



Mohawk Valley Regional Planning Consortium

Board of Directors

December 7, 2018 10am-12:30pm

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

Board Meeting- Minutes

10:00am - 10:30am

Welcome & Introductions

Susan Matt

Sue Matt started the meeting at 10:03AM and welcomed the board. Board Members introduced themselves- See attendance grid.

Gallery Members also introduced themselves- Cathy Hoehn, CLMHD and Kathleen Liska, OMH.

Approval of Minutes

Sandra Soroka

Sandra reviewed the meeting minutes from the last board meeting- No edits/corrections noted at this time.

Sandra asked for a Motion to approve minutes

Desiree Railine- 1st, Kate Hewlett 2nd

Minute were approved, no objections- All were in favor, non-opposed

Minutes were approved and will be posted on the CLMHD website

By-laws Quick Review

Jacqueline Miller

Bylaws were reviewed by the board and were approved (see attached Bylaws)

RPC Leadership

Cathy Hoehn

Cathy Hoehn updated the board on the resignation of previous RPC project Director Donna Dewan. Cathy Hoehn will step in as interim project director and the position has been posted. If the board has any questions of would like to share the job posting please contact Jacqui Miller.

10:30am - 12:00pm

Biannual Chairs Meeting

Recap of Issues and Informed Dialogue

Jacqueline Miller

Jacqui let the board know that the RPC Co-Chairs Meeting occurred on 11/30/18.

i. Informed Dialogue: Transport to Pharm Jacqueline Miller

Jacqui provided an overview of the Mohawk Valley Transportation Issues that was presented at 11/30/18 RPC Chairs Meeting (see attached Informed Dialogue document). Sandra and Sue provided additional commentary and feedback on the dialogue with the State Partners around this issue. Issue was well received, and there is an opportunity to continue this dialogue.

Meeting Minutes from this meeting will be shared with the board once they have been reviewed and approved.

ii. Issue: Physician Assistants

Susan Matt

Issues brought up by Finger Lakes Region. See PPT Slide for additional detail around this issue.

State Response- There is Waiver that exist- 19 have been approved. OMH agreed to take a look back at these issues- Are there creative solution to be able to utilize PAs in Article 31 clinics.

Sue asked-Do they use PAs in state operations?
Joe believes they do, but is not 100% sure

There is an opportunity to continue to have an ongoing dialogue

Sandra had a question around Scope of practice? Only NY SED can give a waiver regarding scope of practice-

Joe- The waiver through OMH- Allows PA to practice, relaxes the OMH regs.

Jennifer Earl- When a provider submits this Waiver it is related to the 599.9 Staffing https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/policy_and_regulations/adoption/part_599_20120227.html

Next Steps- Question-How are PAs utilized in the state psych system?

iii. Issue: Transportation to Open Access

Sandra Soroka

Sandra reviewed the state response regarding this issue (See PPT slide for additional detail). A list of the Open Access centers will be sent to DOH/MAS. There will be ongoing dialogue with the State Partners around this issue. The State is concerned around Fraud, and Medicaid imploding in on its self.

Montgomery County/Sara- Has a transportation coalition- They are looking at looking at creative solutions to getting people around town- up the hill (Ex: a Bus that costs 1 dollar).

Desiree- Her agency is also looking at creative way to utilizing funds to focus on transportation

Joe Simko, OMH-Encouraged MCOs to bring these conversations back to their pharmacies to look at creative solutions-

Sue- OMH is looking to have further conversations with MCOs-
Are there opportunities to see where else in the medical field it is working well and can we replicate this?

Sheila- CDPHP- Where it is working well, it may be agencies that are serving one facility, etc

iv. **Informed Dialogue: Housing** **Susan Matt**

See PPT slide for additional info on this topic. Mechanism to develop housing is very complex, there are multiple hoops. OMH is looking to train developers and providers on how to work these hoops.

ILS- This is an option to work with MCOs- Providers Apply to spend your premiums in a new way.

Sheila, CDPHP- MCOs are also looking at accessing funding through community partnerships – CDPHP has three housing initiatives in the works- may be a more efficient- CDPHP is partnering with community partners, provide money to address SDH needs.

