



**Southern Tier Regional Planning Consortium  
Board of Directors**

**March 20, 2019 1:30-3:30PM**  
**Broome County Public Library, Decker Room**  
**185 Court Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**

**Meeting Agenda**

- 1:30 PM Welcome & Introductions, Mary**
- Welcome & Introduce New Coordinator: Emily Childress
  - New Board Member: Jeremy Boyce, CDPHP
  - First Board Meeting: Susan Ruff, Southern Tier Independence Center
- 1:35 PM Administrative Items, Mary**
- Approval of Minutes (*Motion Requested*)
  - Community Co-Chair Vacancy (*Nominations*)
- 1:40 PM State Co-Chairs Meeting Minutes & Follow-up Items, Beth**
- Housing; Jeremy Boyce, CDPHP
  - Same Day Transportation
- 2:00 PM 2018 Annual Report Review, Mary**
- 2:10 PM Ad Hoc Workgroup & Subcommittee Reports, Emily**
- Health Home/HARP/HCBS
  - Children & Families Subcommittee
  - Prior Authorization for Psychotropic Medications
- 2:20 PM RPC Purpose and Scope – Refresh, Beth**
- 2:25 PM 2019 RPC Issue Identification, Emily**
- 2:30 PM Breakout Session**
- 3:00 PM Breakout Session Report Out**
- 5 minutes for each group to report out its main issue
- 3:30 PM Meeting Adjournment, Mary (*Motion Requested*)**

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

**Children & Families Subcommittee**, 5/13/2019 1-3PM at Broome County Public Library

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**, 6/5/2019 1:30-3:30PM at Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

**HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup**, 6/18/2019 1:30-3PM at Catholic Charities of Broome County

**Children & Families Subcommittee**, 8/5/2019 1-3PM at Broome County Public Library

**HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup**, 9/17/2019 1:30-3PM at Catholic Charities of Broome County

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**, 9/25/2019 1:30-3:30PM at Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

**Children & Families Subcommittee**, 11/4/2019 1-3PM at Broome County Public Library

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**, 12/4/2019 1:30-3:30PM at Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

**HH/HARP/HCBS Workgroup**, 12/17/2019 1:30-3PM at Catholic Charities of Broome County

## Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of quorum (see attendance grid) to hold a meeting, co-chair Mary M. decided the board would give updates and skip the breakout sessions for issue identification.

### **1:30 PM Welcome & Introductions**

Emily Childress and Mary M. welcomed the group at 1:45 PM and introduced new members; Jeremy Boyce, CDPHP and Susan Ruff, Southern Tier Independence Center. Board members and gallery attendees introduced themselves (see attendance grid). New Southern Tier RPC Coordinator, Emily Childress, gave a brief introduction of herself and her background

### **1:35 PM Administrative Items**

#### **- Approval of Minutes (*Motion Requested*):**

The group reviewed the minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. There was one spelling correction to be made. Ruth Roberts made a motion. Seconded by George Dermody. All were in favor, none opposed. Minutes were approved, pending spelling correction, and will be posted on CLMHD website.

#### **- Community Co-Chair Vacancy (*Nominations*):**

There are two vacancies in the board in the Peer/Family/Youth Advocacy group. Information for these positions are in the by-laws. Margaret Fontenot is unable to accept the Community Co-Chair seat. The Community Co-Chair seat is open to any voting RPC board member. Nominations can be submitted to Emily and Sharon.

### **1:45 PM RPC Purpose and Scope – Refresh; Beth White, RPC West District Lead-**

**RPC Logic Model:** Beth White reviewed the RPC Logic Model with board members. It was suggested that the logic model be reviewed at each meeting. Issues and discussions will revolve around Medicaid Managed Care. However, some discussion can stray from the suggested topics. If these issues relate to the impact of how Medicaid Managed Care services are accessed and/or provided, they can be submitted to the State once thoroughly vetted by the region.

### **1:50PM State Co-Chairs Meeting Minutes & Follow-up Items:**

Beth White gave the board an opportunity to ask questions regarding the co-chair meeting.

Q1: Is the list of 13 open access facilities available to the public?

A1: The region is looking to identify programs/facilities in real time for MAS to identify if there is a gap. The State is looking to identify what is considered urgent. The list will be shared with the board when available. Individuals can use the “Find a Provider” tool on the OMH website.

Conversations have continued across the state and RPC regions after the State Co-Chairs meeting.

#### **- Housing: Jeremy Boyce, CDPHP**

Jeremy Boyce presented on a regional housing forum that has been created, to connect DCS, SPOAs, and DSS. This will hopefully help address the unsafe housing issue for Medicaid recipients. CDPHP has been working to address homelessness. They partnered with St. Catherine’s in Albany who work to connect people to housing. The pilot phase will

accommodate 15-25 Medicaid members with 30% of income towards housing. Referrals will be processed by CDPHP. This will be opened to primary care practices also. This pilot is open to members in four counties in the Capital region.

- Participant Criteria:
- 18 years of age or over
- One or two adults
- Must be homeless or at risk for homelessness
- Reside within 4 counties served
- Housing must impact health outcomes
- Must be appropriate for independent living
- Utilization of an evidence-based screening tool, the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decisions Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), developed by the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in Connecticut (information can be found at <http://www.cthmis.com/info/detail/vi-spdat/13>).

The program will collect data regarding the percentages of those in safe housing, of those who remain in safe housing for 6 months, and of those whose health improved in 6 months. The program will use ER, Urgent Care, Primary Care, and Total Cost of Care data.

Jeremy answered many questions from board members.

Q1: What is the funding source for the rental subsidies?

A1: Funding is from St. Catherine's and CDPHP, as well as other community partners. There is no grant funding.

Q2: How long can individuals remain in the housing program?

