



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
North Country Region – 2019, 1st Quarter Board Meeting
March 1, 2019 – 10:00a-12:00p
Essex County Department of Social Services
7551 Court St. Elizabethtown, NY 12932
****Meeting Minutes****

1. **Call to Order** – *meeting called to order at 10:06am*
 2. **Introductions (Name, stakeholder group, agency/organization)**
 - a. New Board Members – Tyler Whitney (Fidelis) & Deb Czubak (OASAS) – Sue Snyder will also be attending on behalf of OASAS Field Office
 - b. Vacant Seats – 3 KP’s, 2 YA’s
 - i. Reminder key partner board seats available as well as youth advocates. Looking to fill those spots as soon as possible.
 3. **Approve Meeting Minutes from 12/6/18 – Q4 RPC Board Meeting –**
 - a. 1st, Michael Lawler, 2nd JoAnne Caswell
 - b. Minutes approved and will be posted to website
 4. **Review/approve 2019 Regional Work Plan (See attached)**
 - a. Motion to approve work plan
 - b. 1st Terri, 2nd Valerie
 - c. Will proceed with work plan as written – See below for notes:
- Housing – educational housing panel being proposed; State experts, housing providers, successful entities who have secured housing funding to share knowledge with interested parties. Form recommendations if there are any roadblocks identified related to the housing process in the North Country. Funnel to States attention.
Board feedback:
 - Good goal and idea for the panel. MHAs would likely want to be involved with this – housing first program (28 bed housing project in Warren County).
 - Connection to the NY Grants gateway so providers are made available when new funding opportunities released
 - Clinton County has successfully secured several types of funding – offering to present at forum
 - Recommendation to include Michael Carpenter
 - Region not familiar with a document that already lists housing available in the North Country to help identify where the gaps might be – think this will be very beneficial (helpful data could be gathered regarding needed beds vs. beds available)
 - Some OMH data available about OMH funded housing – via CARES occupancy rates and population available on the OMH website. Joe Simko is the primary point of contact for housing in the Central Field Office regarding housing
 - **Question:** Does CoC do analysis for housing in the region? **Response:** Yes – to a certain extent. Gaps are identified but only related to HUD funded housing
 - Capital Region having similar conversations

- **Question:** Does CoC cover Clinton County? **Response:** Not familiar with this
 - Housing Coalitions – Clinton County Sean Miller (CC Housing: ESSHI funded) 100 bed unit Supportive Housing – additional housing/dorm initiatives (Recovery, DD, potential mental health)
 - Board in support of moving forward with panel idea
- d. Workforce – board feedback:
- i. AHI organizes a workforce work group currently (Kelly Owens); perhaps opportunity for collaboration
 - ii. Recruiting and training are current areas of focus in AHI work group – group also has data accessible; attends the PHNs – last meeting was in November and group meets quarterly
 - iii. Data collection tool created for the North Country RPC – no additional data collected yet. Encouraging the board to continue to utilize this tool to help support identifying the gap and needs in the community
 - iv. State Mental Health Association has completed a survey similar to this – may be helpful to share with the region (14,500 positions)
 - v. **Next steps:** Lee will reach out to Kelly Owens and ask for interest in participating in the RPC as a key partner
 - vi. **Next steps:** Pete will share the survey results that have already been completed related to vacancy rates
- e. **VBP – rekindling this workgroup – board feedback:**
- i. ACOs should be invited to the table for future meetings.
 - ii. Update from BHCC would be beneficial
 - iii. Similar to the children’s transition, until we start doing it, it’s difficult to conceptualize operationalization
 - iv. Are the BHCCs/IPAs/ACOs starting to dig into the data and begin the value conversations between MCOs and providers? Seems most people are stuck at this point – concepts and ideas are provided but very little done to move forward
 - v. Recommend focusing on how to apply what we know to move forward
 - vi. HHs starting to engage level 1 VBP discussions
 - vii. Existing work being done that enables things to be moved forward
 - viii. Recommend some focus on adult HCBS and how these services actually impact people’s lives (values and outcomes)
 - ix. Focus of some HCBS providers on collecting qualitative data on how HCBS impacts people’s lives – also reviewing impact of services directly on utilization of services
- f. RPC Board Recruitment – board feedback:
- i. Youth peer advocate being hired by Families First in Q1 2019 – could be an RPC YA partner (TBD)
 - ii. Other regions also struggling with recruiting youth advocates
- g. Develop Goals for Work Groups and Subcommittee – board feedback:
- i. Encouragement to board to review one pager explaining the purpose of each North Country work group and subcommittee
 - ii. May be more of a local conversation with agencies versus board level to set goals for these groups
 - iii. Recap of work that has already been done at the work group and subcommittee level such as the HCBS educational/networking/panel discussion (October and January) and the positive feedback/successes with these events
- h. Steering Committee – board feedback:

