



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
North Country Region - Board Meeting #5
December 15, 2017 – 10:00a-12:00p
Crandall Public Library

251 Glen St, Glens Falls, NY 12801 - Christine L. McDonald Community Room

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rob York at 10:06AM

2. Introductions (Name, stakeholder group, agency/organization)

Board members introduced themselves (see attendance list)

Gallery members- Cathy, Cat, Alexis, Terri Morse (new DCS), Leila Clark, Regional Advocacy Specialist(RAS) from Hudson River field office

3. Approval of September 15th Meeting Minutes (Motion Needed)

Rob asked the board to review and approve the meeting minutes. Motion to approve meeting minutes- Bob- 1st and 2nd-Linda- Motion carried, none opposed, all in favor, minutes will be added to the CLMHD website

4. RPC Survey

Pete read the recruitment script, board members were asked to complete the survey (15 people were eligible to complete the survey). Members were asked to complete the survey and sealed completed or non-completed surveys in the envelopes. 13 returned envelopes.

5. Review of Fall Chairs Meeting Minutes - (10/30)

Beth reviewed the RPC Chairs meeting that occurred on 10/30/17. OMH, OASAS and DOH each provided an update and Beth focused the NC Issues.

Issue number 2- Provided an overview of this issue and the states response- State supportive of keeping this service as this transition rolls out, and that it will continued to be funded
Transportation-In the waiver model, transportation will be reimbursed

Issue Number 7- Beth reported that guidance put out by the state help addressed this issue

Issue Number 11- APG rates-Pete provided an overview of this issue, since this issue was not covered verbally that day, Pete provided an overview of the states written response

Pete reported that the RPC team will be working on developing a template on gathering data to collect data- to be able to present to the state- If you or your agency would like to contribute to add feedback- Beth suggested that we connect with a SW intern to help gather this data through SUNY Albany.

Bob Kleeping- suggested that the state look at regulations that are driving these costs- suggestion that this be added to the template- suggested an ad hoc work group to look at this

Bob Ross- suggested that an ad hoc work group review that the template that the RPC team be put together-Rockefeller Institute of Government (RIG)- is doing work for the Governor's office

Beth- suggested that we avoid any duplication, and who can best collect this information

Rob- suggested developing an ad hoc work group to at least start to look at what other resources are looking at

Barry- use this ad hoc work group to vet that template and provide suggestion and then send out to the Rockefeller center, etc

Bob- use the Rockefeller Institute of Government (RIG) as a resource to find other resources that may already be working on this-

Next steps- RPC will look to see what resources are already out there to collect data

Bob- any larger discussions around the budget due to the financial climate of the new administration-

Response: Jennifer- health homes rates were cut and enrollment have been decreasing

Joe Simko-monitor what services don't line up with the new waiver services- population who are not Medicaid eligible- Agencies are getting state aid money now, as long as you can mke the case that MMC doesn't cover all populations and services then you have a case to maintain state aid

6. Data – OMH F/O Review

Joe Simko for OMH Central Field Office reviewed HARP/HCBS data with the RPC board members (see PowerPoint)

Board discussed the data and what is leading to the barriers

Need for ongoing education

Joe- HCBS brochures are in development being put out by that state, along with videos

Question around kids materials- none in place at this time

Beth- regarding the changes in reimbursement for CMAs, asking them to complete both assessments may be too much for them given the large amount of work they are already tasked with completing

Alternated assessors- any updates on this?

Joe-reported that this proposal continues to be worked on- Joe reported that various agencies have to come together to make an agreement- conflict free also has to be kept in mind

7. Update: Children and Families Subcommittee Roll Out

Pete provided an update on the children and families subcommittee rollout

- a. Chair/LGU Lead- JoAnne Caswell, will chair and Richelle Gregory will lead this subcommittee
- b. Timeline- This kickoff will be on 2/2/18. March will be a town hall and then the subcommittee will be up and running. If you or someone from agency would like to attend please contact Pete.

8. HARP/HCBS/HH Workgroup Update

Pete provided an update on this workgroup. This workgroup focuses on regional issue identification and resolution around the HARP/HCBS/HH, this group has meet 3-4 times now and has focused on the need for education and networking.

Networking event- occurred in Malone, had 40-50 people in attendance- positive feedback was received and was well attended by various stakeholders-

NYARPS- Peer to Peer trainings- David Ferencz will come to any agency/location at any time to provide these training. There have been two in the North County one in Malone and one in Glens Falls. If you are interested please contact Pete, he will get you connected to David. (attached flyer)

Barry- His agency is putting together a spring conference, he would like to possibly add NYAPRS to the list of vendors/presenters

Leila Clark- RAS- can help gather peers to get to these trainings

9. VBP Workgroup

Pete provided an overview of the VBP workgroup, does overlap with the Tug Hill region. There has been one call so far.

Barry-Could this workgroup take a look at the APG issue?

Pete-This would be a different expectation than the VBP workgroup initially started with.

Could this group evolve? To shift focus now that the BHCCs are forming

10. End of Year Wrap up

- a. **Review of Board Member Feedback-** Pete will resend out board member feedback survey after the new year
- b. **Attendance Policy-**Rob reviewed the RPC Attendance Policy- Pete sent out this to the board
- c. **RPC Logic Model** – Rob reviewed the RPC Logic model- this was emailed out to the board
- d. **2018 Schedule-** Please see list of 2018 board meeting dates- Pete will look to host board meetings in the morning, and will add any other major events in the afternoon

Quick announcements- Pete announced that Donna Dewan has been hired as the new RPC Project Director, she will start on 12/27/2018. RPC funding has been extended to the end of 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41am
Motion to adjourn, Jennifer Earl

Next meeting will be: 2/2/18 from 10-12 at the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid

***Upcoming Meetings:**

- **February 2, 2018 – 1st qtr. RPC BOD Meeting – Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid**
 - **10:00-12:00**
- ~~February 2, 2018 – NC Children & Families Subcommittee Kickoff – Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid~~
 - ~~1:00-3:00~~
- ~~March 22, 2018 – NC Children & Families Town Hall Meeting – Location TBD~~
- **May 17, 2018 – 2nd qtr. RPC BOD Meeting – Location TBD**
- ~~May 17, 2018 – NC Children & Families Subcommittee Meeting – Location TBD~~
- **August 31, 2018 – 3rd qtr. RPC BOD Meeting – Location TBD**
- **December 6, 2018 – 4th qtr. RPC BOD Meeting – Location TBD**

Questions about this process can be answered by your RPC Coordinator, Peter Griffiths via email, PG@clmhd.org or phone, 518-424-1014