A2: Ideally, individuals would be stabilized within one year but the program regulation is not definitive.

Q3: Was there collaboration with LDSS/DCS?

A3: Community partners were looped in, however unclear who all has been involved.

Q4: Has the program received its first referral?

A4: The program was introduced in late 2018 and first placement happened last month (February).

Q5: Is this for Health Home recipients?

A5: Yes and No.

Q6: Where is the housing? Is it scattered? Urban? Rural?

A6: So far the housing is in Albany, an urban area. The housing varies from apartments to rooms in houses.

Q7: Does this pilot build additional housing?

A7: No, not at this time. The pilot is utilizing existing structures.

Q8: Has this been shared with other MCOs?

A8: Yes, but unsure which MCOs.

Q9: Is there information around this pilot?

A9: It is a "soft" launch so there is no materials available to the public. Jeremy will forward Emily the press release documents related to the launch of the program.

**- Same Day Transportation:**

The DOH 2015 Form issue is continuing to be discussed. It has been clarified that an MD is not required to sign this form. Any licensed practitioner is approved to sign this form. They are requesting that they change to form to indicate that an MD is not required. Updated guidance was provided to the board and can be found at <https://www.medanswering.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/FINAL-DOH-2015-Policy-and-Procedure-updated-2018.pdf> . MAS is working strongly with the RPCs to improve this process. A contact from DOH was provided. Dina Addario, Medicaid Transportation Contract Coordinator for DOH, can be contacted whenever a provider faces an issue. Her e-mail is [Dina.Addario@Health.NY.Gov](mailto:Dina.Addario@Health.NY.Gov) and her phone number is (518) 473-2160, option "1".

## **2:05 PM Ad Hoc Workgroup & Subcommittee Reports**

### **- Health Home/HARP/HCBS:**

The group met on March 19th. A lot of information was provided by OMH regarding RCA contracting. Erik Lantier from Fidelis was present and provided additional information on the process. The meeting was productive. Meetings will be quarterly in 2019.

### **- Children & Families Subcommittee:**

The subcommittee is looking into how best to support care managers and create a training to help them. A training event is planned for 4/24 for Health Home Serving Children care managers. The group was advised to forward this event to any Health Home care managers. The training will have a panel and a networking opportunity. The meeting is located in Binghamton. Additionally, the subcommittee is looking to bring together Care Manager Supervisors. A past meeting of supervisors was very successful. About 15 supervisors attended previously. These meetings will continue quarterly.

### **- Prior Authorization for Psychotropic Medications:**

Following a MCO information session in January, this group has followed through on all issues presented. There are no future meetings scheduled.

## **2:25 PM 2018 Annual Report Review**

The report was sent out earlier this month to the group. The group reviewed the contents. If you did not receive the report, please reach out to Emily Childress.

## **2:40 PM ——— 2019 RPC Issue Identification, Breakout Session**

Breakout sessions were postponed due to lack of quorum. The group discussed the categories of issues that other regions are pursuing to get an idea of what the region wants to focus on. Break out groups have been postponed. BHCC leads will present at next meeting. Submit any issues to Emily Childress.

## **3:10 PM ——— Breakout Session Report Out**

## **3:30 PM Meeting Adjournment (Motion Requested)**

The board adjourned at 2:40 pm. Nancy Williams made a motion. Seconded by Robin Cotter. The next board meeting will be Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM at the DoubleTree by Hilton, South Riverside Room in Binghamton.

**Southern Tier Board Meeting Attendance March 20, 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>
Alan Wilmarth	UHS	H/HSP
Bill Perry	Lourdes Center for Mental Health	CBO
Carmela Pirich	Addiction Center of Broome Co.	CBO
Christina Olevano	CASA Trinity	Key Partners
Cindy Heaney	Delaware County	DCS
Colleen Klintworth	Excellus Health Plan	MCO
Debby O'Brien	Delaware Valley Hospital	H/HSP
Emily Taggart	O'Connor Hospital	H/HSP
Eric Jansen	Cayuga Medical Center	H/HSP
Garra Lloyd-Lester	Suicide Prevention Office	Key Partners
George Dermody	Children's Home of Wyoming	CBO
Jennifer Earl	United Health Care	MCO
Jeremy Boyce	CDPHP	MCO
Kim Taro		P/F/Y Advocate
Laura Zocco	OMH	State Gov. Rep
Lisa Berard	Care Compass Network	Key Partners
Lori Morgan	Tioga County	DCS
Margaret Fontenot	Circare	H/HSP
Marilyn Donnelly	Margaretville Hospital	H/HSP
Marni Millet	OASAS	State Gov. Rep
Mary Maruscak		P/F/Y Advocate
Melissa Young	Fidelis Care	MCO
Nancy Williams	Broome County	DCS
Noemi Simpson	OCFS	State Gov. Rep
Patricia Vincent		P/F/Y Advocate
Paula Currie	Family & Children's Society	CBO
Phillip Ginter	HealthlinkNY	Key Partners
Rebecca Rathmell	Southern Tier Homeless Coalition	Key Partners
Robin Cotter	Catholic Charities of Chenango Co.	CBO
Ruth Roberts	Chenango County	DCS
Sharon MacDougall	Tompkins County	DCS
Shawn Yetter	Tioga County DSS	Key Partners
Stephanie Baker	Molina Healthcare	MCO
Susan Ruff	Southern Tier Ind. Center	CBO
Susan Wheeler	The Star Group	CBO
Terry Diluzio		P/F/Y Advocate

**Gallery Attendance:** Katie Molanare, CLMHD; Bethanne White, CLMHD; Mark Perry, HealthlinkNY; Bouakham Rosetti, Care Compass Network; and Emily Childress, RPC Coordinator.