



Mid Hudson RPC Board Meeting

September 9, 2020

10:00-12:00

via – goto meeting

Minutes

- Welcome & Introductions – M. Colon did role call
- Minutes from 6/10/20 approved. Susan Miller made a motion to accept minutes as is/Melissa Stickle 2nd
- State Budget – S. Miller shared that she participated in part of yesterday's public hearing supported by Assemblyman A. Gunther who chairs the state MH committee. She reported that she was pleased to hear so many speak on behalf of MH clients. She was especially taken by K. Hansen who testified on the many challenges faced as the result of the covid pandemic and long term under funding of MH services. N. Allen shared that she also participated in part of the call and was encouraged and hopeful that things will improve. It was reported that OMH would not be including supportive housing in the withholds for Q3 2020 in Western & Central NY or the Mid Hudson region. D. Miller reported that she has already received an updated notice, as did OPWDD.
- Mid Hudson RPC Elections – M. Colon shared that since this region utilizes a staggered elections process, this year the second half of the board will be up for re-election. Notices will go out to those individuals shortly along with nominations forms should they want to re-nominate themselves or others. Additionally, M. Colon reported that there has always been a community meeting to share information about the RPC and to encourage others to get involved and possibly share nominations for the board. This year it will look different, as it will be virtual. Details to follow.
- Client Engagement Survey – M. Colon shared that the Central RPC region had developed an engagement survey related to client engagement via Telehealth. The survey explores data related to no shows and client engagement through telehealth. Currently, the RPC director has asked several other regions to complete the survey with Mid Hudson being one of them. The survey was sent out to a sample group with consideration to geographic locations and service types. M. Colon asked that if you have received the survey that you complete it as soon as possible as this data is important and will be shared as indicated.
- RPC Cohorts – The RPC has developed 4 cohorts to assist the coordinators in increasing coordination across the regions. The cohorts include: Peers/workforce, VBP, children & families and social determinates of health (SDoH). The Mid Hudson coordinator will participate in the SDoH cohort and will keep the board informed as they move forward.

These cohorts are new and are still in the beginning stages. The SDoH team recognizes SDoH is a huge topic and will working to define the focus of this group. Current consideration is *“Housing and treatment concerns as related to individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders upon discharge from an inpatient facility with special attention to rural areas”*. Details to follow.

- Preparation for state meeting – S. Miller and M. Stickle reported that the RPC is preparing for the next state meeting, which is scheduled for October. This meeting includes the RPC leadership, coordinators co-chairs and representatives for OMH, OASAS, DOH, and OCFS. It is a time to have in-depth conversations with state representatives to address issues and concerns as discussed at RPC meetings. S. Miller shared that the meeting is always of great value and offers an opportunity to “really have a discussion” All board members were asked to share any issues or topics they feel should be addressed.
- Co-Occurring System of Care Update – S. Marquesano was excited to report that we are truly expanding the work we have been doing. With funding from WHCHealth, we have been able to include Ken Minkoff in the process. Ken will be meeting with and assisting each county complete a mapping and will work with individual agencies and counties to continue to build their COSOC. We have received 2 grants both from WHCHealth one will support a 3 part training with focus on the encompass program by Dr. P. Riggs, the second with Ken Minkoff presenting on next steps and the third Dr. E. Slater discussing COSOC with the DD population. The second grant will offer Encompass training for six organizations that are prepared and committed to the process, hands on assistance by Dr. K. Minkoff and finally, prevention through the harris project. The harris project president, Stephanie Marquesano has developed a program for schools and is working with several BOCES and school superintendents as she moves forward.
- HH/HARP/HCBS Committee Update – K. Pandekakaes shared that the HH/HARP/HCBS committee had been discussing the possibility of an HCBS/ARS training programs for providers. There has been a taskforce set up to discuss and plan this idea. Additionally, the committee discussed reviewing infrastructure funded programs to gain insight into best practices and lessons learned and to discuss how we can use this information to ensure ongoing improvements.
- Children & Families Committee Update – Michael Orth gave an update on the C&F committee. Michael shared that the committee drafted a response to the state during public comments, in addition to updating the impact or issue statement and will continue to work to address the identified concerns. It was reported that the co-chairs have also been participating in the statewide RPC C&F co-chairs call
- Agenda items for next meeting – board members have been asked to share any suggestions they feel the Mid Hudson RPC should address. Members were asked to share ideas via email to Marcie Colon, Mid Hudson RPC coordinator.

- Next Meeting:
December 9, 2020



Mid Hudson RPC: Q1 2020 Board Meeting

	Name	Attendance	Organization	Stakeholder Group
1	Ashley Brody	X	Search for Change	CBO
2	Dean Scher	X	Catholic Charities	CBO
3	Eric Toth	X	Cove Care	CBO
4	Kathy Pandekakes	X	HDSW	CBO
5	Nadia Allen	X	MHA Orange	CBO
6	Susan Miller	X	RSS	CBO
7	Amie Parikh	X	Hudson Valley Care	H&Hs
8	John Francis	X	St. Vincent's Hospital	H&Hs
9	Karen Berger	X	WMCHHealth	H&Hs
10	Lauren McDonald	X	Phelps Hospital	H&Hs
11	Monica Broderick	X	Four Winds	H&Hs
12	Shonny Capodilupo	X	Open Door	H&Hs
13	Andre Ecker	X	BOCES	Key Partner
14	Christine Nastasi	X	Dutchess Comm. & Family Services	Key Partner
15	Kerry Megley	X	Family Ties Westchester	Key Partner
16	Kevin McGuire		DSS Westchester County	Key Partner
17	Kristen McConnell	X	Putnam County Prevention COUNCIL	Key Partner
18	Mark Sasvary	X	CBHS	Key Partner
19	Darcie Miller	X	Orange County	LGU
20	Jacqueline Johnson		Dutchess County	LGU
21	Melissa Stickle	X	Sullivan County	LGU
22	Michael Orth	X	Westchester County	LGU
23	Michael Piazza	X	Putnam County	LGU
24	Susan Hoerter	X	Rockland County	LGU
25	Tara Mc Donald	X	Ulster County	LGU
26	Alan Boardman	X	Health First	MCO
27	Alan Rice	X	Choice	MCO
28	Angela Vidile	X	MVP	MCO
29	Larry Klein	X	Affinity	MCO
30	Ilana Adler	X	United Health	MCO
31	Ivette Morales	X	Fidelity	MCO
32	Marjory Stuckle	X	Empire	MCO
33	Jeffrey Zitofsky	X	Peer	PYF
34	Josh Gran		Peer	PYF
35	Sadie Heald	X	Peer	PYF
36	Jillian Nadiak		Family	PYF
37	Marie Shultis	X	Family	PYF
38	Stephanie Marquesano	X	Youth Advocate	PYF
39	Noemi Simpson	X	OCFS	State Government
40	Victoria De Simone		OMH	State Government
41			OASAS	State Government



Mid Hudson RPC Gallery Attendees: September 9, 2020 Quarter 4 - 2020

	NAME	ORGANIZATION
1	Barbara Porzio	OMH field office
2	Anthony Mendola	Independent Living
3	Laurenne Benzenberg	Access
4	Kat Gaylord	RPC
5	Alyssa Gleason	RPC
6	Christina Ciliberto	United
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