Amy, Fidelis- MCOs are often donating money to various charities.

Sheila, CDPHP- Approved ILS applications are posted on the website

VBP Educational opportunities- In the NYC RPC region they brought together the MCOs, PPS, and BHCCs to take a look at what are the opportunities there are to collaborate. Will follow up with MCTAC to discuss further about this opportunity.

Ad Hoc Workgroup Reports

Health Home, HARP, HCBS

Jacqueline Miller

- See attached PPT slide to see updates from this workgroup
- Will look to rotate meetings
- Network Event- Took place at St Mary's- identify new members to become involved in the workgroup
- Kate Hewlett presented on the power of language.
- Looking to share best practices around HCBS financial sustainability- to share with the HHH to share best practices
- Joe will share his suggestions/ideas to Jacqui on successful HCBS providers
- POC Issues- MCOs will look into avg. time of approval- The MCOs have timelines that they need to follow- There is report that there is a delay in the response when waiting for the POC

- HH/HARP/HCBS: Talk with the group about making sure these issues go to the FO/ or the HCBS email address
 - Report complaints to the HCBS listserv or Joe Simko through the FO
 - Turnover of staff- RSS is utilizing infrastructure funds to hire new staff
- Next meeting will be 1/18/19
- Steve Bulger is very happy for the collaboration from the MCOs

Children & Families Subcommittee

Jacqueline Miller

- Will be meeting on 1/16/19
- Fireside Chats was held in Otsego County on 11/26/18- Education on Health Homes and new services
 - Issues identified- have been shared with the OMH Kids Team
 - Looking to setting up Fireside Chats in other counties

Networking Event- Will be looking to hold a networking event to bring together CM, CFTSS providers, MCOs, state partners etc. Contact Jacqui if you would like to be part of these

Family Support of CNY- Planning a training in the Central region- They can provide gift cards to give families to complete surveys for those who attend the fireside chats

COPE

Kate Hewlett

- See PPT Slides
- Kate provided an update on COPE-
- Kate thanked those who have been involved
- Working with Central Region to try to expand COPE
- COPE future goal- table at future events/job fairs- hoping to help clarify job descriptions/duties on what a certified peers specialist can should be doing
- Will be broken down in the three taskforces
 - Money Committee
 - Media/Marketing- to maintain the Facebook Social Media campaign
 - Networking
 Looking for members to join these taskforces

Learning Circles- Wil not be county specific moving forward and will be focused on all certifications- Will focus on general conversation and will break out to smaller groups as needed

Next meeting is 12/19

Contact Jacqui if you have any questions or would like to attend future meetings, or know people who have an interest in joining

Question from Sara- Collaboration with O agencies- Is there an opportunity to encourage that that local Peers(Ex: those that work through the prevention network)

12:00pm-12:30pm

MH Data Presentation & Updates

Joe Simko

- Joe reviewed the attached HARP/HCBS data (see attached doc)
- Joe reminded board members about the HCBS infrastructure funding opportunities- Contact the FO if you have any questions- Money is still available from certain MCOs
- There are benchmarks for overall performance under the 1115 Waiver which is a demonstration

Future Meetings

Jacqueline Miller

- Jacqui Reviewed the 2019 RPC Board meeting schedule (See PPT slide)
- Meeting will be held at the Herkimer Community College

Open Floor

- Any general updates/questions/feedback
- Hannah Monk- Current proposed federal charge rule – if any one sees immigrants this could affect ex: SNAP benefits- Open Comment is open until Monday
- Sue Matt- Financial Sustainability of clinical services portfolio- Mohawk Valley RPC something that they may want to consider taking a look – re: conversations around the future
- Sara Borenko- Throwing money at the Opioid crisis- concerned about the lack of thought of sustainability instead of being so reactive, we are talking about, but concerned that there isn't a larger conversation with leadership
- Kathleen there are folks with other SUD needs that don't seem to be considered
- Desiree Railine- Important to focus on entire scope and prevention
- Aletha Sprague- Kids attitudes towards marijuana, is that it is not as harmful
- Amy Gildemeister- Conversations at the public health level around these conversations

