:

1. Client First - View issues through the lens of the client first; then consider everything else.
2. Due Diligence - Rebalance RPC approach to intensive inquiry, problem-solving, and specific actionable recommendations.
3. Cross Regional/Uniquely Local - Recalibrate RPC operations to cross-regional collaboration and planning, while simultaneously recognizing the unique temperaments and needs of each region.
4. State Partner Communication - Shift to proactive, engaged, in-depth communication with state partners.

G. Meeting adjourned at 12:05PM.

NEXT RPC BOARD MEETING

Q4 2018 LIRPC Board Meeting – Wed Dec 12, 2018, 10AM-12PM – Huntington Hilton (**note new location**)

GET INVOLVED! UPCOMING RPC WORK MEETINGS

VBP Workgroup – Tues November 6, 10-11:30 – Suffolk County MH Office

Children & Families Subcommittee – Wed Nov 14, 1:30-3:00 – Suffolk County MH Office

HHH Taskforce: Regional HCBS Barriers – Wed November 28, 10:30– 12:00 – Suffolk County MH Office

HHH Taskforce: Care Management Workforce Crisis –Tues December 3, 10:00-11:30 - Suffolk County MH Office

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