- i. *In support of this – need to review proposal with leadership of the workgroups and subcommittees. Seems that it would be helpful to Pete as the coordinator. Will begin these Q2 – perhaps meeting 30 minutes prior to board meeting.*
- i. *Feedback from Members on the Transition – board feedback:*
 - i. *If we could get feedback from families on a consistent basis such as report outs at meetings vs. holding a fireside chat, that would be ideal*
 - ii. *Any consistent gathers of people who are receiving services?*
 - iii. *Once we begin engaging people receiving services, the more likely we'll be able to engage others*
 - iv. *Network group in the North Country – April peer network group will have a conversation around who is engaged with HHs and receiving HCBS. To help identify what is working for folks*
 - v. *SPOAs may be a good point of contact to distribute a survey/discuss questions with people who may be receiving services*
 - vi. **Next Steps:** *Albany RPC Office will share fireside chat survey and points of contact from Families Together in NYS*

5. OMH Updates (Joe Simko):

- a. RCA Listing
- b. Quality Infrastructure Funding
- c. Cash Advance Payments
- d. HCBS Data – *reviewed ROS compared to the North Country findings. Discussed interest in turning qualitative data into quantitative data related to these services impacting people's lives. Conversation needs to be around "what is it we want to measure?" as it all relates to VBP. HEDIS and QARR measures may be the safest starting point. May be beneficial to include data on number of members who have actually been referred to HH*
 - i. *Question about involvement of hospitals and making referrals to HCBS/HH. Response: Every hospital is required to be identifying and referring high risk members to HH*
 - ii. *Looking at this even more broadly than hospitals – via PSYCKES data entities can see who may be in a HARP, HARP eligible, or a high utilizer to help contribute to reducing high utilization and/or linking to HCBS*

6. OASAS Updates (Susan Snyder)

- a. Opioid/Insurance Legislative Package
- b. Children's Behavioral Health
- c. New HCBS Contact at OASAS – *Susan will share contact information with board*

7. CDPHP Housing Pilot (Carl Rorie Alexandrov) – Carl not present at the meeting.

8. Regional Updates

a. HHH Workgroup:

i. 1/18 HCBS Training & Panel Discussion:

- 1. OMH training and panel Q&A

ii. Next steps for this group:

- 1. MCO's requiring multiple Plans of Care
- 2. HH Engagement
- 3. Education/training initiatives

iii. Next Meeting: 3/29 (details below)

b. Children & Families Subcommittee:

i. Next steps for this group:

1. Review Transition thus far
2. Staffing/Billing Concerns
3. Data Platforms (Unite Us/ADK Connections)
4. Review of C-YES

ii. Next Meeting: 3/22 (details below)

- *Fillable form has been shared as a resource for providers and families*
- *Looking to hear from providers their feedback on how the transition is going so far and delivery of the CFTSS/transition of youth to HH CM*

c. VBP Workgroup:

i. Next steps for this group:

1. Rekindle group (2020 is right around the corner)
2. MCO/Provider contracting conversations

ii. Next Meeting: 4/5 (details below)

- *Agenda items accepted for all work groups and subcommittees – reach out to Pete if you'd like a formal invitation to the meetings if you do not already receive the meeting notices.*
- *Next board meeting, May 31st, Hudson Headwaters has offered to host the next meeting*
- *Proposal to consider combining work group meetings on the same day to reduce travel for members*
- *CBO Consortium – DOH Initiative: 500 tier 1 CBOs target audience (non-Medicaid billing, annual budget under \$5million). Workforce/education was discussed at meeting in Plattsburgh CBO Consortium meeting. May be an opportunity to collaborate with this consortium. Tony Sanfillipo Director of the Consortium.*

9. Adjourn Meeting (Motion Needed) – 11:38am meeting ended.

Attendance at 3.1.19 Board Meeting

Andrea Deepe	CBO	N
Deceil Moore	CBO	N
JoAnne Caswell	CBO	Y
Robert A. Ross	CBO	Sent Proxy
Sally Walrath	CBO	Y
Valerie Ainsworth	CBO	Y
Christine Venery	HHSP	Y
Jessica Fraser	HHSP	Y
Linda McClarigan	HHSP	N
Meredith King	HHSP	N
Michael A. Lawler	HHSP	Y
Rosemary Reif	HHSP	N
Ann Hutchison	KP	Y
Barry B. Brogan	KP	N
Reggie McDonald	KP	N
Bob Kleppang, LMSW, ACSW	DCS	Y
Rob York, LCSW-R, MPA	DCS	Y
Richelle Gregory	DCS	Y
Terri Morse	DCS	Y
Suzanne Lavigne, MHA, CTRS, CASAC	DCS	Y
Elizabeth Fallone-Torhan	MCO	Y
Carl Rorie Alexandrov	MCO	N
Jennifer Earl, M.A., LMHC	MCO	N
Tyler Whitney	MCO	Y
Anne Griffin	PYF	N
Mariane Simas	PYF	Y
Lee Rivers	PYF	Y
Steve Miccio	PYF	N
Joseph Simko	State	Y
Deb Czubak	State	Sent Proxy
Doug Sitterly	State	N

Gallery: Cathy Hoehn (RPC), Alexis Harrington (RPC), Shawn Sabella (BHSN)

