



# RPC - Tug Hill Region

Jefferson County - Lewis County - St. Lawrence County

## REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM

Tug Hill Region – 2019 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

September 25, 2019 – 10:00am-12:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn - Lake Ontario Room

1290 Arsenal Street, Watertown NY 13601

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1. **Call to Order:** Pat F and Beth S called the meeting to order at 10:11 am
2. **Introductions (Name, stakeholder group, agency/organization):** The group went around and did introductions, including new members.
  - a. **Introduction of new board members:** Molly Ormsby (CBO), Tonya Lockhart (PFY), Tammy Bush (PFY)
3. **Confirm Quorum:** The board decided they do not have a quorum.
4. **Approve Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2019 Board Meeting:** Due to lack of quorum, the minutes will be approved at the 4<sup>th</sup> Q meeting.
5. **Regional Workgroup Updates:**
  - a. **Children and Families Subcommittee – Alicia Ruperd / Lindsey Newvine.** Update on ad-hoc workgroup: The group is working on streamlining the CFTSS services and the forms associated. Since then, the State sent out a referral form that will be reviewed by the group in October. There is no date set for the next subcommittee meeting.
  - b. **HHH Workgroup – Angela Doe / Jessica Gonyou.** Next Meeting: TBD: The group is looking to set up a networking event “in the eyes of the provider.” A date and time will be set later this year for the next HHH workgroup to discuss the networking event. Local providers will be contacted to participate in the event. A calendar invite will be sent out. Panelists will be selected.
  - c. **Additional Topics for Workgroups:** Adult referrals are being received by Step by Step. 6 total. Curious as to why referrals have increased suddenly? Laura from OMH, believes this is due to infrastructure funds.

Beth S indicated that the HCBS directory on the RPC website has been updated. HHH workgroup looking to create a regional directory for Care Managers that has supervisor contact information for agencies.

Suggestion: Look to combine RPC regions for Children Services (i.e. North Country RPC). This could help streamline the process and utilize best practices from other agencies. Beth S will work with the NC RPC Coordinator on coordinating a joint C&F subcommittee meeting. Beth S is looking to replicate workgroup meetings into St. Lawrence County. The group believes the Tug Hill and NC region should be combined. The group suggests inviting NC providers to the board/workgroups and utilizing existing forums to connect.

Complications with the CFTSS process for providers, particularly the OLP, medical necessity form. Agencies offered to help educate PCPs on paperwork and CFTSS



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services. MCO's have trainings for PCPs on this process. C-SPOA role may expand to include more system of care trainings.

Mobile Crisis question-Has anyone ventured into that? So far no one in this region.

C-YES: Agencies unaware who their POC is for the region. The group is concerned that people from downstate won't be able to capture the needs of upstate. Agencies worried about the non-Medicaid children population

6. **BHCC Updates: Tug Hill BHCC:** Lindsey Baldwin gave a presentation on the Tug Hill BHCC-North Country Initiative.
  - a. Tug Hill BHCC- North Country Initiative – Lindsey Baldwin
7. **OMH updates – Laura Zocco:** OMH gave an update to the group. Presentation material will be sent to board members after the meeting.
8. **OASAS update – Allie MacPherson:** OASAS gave an update to the group. Any presentation material will be sent to board members after the meeting.
9. **SAVE THE DATES! :**
  - a. **Upcoming Election Stakeholder Meetings:** Beth S explained that these meetings are mandatory for those looking to be nominated for the TH Board, as well as, for those looking to vote on the ballot.
    - i. **October 24, 2019 – Samaritan Summit Village**
    - ii. **October 31, 2019 – Gouverneur Community Center**
  - b. **Next TH BOD Meeting:** Beth S reviewed the next RPC Board date listed below:
    - i. **November 13, 2019**
  - c. **State Meeting:** Beth S mentioned the upcoming State RPC meeting in Albany on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Outcomes will be reviewed with the group at the next board meeting in November.
10. **Open Floor:** Due to timing this item was deferred.
11. **Adjourn:** The group adjourned at 11:58pm. Jen E made a motion, Ray B 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## Attendance:

<del>Jim Scordo</del>	CBO
Molly Ormsby	CBO
Karen Boliver	CBO
Maureen Cean	CBO
<del>Angela Doe</del>	CBO
<del>Ed Thomas</del>	CBO
Jayne Smith	HHS
Vicki Perrine	HHS
<del>Christina O'Neil</del>	HHS
<del>Jane Vail</del>	HHS
Joey Horton	HHS
Ray Babowicz	HHS
<del>Kathy Connor</del>	PYF
Mathew Bradley	PYF
Tammy Bush	PYF
Tonya Lockhart	PYF
<del>Stephanie Pestillo</del>	MCO
Shannon Blount	MCO
Jennifer Earl	MCO/Chair
Patricia Fralick	DCS/Chair
<del>Alicia Ruperd</del>	DCS
Jay Ulrich	DCS
<del>Pat Fontana</del>	KP
<del>Chris Emerson</del>	KP
<del>Larry Calkins</del>	KP
<del>Barry Brogan</del>	KP
<del>Chris Paige</del>	KP
Laura Zocco	State
Allie MacPherson	State
<del>Doug Sitterly</del>	State