



Long Island RPC Children and Families Subcommittee
Thursday, 2/13/20 – 10:00-11:30

Held at FCA (Family & Children's Association), 100 E. Old Country Rd., Mineola NY

MINUTES

Introductions: Meeting convened at 10:05.

Approval/discussion minutes Nov meeting: Claudia Boyle made motion to accept minutes; Alyssa Gleason seconded motion.

Foster care system changes: Jodi Saitowitz gave high level update; SCO Family of Services will give provider perspective at 2/27 meeting. Jodi recommended getting OCFS and local DSS foster care staff involved with RPC C&F Subcommittee. Melissa: OCFS used to be on RPC board and stopped attending, but can reach out again. Jodi will connect Melissa with Tim Purcell of COFCCA. Will also reach out to DSS – both Suffolk & Nassau are involved with RPC.

RPC Capacity/Wait List Survey: See slides for background, preliminary results, and challenges. 14 of 33 providers responded. Maryann Braithwaite shared that OMH is having early discussion about creating a capacity tracking tool, utilizing the technology that supports their hospital bed finder. In the meantime Melissa will send survey out once more before the 2/27 meeting to get updated data, and will do some phone outreach to providers who have not responded.

Youth Peer Advocate service implementation: Alex Frisina led discussion. Providers shared that recruitment remains toughest challenge. Importance of the YOUTH POWER! group for Youth Peer Advocates emphasized – all peer employee groups (Family Peer Advocates, adult mental health Peer Specialists (CPSs), and SUD Recovery Peer Advocates (CRPAs) all finding throughout NYS that a community of practice is necessary to build a robust peer workforce.

Plan of care issue: MCOs talked briefly about receiving incomplete plans of care. This will feature more prominently at 2/27 meeting.

Subcommittee member updates: FCA requested RPC share petition from Coalition for Behavioral Health. Melissa said will also share recent information from state about plans for the Medicaid Redesign Team II.

RPC updates: New LI Coordinator will not be in place by 2/27 meeting (12:45-2:15, OMH Field Office). Melissa's last day with RPC is March 5. Contacts at RPC Albany shared, along with names of Subcommittee leadership and Board members representing children's services. Meeting closed at 11:30AM.