



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
Mohawk Valley RPC Children & Families
September 16, 2020 – 10AM-12:30PM
GoToMeeting

- **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?
 - What are the biggest gaps if availability is still an issue? Creative solutions?
- **School re-entry**
 - Thoughts? Experiences thus far? How can we support with what is already available?
- **Families First**
 - Are there opportunities to support the efforts with what we are currently doing in the MH field?
 - Who is a part of planning groups and have suggestions?
 - Identify opportunities to work collaboratively
- **Mohawk Valley CFTSS/HCBS Capacity Survey Review**
 - Review February Data to August
- **Provider Designation**
 - Services Finder
- **CYES**
- **What can the committee offer?**
 - Training opportunities the committee can facilitate and offer?
- **State partner Technical Assistance**
- **Open Floor**
- **Next Steps**

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10:04 AM

Steven Bulger to me

Some new names on here which is good. Some of them are ICAN CFTSS staff so we can get more word from boots on the ground

[Reply in private](#)

10:07 AM

Elisha Coogan

Good Morning, Sorry my mic is not working :-)

10:08 AM

Sarah Newsome

Good Morning, I think that my mic was muted. Sarah Newsome is here. Thank you!

10:09 AM

Steven Bulger

No problem thanks Elisha and Sarah!

10:09 AM

Julie Dealing

Good morning I'm here, for some reason my mic wasn't working

10:10 AM

M. Scalise

Good morning. I'm here- mic isn't working.

10:10 AM

To Steven Bulger

sorry Steve, had to put out a fire!Thank you!

10:11 AM

Me

Thank you everyone! Good morning!

10:13 AM

Steven Bulger

Please feel free to use this chat function if you would prefer to give thoughts here as opposed to unmuting. We will be keeping an eye on it along the way

10:18 AM

Julie Dealing

I think tele-health was helpful especially when everything started but as far as for the youth, they are on too many video meetings for them to want to want to keep appointments with providers. Broadband is definitely an issue as well

10:21 AM

Joan Draus

Fulton & Montgomery Counties have had no supportive services (CFTSS, HCBS) - I've been told that providers have had difficulty recruiting staff for these positions for this area.

10:23 AM

Joan Draus

We've had some success with Tele-Health and I certainly support it. However, not all children & youth can handle this type of interaction; they lose interest after 5 minutes.

10:25 AM

Me

Thank you Joan for your feedback!

10:40 AM

Miranda Meinzer

We continue having difficulty getting referrals for hcbs services for children in Herkimer County

10:41 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Also we have been in contact with OMH Designation and we still want to be designated for all of our services as we are accepting referrals and have availability

10:42 AM

Miranda Meinzer

This is for Herkimer County

10:42 AM

Steven Bulger

Miranda what agency?

10:44 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Arc Herkimer Career Connections-HCBS

10:47 AM

Hall, Nicole (OMH)

Hi Miranda, if you still have questions regarding your designation status please feel free to call me at the Central OMH Field Office. It looks to me as though you guys are designated for several HCBS. I can be reached via email - Nicole.Hall@omh.ny.gov or phone 315-426-3934

10:48 AM

Miranda Meinzer

We offer Community Hab, Day Hab, Caregiver/Family Support and Services, Community Self Advocacy Training and Support, Prevocational Services, Planned Respite, and Supported Employment services

10:50 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Thank You Nicole I will be reaching out to you

10:51 AM

Kristen Snyder-Branner

Yes Miranda I believe ARC is already designated for all of those services.

10:55 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Ok thanks Kristen we have gotten letters in the mail recently asking us if we wanted to keep our designation as we have not billed for these services but we have for some and for the others we are having a tough time getting referrals

10:56 AM

Miranda Meinzer

We have gotten information from a care management agency that they have to have an individual go through CFTSS services before they go the HCBS route

11:00 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Yes we have gotten those letters

11:00 AM

Miranda Meinzer

We still very much want to me on the list and would like to get more referrals

11:02 AM

Miranda Meinzer

I do like the looks of that list

11:02 AM

Hall, Nicole (OMH)

youth do not need to participate in CFTSS in order to access HCBS. Conversely youth can (if they qualify) participate in both CFTSS and HCBS if they have that level of need.

11:03 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Thats what I thought I will educate my staff again on this to share with the care management agency she was communicating with

11:03 AM

Hall, Nicole (OMH)

There are efforts on the state level to make sure the HCBS designation list is up to date - which is why agencies may be receiving letters. Im happy to chat with anyone who may have questions around those letters.

11:04 AM

Miranda Meinzer

agreed Steve

11:05 AM

Joan Draus

LOVE THIS!!!!

11:05 AM

Sally Tedesco

Definitely like this!

11:06 AM

Danielle Martin

Great resource! As a Health Home, we could triage out to all CMA's that serve in the MV Region.

11:09 AM

Miranda Meinzer

Thank you all

11:10 AM

Barb Fuscus to me

I am more than willing to continue working on the list of providers/wait list.

[Reply in private](#)

11:10 AM

To Barb Fuscus

Thank you Barb!

11:10 AM

Miranda Meinzer

we havnt gotten anything from CYES

11:15 AM

Donna Gillette

10:48 AM
Me

to Steven Bulger
Private

An area where we haven't been successful in meeting children/family needs where parents of school-age children have disabilities.

11:17 AM

Donna Gillette

10:49 AM
Me

to Steven Bulger
Private

Technology for home virtual learning does not consider parents with disabilities who need to help their child complete homework,, access materials, and connect with teachers.

11:17 AM

Donna Gillette

10:51 AM
Me

to Steven Bulger
Private

Working with one parent who is blind and poor and the Chromebook provided to her 11 year old autistic child is not accessible to her. She has been using her cell phone for their virtual learning where text to speech and speech to text built into the phone, has been their only connection

11:18 AM

Donna Gillette

10:52 AM
Me

to Steven Bulger
Private

How are schools serving students with disabilities and their families especially where one or both parents have disabilities who are supposed to be partners in their children's education"

Me
10:54 AM
Me

to Steven Bulger
Private

How do school districts provide opportunity for all families to describe what's needed and then for the districts to respond appropriately under the Americans with Disabilities Act?

11:18 AM

Julie Dealing

Yes I am here, my mic isn't working for some reason

11:18 AM

Steven Bulger

Excellent thanks Julie!

11:18 AM

Julie Dealing

I was a YPA for Otsego and Chenango Counties for FRN.

11:19 AM

Julie Dealing

Thank you sounds good!

11:19 AM

Joan Draus

I have a family whose daughter is depressed and lower functioning and her mother is developmentally delayed so school via chromebook isn't a priority.

11:24 AM

Steven Bulger

I will be on services subgroup!

11:24 AM

Sally Tedesco

I would like to!

11:24 AM

Katie Rockwell

I will!

11:24 AM

Barb Fuscus

I will as well.

11:24 AM

Donna Gillette

Do you have a children's/family sub-group about disabilities?

11:24 AM

Barb Fuscus

THank you