



**REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM**  
**Tug Hill Region – 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting**  
**December 11, 2019 – 10:00a-12:00p**  
TLS NNY – Woodruff Board Room  
482 Black River Pkwy, Watertown NY 13601

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**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Pat Fralick at 10:02AM

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

Board members introduced themselves, see attached attendance list. Special acknowledgement of Pat Fralick's service as co-chair.

**3. Confirm Quorum**

Did not have a quorum.

**4. Approve Meeting Minutes from June 26 and September 25, 2019**

As the meeting did not have a quorum, it was agreed that the minutes would be redistributed via email and an electronic approval vote. Once approved, the minutes would be posted on the regional webpage.

**5. Election Results**

- a. Beth Solar explained there were two stakeholder meetings for nominations and voter registration, one in Jefferson County and one in St. Lawrence County.
- b. Beth Solar shared the definition of the Key Partners stakeholder group; Key Partners do not need bill Medicaid, but work with or have a direct link with the BH population, ministers, school representatives, DSS, etc. were encouraged. Beth Solar asked the board members who were making nominations, to please speak to potential nominees before contact was made by the RPC coordinator. Nomination forms are available at today's meeting. It was agreed that nominations (individuals with background/bio) would be accepted through 2020-Q1.

**6. Reports and Updates:**

**a. Children and Families Subcommittee and HHH Workgroup**

Beth Solar met with co-chairs of these groups. An email to the listserv will be sent with meeting dates/times for the entire 2020 calendar year. Both workgroups will have meetings in two different locations – St. Lawrence County and Jefferson County.

**b. Transportation**

Beth Solar in communication with Emily Childress, Southern Tier RPC Coordinator, on next steps with this statewide workgroup following the State Co-Chairs meeting (ex. MAS/2015 forms; non-medical appointments). There was a discussion on Tug Hill priorities/regional barriers as well as possibility of adding Sam Purington or Jennifer Hodge as a Key Partner. Tug Hill RPC coordinator will reach out to gauge interest in participation with the TH BOD.

**c. State Offices – OCFS, DSS, OPWDD**

CLMHD and Project Director are engaging in 1:1 conversations on RPC behalf.

**d. Workforce**

Beth Solar is attending the FDRHPO Recruitment and Retention Committee as a conduit for the RPC statewide workgroup and Tug Hill region. Each FDRPO meeting focuses on a specialty/specific job type for the opportunity to broadly and deeply discuss.

Discussion re: Case Management/Peer certification – Handoff from FDRHPO to Jefferson County Community College; JCCC coordinator left so certification project stalled. No info at this time if FDRHPO will take back coordination. Barriers/Challenges for region include there has been an increase for retention over recruitment; SUNY Canton care coordination certification is offered 2x/year and is credit-bearing course. Question posed to board – is a certification program needed to fill jobs? A positive of a program is the collaboration in the classroom and consistent best practices throughout the region. Led to discussion of a monthly care management roundtable for care managers. Beth Solar will follow up with Central RPC for next meeting and distribute information.

Discussion re: Survey Care Managers – Beth Solar shared that Central RPC surveyed care managers and HR representatives on preparedness and benefits. Beth Solar will request a copy of the survey and share with the TH RPC HHH workgroup/ BOD members.

Discussion of MSW program and Nursing programs to expose BH as career path – **Motion made by Jim Scordo, seconded by Matthew Bradley – Tug Hill RPC / workforce workgroup to explore BH/SUD externship opportunities for nurses. A survey to partner organizations will be conducted to ask if interest in hosting BH/SUD externship.** Beth Solar will research parameters to host a nursing externship and share with TH region. Possible next step is to have TH RPC sponsor an info session for externships with the BOCES LPN program, SUNY Canton and SUNY Jefferson. Beth Solar will research who the contact for these programs are and reach out to them.

