



Mohawk Valley Regional Planning Consortium

Board of Directors

June 7th, 2019 10am-12:30pm

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

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions Susan Matt
Called to order 10:02am by Susan Matt and all those in attendance introduced themselves. See attendance grid.

2. Approval of Minutes Sandra Soroka
Meeting minutes from the last Board Meeting were presented for approval. Meeting approval motion was made, first made by John Arcuri, seconded by Sara Boerenko, all in favor. Minutes were approved unanimously without any suggestions for edit.

3. Board Survey Review Jacqueline Miller
Survey results discussed. See attached documents. Solicitation for additional comments: Appreciative of the “whole” conversation, that allows the entire BOD to collaborate, with ALL stakeholder groups vs: break out groups. If there are any comments/questions, that would like to be addressed offline, please send to MV Coordinator.

4. Election Process Jacqueline Miller
Election conversation: Community co-chair seat will be open. Discussion that other regions are using staggering election process to avoid a complete “new” seating. Do we want to stagger these seats? If we wish to stagger the seat we need a motion to amend the by-laws. First made by Sara Boerenko, seconded by Desiree Railine. All in favor. DCS seat shall be extended by one year.
All other stakeholder seats are up for election this year. There will be a stakeholder meeting to establish a voting registry. The stakeholder meeting will be held in October 2019. Those currently in their seats, will need to be re-elected. A survey will be sent out in the near future to determine who is interested in seeking the re-election.
After further discussion the BOD would like to have the election process be a staggered election. A lottery type within each stakeholder group. The draw would

look as such: 0 = election now, 1= extend seat one year and 2= extend seat 2 years. This would allow a natural stagger in the future.

5. Transportation Updates Susan Matt/Jacqueline
Transportation Conversation: Need further data for the state. OMH reported that they are not hearing this as an issue. Conversation today, reminded the group that OMH is not the state agency that contracts the transportation provider. Further discussion should be directed to DOH. Suggestion from today's OMH representation suggested collecting data to really reflect the correlation of non-compliance of medications and transportation. There is a newer program: Community Pharmacy Enhance Services Network that is interested in looking at "in lieu of" services/benefits.

6. VBP Workshop: The Future of Behavioral Health Services Susan Matt & Sandy Soroka
VBP Workshop: See attached agenda draft. Save the date August 1 2019, in Cooperstown.

7. Ad Hoc Workgroup Update
 - a. Health Home-HARP-HCBS Update Kathy Cromie
HHH Workgroup: Lead Kathy: Report out. Universal Referral Form- VOTE
 - a. The universal referral form. Provides the opportunity for a much more efficient intake process. Board vote to use across the region: 1st John; 2nd Kate. Further Discussion: Suggested to expand the form statewide.
 - b. 60 Minute Services-VOTE
60 minute Service: The service needs to be face-to-face to be able to bill for services. There are a high number of these visit that end up not being billable due to not meeting the time requirements. Some have even been a 55 minute face-to-face visit but have not met the 60 minute timeframe.
Do we as a BOD, want to bring this issue to the state co-chairs meeting. We would like this to be a collaboration with any other region that feels this is an issue and would be able to present data.
 - c. Language Barrier-VOTE
Language barriers: OMH reports that the MCO model contract for HCBS services has a requirement for MCO's to have access to language services. Some MCO's may have a language line for utilization. Desiree suggest looking into "Language Line" for the language service. They offer connection with phone, Ipad, or computer. ASL \$2 to connect, 0.79/per minute. \$1.50 to connect for other languages. Another conversation is the incentive to have employees to provide the

services. The priority should be the reimbursement rate, because if we cannot pay our own employee, then we need the reimbursement to pay for the services the agency can obtain. This may become something that we can have an informed dialogue with the state partners at the co-chairs meeting.

Next meeting June 28th @ Working Solutions

b. Children & Families

Steven Bulger

a. Networking Event

Networking event July 17th @ Herkimer College. More to come. Looking to replicate the directory that the Central region did for the providers in our region. Not only to have a contact but to know who provides what service.

b. Workforce & Capacity

There is some frustration with capacity in the region. Either the agency is maxed out or the designated agency is not yet providing the services. The “on-paper” designation is not a true reflection of the current capacity availability. This is creating a wait list.

c. Duplicative background check

The background check process is lengthy and may be a barrier in workforce retention. Start-up funds are seeing barriers. The enhance rates will be decreasing at the end of the month.

d. Fire side chats

Jacqueline Miller

The 5/20 was not well attended. Next event June 14th and June 18th. The incoming referrals are not the issue, but now we are seeing the available providers.

Family and Peer Services for children is rolling out July 1, 2019.

c. COPE

Kate Hewlett

Last meeting, March 2019, was very productive. There are others around the state that seem to be interested in doing something similar. There has been concern that it take some time to get certification for peers. After meeting the requirements, once the application is submitted, there seems to be a large delay. There has been a turnover at OMH that may have impacted the timeframe. This seems to be better streamlined through OASAS. The timeframe of the certification application response may be negatively impacting the workforce. COPE can be a resource for help making sure that all requirements of the application are satisfied to help provide any barriers with that.

8. OMH Updates

Laura Zocco

HCBS Data Review: Relative to HCBS claim data, MV is a bit under compared to ROS. All other areas are growing, slowly. The state has sent out an updated authorization form to include the dates of services for the initial date of service to be able to link service to the initial. See attached for data.

