



**Mohawk Valley Regional Planning Consortium
Board of Directors**

December 6th, 2019 10am-11:30am

Herkimer College
Robert McLaughlin College Center
100 Lou Ambers Drive Herkimer, NY 13350

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome & Introductions Sandra Soroka
10:12 meeting called to order; board members and gallery members introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Minutes Sandra Soroka
Sandra requested any edits to the minutes. There is no quorum today, therefore approval of minutes will be sent out via SurveyMonkey.
3. October 4, 2019 Co-chair Review Sandra Soroka
Sandra highlighted main points of topic presented at the co-chairs meeting including urgent same day transportation, pharmacy transportation, PA ability to prescribe in Article 31 clinics, 820 residential redesign, care management and clinician/counselor workforce development and retention, peer workforce community of practice, SUD bed finder website, and value-based payment preparation.
Sandra offered the opportunity for discussion.
John Acruri requested how the providers are able to update the website. The site uploads from Google Sheets where each provider can individually update a form in real-time.
Discussion continued around care management workforce benefits and incentives for employees. HIPSA scoring in the area is not reflective of what agencies and LGUs are seeing related to number of prescribers. Larger opportunities exist for the labor pool (e.g. hospitals, MCO, CBO). The competition to hire comes down to salaries that CBOs are unable to provide.
4. RPC Updates Jacqueline Miller
Assistant Project Director position has been filled, as well as the Western NY RPC Coordinator. Capital Region remains opened. Jennifer Earl asked if the Capital region 4th qtr would be rescheduled.
5. Bylaw- Peer Seat Designation & VOTE Jacqueline Miller
6. Board Membership & Election Review Jacqueline Miller
Jacqui reviewed new members and still vacant seats.
7. Board Priorities and vision for 2020 Jacqueline Miller
Jacqui invited conversation.

Child and Family work was suggested by Steve.

Jennifer Earl recommended identifying issues that pertain to youth peers as there has been a statewide RPC shortage. Working this into workforce development issues.

Discussion around RPC work plan goals. Children and Families Transition and VBP discussed.

Jennifer asked - What issues are being worked on that resulted in the delay in the foster care transition?

Criminal justice population, first episode psychosis, transitioning youth to children services vs adult – enrolling in Medicaid before discharge; particular to county discretion to participate. Lots of funding and infrastructure issues that counties need to look into (bail reform will lessen number of people in jails). Re-entry programs discussed from Fulton and Montgomery Counties. DOH has waiver request in to have Medicaid be active 30 days prior to discharge per Joe Simko. Discussion around creating a best practice for re-entry processes.

Sandra noted the importance of identifying priorities to allow for due diligence process to occur between board meetings. Sandra suggested a survey. Utilize this survey to identify Key Partners. Steve noted that these SMEs to be incorporated into the workgroups and subcommittees, board member or not. When building survey, keep in mind RPC scope and focus.

8. Seats to be nominated/voted in 2020 Jacqueline Miller
Key Partners and Community Co-Chair will be accepting nominations. One HHSP seat available as well.
9. Ad Hoc Workgroup Update
 - a. Health Home-HARP-HCBS Update Jacqueline Miller
Transportation 2015 Form & MAS, Plan of Care
Jacqui will be looking for a new co-lead from the board for this workgroup. Discussion regarding issues with MAS from October regarding 2015 form. Jennifer requested additional information for the mail order issue. Sandra requested the MV RPC provide a MAS presentation with regional representative.
 - b. Children & Families Steven Bulger
Last meeting was 11/20. Presentations were provided by agencies regarding CFTSS and HCBS successes. Additional HH representation on the board is a very positive item for this group. CMHRS additional oversight and licensing for CFTSS providers. Going forward: financial sustainability (Jan 1 rates decrease), workforce creativity, expansion of children's ACT, reinvestment of children's funding, disparity in non-Medicaid services available. Jacqui will be requesting presence of foster care agencies.
 - c. COPE- Where do we go? Jacqueline Miller
Learning circle held in November. What would the future look like? Peer Empowerment services panel on January 23rd. Jennifer suggested deferring

until new board is seated and additional peers are present. Southern Tier RPC will share needs assessment survey.

10. OMH Updates

Joe Simko

Know Your MCO Event: some providers are new to navigating relationship with MCO, OMH pulling together regional events between providers and MCOs to discuss Care Management, Utilization Management, billing, and provider rep role. 1/9/2020 NC and Capital and 2/12/2020 in Little Falls after C&F subcommittee for MV Crisis Residential RFP is out. This is a growing and expanding service to divert and minimize ER utilization.

Adult HCBS update: reopened application process for existing providers to expand services (new services and counties served).

11. Open Floor

Meeting adjourned at 11:36am.

2020 Meeting Schedule:

Friday, March 6th, 2020 10am-12:30pm

Friday, June 10th, 2021 10am-12:30pm

Friday, September 4th, 2020 10am-12:30pm

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Contact RPC Coordinator, Jacqueline Miller at jm@clmhd.org or (518)469-2669, with comments.