Discussion of Bridges Out of Poverty –It was moved to JCC as there was a natural infrastructure. Funding would be needed to host. Conclusion was that networking event would be more useful/less coordination. Beth Solar to gather information on how Tug Hill RPC could sponsor a Chamber program/coffee networking event.

**7. BHCC update – Special Report Out by Angela Doe (via telephone), representative on the Northwinds IPA.**

Highlights: Citizen Advocates is lead. Counties represented are St. Lawrence, Franklin, Warren, Washington, Essex, and Clinton. Priorities include (1) data and quality standardization, (2) clinical integration and, (3) discussions with ACO and MCO. There are three tier providers. The IPA is establishing best practices and workflows for unilateral implementation – all IPA partners and includes the service providers. Northwinds is fostering relationship with an MCO and ADK ACO with the goal of a VBP contract in early 2020. Question from board - How will the IPA monitor workflow implementation throughout the tiers? IPA is trusting the governance process and group acknowledges there may be difficulties for some so info/corrective action steps for those struggling.

**8. OMH Update – Laura Zocco**

Review of July 2019 HCBS data. Question asked if there is a way to track or if OMH is tracking those clients/consumers who decline HCBS. The answer: at this time OMH does not have a tracking

method nor do the MCOs. Question/answer - HCBS billing issues with MCOs and organization. There is an OMH monthly provider billing call. Reach out to Laura or MCO mailbox as well. Note, at this time, there is not a defined date for service delivery line for state funded agencies. Central RPC – health homes are implementing tool to track the HCBS declines. Currently the only way is through quality review/progress notes. OMH wants to know how many are declining and/or no assessments due to no provider.

**9. OASAS update – Allie MacPherson**

David Morgan is the regional coordinator. They are hiring for vacant regional positions (program manager, secretary, etc.) OASAS Medical Director has shared MAT as best practice/harm reduction focus. OASAS name change (Office of Addiction Services and Support)/website changes. Anyone with questions can contact Allie directly. DSS is transitioning/adopting MAT though working through child custody guidelines with new OASAS guidance. Probation also working through new guidelines and their leadership. OASAS Legal is providing guidance for providers. Brief discussion of possible medical marijuana guidance/not being covered by MCOs.

**10. Board meetings – 2020 – Beth Solar will send out calendar invites after venue confirmations.**

**Adjourn Meeting (Motion Needed)**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42am

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 10am-12pm – 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. RPC BOD Meeting

TLS Board Room, 482 Black River Parkway, Watertown, NY 13601

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Jim Scordo	CBO
<del>Molly Ormsby</del>	CBO
<del>Karen Boliver</del>	CBO
Maureen Cean	CBO
<del>Angela Doe</del>	CBO
<del>Ed Thomas</del>	CBO
Jayne Smith, Psy.D	HHS
<del>Vicki Perrine</del>	HHS
<del>Christina O'Neil</del>	HHS
Danielle Martin	HHS
Joey Horton	HHS
Ray Babowicz	HHS
Kathy Connor	PYF
<del>Tonya Lockhart</del>	PYF
Mathew Bradley	PYF
Tammy Bush	PYF
<del>Stephanie Pestillo</del>	MCO
<del>Angela Vidile</del>	MCO
Jennifer Earl	MCO/Chair
Patricia Fralick	DCS/Chair
Tim Ruetten	DCS
<del>Jay Ulrich</del>	DCS
<del>Pat Fontana</del>	KP
<del>Chris Emerson</del>	KP
<del>Larry Calkins</del>	KP
<del>Barry Brogan</del>	KP
<del>Chris Page</del>	KP
Laura Zocco	State
Allie MacPherson	State
<del>Doug Sitterly</del>	State

**Gallery Attendance:** Karen Rappleyea (RPC), Jessica Gonyou (TLS- HHH workgroup lead), Alicia Ruperd (Jeff. County Community Services- C&F co-chair), Lindsay Newwine (St. Lawrence County SPOA/SPOE- C&F co-chair)

These minutes were approved by the Tug Hill Board of Director voting members on 3/12/2020.