9. Prevention Agenda-Public Health Update

Dr. Amy Gildemeister

State wide plan to improve health. Looking at social determinates of health. Each county is expected to arrange priorities.

Opioid use changes: Now a public health crisis, it is included into prevention. There are specific focus areas, which have specific goals associated in each area. Each county picks a specific focus area, Montgomery County has chosen focus areas that do not have BH/SUD relation.

10. Addiction Services Care Continuum

Sandy Soroka

Is this region interested in exploring further, maybe developing a workgroup. The local PHIP already has one in motion and it may be beneficial to piggyback on what is already in motion. Aleatha has stated that she is willing to facilitate further workgroup. The local PHIP meets quarterly. Next meeting is scheduled for August 2019, agenda is not determined yet.

11. Open Floor

- a. OMH reminded those in attendance that if there is any issues in the region with providers, please let them know so they are aware.
- b. Think about if there is anyone that should be at the table for the election stakeholder meeting in October. Please send information to MV Coordinator for her to contact them.
- c. Send any contact info for folks that may benefit or be interested in the August event for VBP.

12. Adjourn

1233pm

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Children and Families Networking July 17th

Mohawk Valley RPC BHCC/VBP Workshop August 1st, 2019

3rd Quarter Board Meeting: Friday September 6th, from 10AM-12:30PM at Herkimer College

4th Quarter Board Meeting: Friday December 6th, from 10AM-12:30PM at Herkimer College

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

Mohawk Valley RPC BOD Meeting Attendance

Name	Organization	Stakeholder Type	Attendance
Aletha Sprague	Mohawk Valley PHIP	Key Partner	Present
Amy Gildemeister	Schoharie Co. Public Health	Key Partner	Present
Bonnie Post	Schoharie County	DCS	Absent
Christina Cain	Herkimer Co. Public Health	Key Partner	Present
Colleen Klintworth	Excellus Health	MCO	Present
Desiree Railine	Hometown Health Centers	H/HSP	Present
Duane Miller	St Mary's HealthCare	H/HSP	Present
Ed Butz	RSS	CBO	Present
Ernie Gagnon	Fulton County	DCS	Absent
Dr. Hannah Monk	Regional Primary Care Network	H/HSP	Present
Helen Burdick	BEACON center	CBO	Present
Jamie Spraker		P/F/Y Advocate	Absent
Janine Dykeman	MHA of Fulton/Montgomery Co.	CBO	Absent
Jennifer Earl	United HealthCare	MCO	Absent
Joan Godlewski		P/F/Y Advocate	Present
Joe Simko	OMH	State Gov. Rep	Absent
John Arcuri	CDPHP	MCO	Present
Kate Hewlett		P/F/Y Advocate	Present
Kelly Ames	Fidelis Care	MCO	Present
Kristen Snyder-Branner	Herkimer County	DCS	Prseent
Lisa Volo	Mohawk Valley Health System	H/HSP	Present
Melissa Cool-Horan	Little Falls Hospital	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
Sarah Wilson		P/F/Y Advocate	Absent
Sara Boerenko	Montgomery Country	DCS	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	Absent

Gallery Attendance:

Transaction District	HARP Eligible	HARP Enrolled	Health Home Enrolled	HCBS Assessed	HCBS Eligible	HCBS Claimed
FULTON (FT)	622	479	108	64	64	.
HERKIMER (HK)	539	434	114	117	115	16
MONTGOMERY (MG)	602	451	124	62	62	4
OTSEGO (OO)	405	296	86	80	79	5
SCHOHARIE (SC)	261	187	60	43	42	1
MOHAWK VALLEY	2,429	1,847	492	366	362	26
STATEWIDE TOTALS	176,430	140,002	39,491	29,826	28,826	4,306

PERCENTAGES BY STAGES

RPC_Region	HARP Eligible	% HARP Enrolled	% Health Home Enrolled	% HCBS Assessed	% HCBS Eligible	% HCBS Claimed	% Claims from HARP Eligible
CENTRAL	10,784	80%	27%	87%	98%	17%	3%
MOHAWK VALLEY	2,459	76%	27%	74%	99%	7%	1%
NORTH COUNTRY	3,008	78%	27%	59%	99%	57%	7%
SOUTHERN TIER	3,787	79%	31%	85%	99%	14%	3%
TUG-HILL	2,597	80%	31%	83%	97%	4%	1%
STATEWIDE TOTALS	176,430	79%	28%	76%	97%	15%	2%

Mohawk Valley HCBS Providers	CPST	PSR	Hab	FST	PVS	TE	ISE	OSE	ESS	Peer
MHA in Fulton & Montgomery Co.		F,M	F,M	F,M	F,M				F,M	F,M
Northeast Parent & Child Society		F,O	F,O	F,O	F,O					
Parsons Child & Family Center		F	F	F	F					
The Family Counseling Center	F			F						F
Kee to Independent Growth	F,M	F,M	F,M	F,M	F,M		F,M	F,M		
Center for Family Life and Recovery		H								
Herkimer County Chapter, NYSARC**				H,O	H,O		H,O	H,O	H,O	
Resource Center for Ind. Living			H		H		H	H		H
Kids Oneida, Inc.		H	H	H						H
Rehabilitation Support Services		O,S	O			O,S	O,S	O,S	O	O
Schoharie County Community Action				S						S

F- Fulton, H- Herkimer, M- Montgomery, O- Otsego, S- Schoharie

