



**Southern Tier RPC
Health Home/HARP/HCBS Workgroup Notes
March 10, 2020; 12:30 – 2:00 PM
Broome County Public Library**

Present: Ixchel Branagan, Carrie Buchanan, Alicia Demaree, Kim DeSantis-Johns, Johanna George, Delanie Laface, Vinnette James, Cheryl Nguyen-Wishneski, Heather Nower, Garrett Smith, Laura Zocco, Jennifer Northrop, Noah Cooper, Emily Childress

1. Group introduced themselves and discussed Know Your MCO Event that occurred just prior to this meeting.
2. Emily reviewed the purpose of the workgroup and its relation to the RPC board.
3. HCBS 60 Mile Rule- Mohawk Valley RPC
 - a. Mohawk Valley RPC has identified an issue surrounding HCBS 60 Mile Rule for provider travel reimbursement
 - b. Emily asked HCBS providers for their input:
 - i. CCBC does not bill for transportation because it was too much to add into EHR
 - ii. MHASt- same they aren't billing either due to cost effectiveness
 - iii. CC of Tompkins & Tioga does bill but has been completely denied due to being 63 miles
4. Care Management Coalition Updates
 - a. 3 for 5 Legislative Activities and additional info presented by Johanna (documents sent out to group via e-mail)
 - b. Johanna introduced Delanie Laface in a new position at Circare under a pilot program to address gaps in care across CMAs
5. Care Manager Retention Discussion
 - a. Factors explored included: documentation, workload, compensation, balance of person-focused care and paperwork needs, continuity of care affected
 - b. Could there be a care management cap imposed by state?
6. CCBC Peer Support Institute
 - a. May 18th TWTH 9-4 three weeks; prep for APS courses, on website
 - b. One week Peer Supervisors after
7. Open Floor
 - a. Is there a point person for PSYCKES? Laura will follow-up
 - b. Could we arrange a presentation on the Getthere program? Emily will follow-up
 - c. Can we create a RCA contact list? Will explore at next meeting