



MEETING MINUTES

- **Call to Order and Welcome** Lee Rivers
Meeting called to order at 10:03am.
 - **Introductions/roll call by stakeholder groups** Karen Rappleyea
See attached attendance list.
 - **Confirm quorum**
Quorum confirmed by Karen Rappleyea, NC Coordinator

- **Approve Meeting Minutes from 03/27/20 – Q1 RPC Board Meeting** Voting Board
Previous meeting minutes were attached to the calendar invite for review prior to today's meeting. Motion to accept made by Mary McLaughlin, 2nd by Rob York. Minutes were unanimously approved. There were no suggested edits or any discussion regarding content.

- **Proposed Bylaws Amendments** Voting Board
 - To allow voting quorum to be suspended for purpose of approving minutes
Amendment Proposal #1: Introduced by Karen Rappleyea. Should a Board meeting occur without the presence of a quorum, this will allow for a motion to suspend the voting quorum requirement so that the previous quarter's meeting minutes can be approved by a simple majority vote by those that are in attendance. This will allow for adherence to the RPC/OMH contract requirements and timely posting of the minutes to the RPC webpage for public viewing. Motion to approve made by Mary McLaughlin, 2nd by Jennifer Neifeld. All in favor, amendment proposal #1 approved.
 - To allow electronic voting
Amendment Proposal #2: If there is a vote outside of the Board meeting, this would allow for an electronic vote to be held. Motion to approve made by Sally Walrath, 2nd by Christine Venerly. All in favor, amendment proposal #2 approved.

- **RPC Activities**
 - North Country & other RPC Q1 Report Karen Rappleyea
Q1 Report attached to calendar invite. Karen gave a brief overview.
 - North Country/Tug Hill Pilot Project: SUD Bed Finder Karen Rappleyea
Currently in progress, the first informational webinar for providers only will be held on July 15, 2020.
 - 820 Residents/GIS announcement Jennifer Neifeld
Jennifer noted that there have not been any issues noted in the North Country region like the ones stated in the announcement. Karen Rappleyea explained that the issues were identified in other RPC regions. The release of this guidance was a direct result from the efforts of the RPC at a previous CoChairs meeting in Albany.
 - Children & Families Subcommittee JoAnne Caswell
Last meeting in June 2020, most of the conversation was in regard to the COVID, services challenges, best practices, workflows and challenges for staff and children in services. Discussed CHUNNY has a new learning workforce training platform called MINDFLASH. JoAnne's staff reports that they are finding it especially



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useful. Discussed capacity survey. Next meeting in September will most likely focus on back to school, and how that will look. Karen Rappleyea explained that the survey will focus on CFTSS and HCBS services. It will be sent out to the providers in the North Country region to get an idea on capacity. The survey is currently still in draft form for the North Country region. The survey has been utilized in other RPC regions. If there is anyone that should be included in this subcommittee, please send contact info to Karen Rappleyea.

- **Housing Workgroup update and discussion** Suzanne Lavigne/Karen Rappleyea
There is a final draft for the vision and purpose of the housing workgroup (attached to calendar invite for review). We will be focusing on looking at making affordable and safe housing for individuals with behavioral health conditions or other special populations who live in our rural communities. There will be a SWOT analysis completed. The last in person meeting was in February 2020. The meeting was well attended by a variety of stakeholders. Prior to starting the SWOT analysis, the workgroup felt that it was best to gather data from the region by survey. The survey was started as a general survey that became large and cumbersome. After discussion it was decided to separate the questions out to individual constituents (HUD, OMH, OASAS). One of the challenges was to understand how many rental units are in our region. Karen Rappleyea did have a discussion with a county office about REAL property and running reports on certain codes. She was able to run a town/municipality report that is specific to apartment units to include the owner information and contact information. Will be gathering data from COC re: homeless data. Motion to move forward with the endorsement by Jennifer Earl, 2nd by Sally Walrath
- **HCBS / HHH Workgroup** Lee Rivers/Andrea Deepe
This workgroup has been on “hold”. NYS is looking to transition BH HCBS into Adult Rehabilitation services. We would like to get the workgroup back, especially, during this transition to help educate providers and share information with these changes. Mary McLaughlin agreed, and said that reviving this workgroup will make this transition successful right out of the gate.
Shawn Sabella from BSHN: comment on the removal of underutilized services. Habilitation was one of the more popular services provided so he was surprised by it being shown as underutilized. Laura Zocco from OMH: Some providers have shown a large portion of their clients are being served by habilitation services, but state data shows that overall lower numbers. The intent is that the components or services under habilitation can be offered under PSR. Karen will be sending out a poll to see what date and time would work well for individuals to participate in this workgroup.

