



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
Mohawk Valley RPC Children & Families
September 16, 2020 – 10AM-12:30PM
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- **Welcome & Introduction**
- **Mohawk Valley RPC BOD Discussion Review**
- **Children & Families- "State of the Union"**
 - What are providers seeing on the ground? Increased demand? Lower engagement?
CFTSS engagement has increased as well as demand even though in COVID. Families are still looking for services. Younger are hardest to engage. PSR is really difficult. Telehealth remains successful but face to face is needed for some services.
 - What are the biggest gaps if availability is still an issue? Creative solutions?
Waitlists, availability, and agencies not prepared to provider services remain a constant issue.
The inability to hold group services is proven difficult.
There is a noticeable lack of male providers and the demand for them, especially for YPST.
In Fulton & Montgomery Counties there are no services available. Minimal luck connecting children with services. Difficulty in recruiting staff.
Otsego County sees a similar problem.
The relative rural area our region is made up of proves difficult in connecting services and the capability to provide services via telehealth.
- **School re-entry**
 - Thoughts? Experiences thus far? How can we support with what is already available?
The return to school is very complicated for service delivery. There is more virtual burnout with those who are remote. If the demand of school is not there the less burnout. Access to devices and capable internet remains an issue.
Partnership with schools should continue to be explored especially with budget cuts and need. Difficulty getting in with COVID?
Systems of Care network aids in connecting schools with clinicians.
- **Families First**
 - Are there opportunities to support the efforts with what we are currently doing in the MH field? *Back to creative solutions. OCFS/DSS having conversations is good collaboration. Continue to look at where organizations can fit in: blend nicely to the MH field. EBP already exists- varying reimbursement- prevent unnecessary intake and keeping families together.*
 - Who is a part of planning groups and have suggestions?
None offered
 - Identify opportunities to work collaboratively
- **Mohawk Valley CFTSS/HCBS Capacity Survey Review**
 - Review February Data to August

- **Provider Designation**
 - Services Finder- *task force created with interested parties*
- **CYES- 2/3 months level of care. Will remove from conversations as there are no changes.**
- **What can the committee offer?**
 - Training opportunities the committee can facilitate and offer?
Have a youth voice would be ideal
Create a standing agenda item for OMH Updates/state partners.
Children's ACT an area of focus.
- **State partner Technical Assistance**
- **Open Floor**
- **Next Steps**

Questions about the RPC process can be answered by your RPC Coordinator, Jacqueline Miller via email, jm@clmhd.org or phone, 518-469-2996

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