



**MID HUDSON REGION
Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2017
Mid Hudson Regional Hospital**

Welcome & Introductions – introduced new board members elected to fill the seats in the Peer/Family/Youth Advocacy stakeholder group. (Perryn Dutiger, Joshua Gran-not in attendance) as well as new representative for Wellcare, (Laci Beckett) - see sign in sheet

Minutes of July 11, 2017 meeting approved.

Survey - Marcie Colon introduced board survey and read introduction and directions. Board members in attendance completed survey and Marcie will submit.

Successes - Marcie Colon reviewed Mid Hudson RPC successes to date. See attached.

Funding - Marcie Colon shared that the RPC has been funded for an additional 2 years.

Board Seats - Marcie Colon shared outcome of board elections in the Peer/Family/Youth Advocacy stakeholder group. (Perryn Dutiger, Joshua Gran-not in attendance) as well as new representative for Wellcare, (Laci Beckett)

RPC Board Attendance policy reviewed. All were reminded that all board members are expected to attend all board meetings in person. No proxies accepted. Anyone missing 2 or more board meetings are subject to possible dismissal.

Sub- Committee and Workgroup reports:

- C&F Sub-committee report provided by Michael Orth and Monica Broderick. Michael reported that a SPOA/HH meeting was held. The discussion included ways to explore county specific process and needs. Recommend each county hold meetings to explore local needs and solutions.
- VPB Workgroup-Marcie reported that this workgroup is on hold. Will re-evaluate need as time goes on.

- HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup-Susan Miller reported that the workgroup is very active. They invited NYAPRS to a meeting to learn more about their training and offered an opportunity for attendees to become more familiar and share the information while encouraging organizations to utilize the program.

The group is exploring the workflow for individuals moving from H9 to H1 status and will develop an outline of recommendations to improve this process.

The group has suggested there is a need for updated information for providers and consumers related to HARP. A specific issue identified was the need for an improved process for recertification through the exchange and how to “get out of the exchange”. (How can we simplify process to get clients through.)

The group is also exploring ways to increase training opportunities for peers. This is concerning as the benefit of peer services is evident but not enough to go around. The group discussed the possibility of providing regional trainings and supervision for peers. The group was informed that the state is working with CMA to get peers in earlier even prior to HCBS assessment.

Also discussed by the group were options to be more efficient. While the state did eliminate one assessment, there are still many obstacles and poor stats.

Further discussion regarding how to get information out to the community not just for workgroup members. How do we get “the right information to the right people at the right time”.

The group also discussed the CMA rule regarding the need for HCBS services for those individuals in adult homes, as they are often clients that would benefit from such services.

OASAS Update on NARCAN provided by Dan Edgerton.

- Dan suggested review of Dec 14th webinar
- NARCAN is available without Rx
- There was concern expressed regarding the need for additional training for police and first responders related to repeat offenders. Let’s remind them that maybe one time it will really make a difference in a person’s life and then it is worth it.
DOH has website that lists pharmacies participating
Please see attached.

Conference - Susan Miller and Marcie Colon reported on the last co-chairs meeting with the state, which was in October. Two of the three issues the Mid Hudson RPC submitted were

presented to the state. Marcie will forward the minutes from the meeting shortly for review. An additional issue identified by the Capital Region RPC C&F sub committee was also presented. This issue was also a concern of the Mid Hudson C&F subcommittee. The issue addressed the need for additional training for individuals completing the CANS. The state reported that they have already developed additional content and meetings as requested.

Susan Miller and Marcie Colon reported on the November 13 & 14th conference. There attended. Dr. Ken Minkoff presented for two days on plans to develop an integrated treatment program for those individuals with co-occurring disorders. The event was an effort to train and begin to plan for a region wide program. Evaluations were positive and encouraging. Next steps will be discussed at the next regional DCS meeting.

OMH Data- Cat from the OMH central office presented region specific data on HCBS services. See attached.

2018 Mid Hudson RPC Board meeting-

- February 6, 2018
 - RSS - 30 Matthew St, Goshen
- May 14, 2018
 - Location - TBD
- September 17, 2018
 - Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health
- December 4, 2018
 - Orange County Dept. of Mental Health 30 Harriman Drive, Goshen