

**Regional Planning Consortium
Mid-Hudson Region
Board Meeting
January 30, 2017**

Welcome & Introductions:

Dr. Mark Herceg Lead DCS for Mid-Hudson Region thanked Margaret Hirst, LCSW, Acting Commissioner, Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, for hosting today's Regional Planning Consortium (RPC) Board meeting.

Board members introduced themselves and the organizations they represented. See attached attendance sheet.

Board Charge & Expectations

Dr. Herceg reviewed the Board's charge – which is to come together regionally to focus on issues related to the transition to Medicaid Managed Care. The concept of this group is to eliminate hurdles that prevent or interfere with the services needed and to make sure that best practices are put together. Members are expected to attend the RPC quarterly Board meetings, identify what is current issues in the Mid-Hudson Region, and make recommendations to address the issues as indicated.

Minutes will be maintained and will be available on the CLMHD website.

A full board list with contact information will be provided to all board members by Marcie Colon, RPC Coordinator for the Mid-Hudson Region.

The RPC Board will be comprised of four stakeholder groups, which are to represent the concensus of their community and stakeholder group, not an individual organization:

- Managed Care Organizations
- Community-Based Organizations
- Peers/Family/Youth Advocates
- Hospitals & Health Systems

The focus of these stakeholder groups should be on specific issues related to the transition of Medicaid Managed Care services.

Nominations/Elections:

Ms. Colon apologized for the confusion/errors made in the nomination process, but noted they have been corrected and the process is moving forward at this point.

Ms. Colon also reported the results of the elections for co-chair and key partners:

Susan Miller of RSS was elected Co-chair of the Mid-Hudson Region RPC.

The six key partners elected are:

Hal Smith
WMCHHealth PPS

Kristin Woodlock
Montefiore PPS

Raymond Rodriguez
Independent Living Inc.

Kerry Megley
Family Ties of Westchester

Sandy Favata
Dutchess Cty Dept,
Community & Family Services

Kristin McConnell
NCADD

Dr. Herceg congratulated Susan Miller and welcomed her as the co-chair.

Ms. Colon explained that although Key Partners are not voting members of the Board, their attendance at RPC meetings is viewed as an important source of bidirectional sharing of information. They will begin attending at the next Board meeting.

Children & Families Committee Pilot:

Marcie Colon shared that the Mid-Hudson Region has been asked to participate in the Children & Families Committee Pilot Project. She explained that the RPC will be rolling out a state wide Children & Families Committee (C&F Committee) during the summer of 2017 but they have decided to pilot the program in two regions; the Mid-Hudson and Capital regions. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate awareness and discuss the framework for children/families services as it relates to Medicaid transformation.

The Mid-Hudson region is excited to have Michael Orth, Deputy Commissioner, Westchester County as an advisor to this committee as he has been involved in the planning of this project from inception.

The Board will accept nominations for the chair position. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination should contact Marcie Colon, mc@clmhd.org or by phone (518) 441-2047.

The first C&F Committee meeting is planned for March 28,2017 at the Orange County Dept. of Mental Health, details to follow.

Stakeholder Breakout Groups:

Stakeholder breakout groups as defined above, met for 30 minutes and were instructed to consider themselves a “steering” committee. Each group was asked to reintroduce themselves and to consider how the group would function, (need for meetings, frequency etc.) how they envisioned outreach and involvement from the community and to begin identifying issues to be discussed and brought back to the larger board group.

Groups were informed that Marcie Colon can assist in finding venues; help organize; and assist as things move forward. Each group was asked to keep minutes and informed that they will need report back to the larger group.

Reconvene:

Issues Resolution Flow Chart:

Marcie Colon reviewed the Issues Resolution Flow Chart. Information regarding how/when to utilize the process was discussed.

Schedule of Board Meetings: (see below)

Marcie Colon reviewed the schedule of upcoming board meetings

- MCTAC Training – March 8th (10:00 -12:00)
Community Mental Health Center - 230 North Rd, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
- 2017 Mid-Hudson Board Meeting Dates & Times
 - May 9, 2017 (9:30 am - 12:00 pm)
Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services
110 Old Rt. 6, Carmel, N.Y.
 - July 11, 2017 (9:30 am - 12:00 pm)
Orange County Dept. of Mental Health
30 Harriman Dr.
Goshen, N.Y.
 - November 14, 2017 (9:30 am - 12:00 pm)
Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital
241 North Rd.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Next Steps:

Spokesperson from each stakeholder breakout group will email Marcie Colon minutes from their breakout meeting.

Marcie Colon will assist each stakeholder group in setting up meetings as indicated.