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35am by Sue Matt

Mohawk Valley RPC BOD Meeting

Location: Herkimer County Community College

Date: 12/7/18; Time: 10am-12:30pm

Name	Organization	Stakeholder Type	Signature
Aletha Sprague	Mohawk Valley PHIP	Key Partner	Present
Amy Gildemeister	Schoharie Co. Public Health	Key Partner	Present
Bonnie Post	Schoharie County	DCS	Present
Christina Cain	Herkimer Co. Public Health	Key Partner	Present
Colleen Klintworth	Excellus Health	MCO	
Desiree Railine	Hometown Health Center	H/HSP	Present
Duane Miller	St Mary's HealthCare	H/HSP	Present
Ed Butz	RSS	CBO	
Ernie Gagnon	Fulton County	DCS	Absent
Helen Burdick	BEACON center	CBO	Present
Dr. Hannah Monk	Regional Primary Care Network	H/HSP	Present
Jamie Spraker		P/F/Y Advocate	Present
Janine Dykeman	MHA of Fulton/Montgomery Co.	CBO	Absent
Jennifer Earl	United HealthCare	MCO	Present
Joan Godlewski		P/F/Y Advocate	Present
Joe Simko	OMH	State Gov. Rep	Present
Kate Hewlett		P/F/Y Advocate	Present
Kelly Ames	Fidelis Care	MCO	Present
Kristen Snyder-Branner	Herkimer County	DCS	Present
Lisa Volo	Mohawk Valley Health System	H/HSP	Present
Melissa Cool-Horan	Little Falls Hosp	H/HSP	Absent
Michael Countryman	The Family Counseling Center	CBO	Absent
Rachel Truckenmiller	HFM Prevention Council	Key Partner	Absent
Rebecca King	Bassett Medical Center	H/HSP	Absent
Richard Jobin	OCFS	State Gov. Rep	Absent
Sandra Soroka	The Neighborhood Center	CBO	Present

Sara Boerenko	Montgomery Country	DCS	Present
Sarah Wilson		P/F/Y Advocate	Present
Sheila Nelson	CDPHP	MCO	Present
Steven Bulger	Kids Oneida	CBO	Present
Susan Matt	Otsego County	DCS	Present
Susan Snyder	OASAS	State Gov. Rep	Present
Tim Seymour	Herkimer County DSS	Key Partner	Present
Tina Sweet	Schoharie County DSS	Key Partner	Present

Gallery Attendance: Cathy Hoehn, Assistant RPC Project Director; Melissa Staats, NYS Office of Mental Health – Central Office; Kathleen Liedka, Families Together

Mohawk Valley HARP/HH/HCBS 2018 Data

HCBS Access Data by County Fiscal Responsibility as of Oct. 16, 2018

Transaction District	HARP Eligible	HARP Enrolled	Health Home Enrolled	HCBS Assessed	HCBS Eligible	HCBS Claimed
FULTON (FT)	584	429	93	36	36	-
HERKIMER (HK)	512	401	96	100	94	12
MONTGOMERY (MG)	592	432	117	41	40	1
OTSEGO (OO)	367	255	71	56	56	2
SCHOHARIE (SC)	248	185	58	23	21	-
MOHAWK VALLEY TOTALS	2,303	1,702	435	256	247	15
STATEWIDE TOTAL	172,024	131,719	38,721	23,103	21,996	2,999
Statewide 12/29/17 Totals	162,916	105,286	35,148	15,494	13,098	1,185
Statewide 10 Month Change	9,108	26,433	3,573	7,609	8,898	1,814

MOHAWK VALLEY TOTALS						
Transaction District	HARP Eligible	HARP Enrolled	Health Home Enrolled	HCBS Assessed	HCBS Eligible	HCBS Claimed
12/29/2017	2161	1286	359	181	161	1
3/22/2018	2121	1300	397	201	189	2
7/23/2018	2207	1331	394	232	216	7
10/16/2018	2303	1702	435	256	247	15

2018 Mohawk Valley HARP/HH/HCBS Growth