- **Updates**

- **OMH, Laura Zocco**
Karen Rappleyea shared data from OMH (attached to calendar invite). A break down in the data for the North Country discussed by Laura Zocco. This is the first data available since last July. Positive growth noted. Updates from OMH: (1) Nicole Hall for C&F office will be returning from maternity leave. (2) Joe and Laura are working on setting up remote HCBS monitoring visits. Those will be starting in July. Lee asked what these remote visits would entail. Laura explained that the intent when started was to visit providers in 18 months. The current face-to-face restrictions have limited this. They will be looking at administrative pieces (policies and /or procedures), trainings, credentials for staff and then a records review. Hopeful for an interview with a staff member and also a member.



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- OASAS, Davia Gaddy
OASAS has been working with providers to create a plan to strategically get back to providing services in a safe way without disruption to the members that need them. Multiple guidance documents have been released. OASAS has encouraged providers to use telepractice if possible. OASAS has also been working with providers to prepare for their budget time.
- MCO – CDPHP, Fidelis, MVP, UHC
CDPHP (Carl Rorie Alexandrov): No update
Fidelis (Ivette Morales): No updates at this time.
MVP (Angela Vidile): No update
UHC (Jennifer Earl): UHC continues to track and monitor the executive orders and the circular letters and waivers related to COVID-19. Infrastructure project is finishing. Another issue UHC is monitoring is the foster care transition. UHC is also starting to focus on the transition from the HCBS to Rehabilitation model for HARP recipients.

- **Announcements**

COVID Dashboard: Reviewed by Karen Rappleyea. There was a specific call to discuss the circumstances of this unique time. We have gathered information and entered data to this dashboard and we will be sharing with OMH. The info on this dashboard is from March 15-June 15. Lori Kicinski noted that the survey was date stamped when the info was collected. We found that some initial comments started shifting. For example, the workforce information improved. Karen discussed that there has been conversation re: looking at no-show data pre and post COVID and there has also been conversation about “Zoom” fatigue.

Peer, Youth, and Family Stakeholder group (P/Y/F), Lee Rivers: This stakeholder group received an email to participate in a statewide education/workforce group. This led to a discussion of whether or not to develop a workgroup in the North Country and then decide whether or not to participate in this statewide workgroup. Amanda stated she would be interested in an off-line conversation to be able to discuss this further then bring it back to the BOD.

- **Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.

Sept 25	10a-12p	NC RPC Q3 board meeting
Dec 18	10a-12p	NC RPC Q4 board meeting

Gallery Attendees: Brandon Titus, Lori Kicinski, Katerina Gaylord, Beth Solar, Alyssa Gleason, Marcie Colon, Colleen, Katy Cook, Meghan Murphy, Rebecca Evansky.



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Stakeholder	Name	Org	Roll Call
CBO	Robin Gay	St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Center	E
CBO	JoAnne Caswell, CoChair-C&F	Families First	Y
CBO	Shawn Sabella	BHSN	Y
CBO	Jennifer Neifeld	820 River Street	Y
CBO	Sally Walrath	Lakeside House	Y
CBO	Andrea Deepe, CoChair-HHH	Warren Washington Association for Mental Health, Inc.	N
H&HS	Christine Venery	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services	Y
H&HS	Marlana Cannata	Glens Falls Hospital	Y
H&HS	Meredith King	UVM: Elizabethtown Community Hospital	N
H&HS	Kevin Hamel	CVPH	N
H&HS	Jessica Fraser	Hudson Headwaters Health Network	N
H&HS	Mary McLaughlin, CoChair-VBP	AHI Health Home	Y
PYF	Amanda Bulris	NAMI Champlain Valley; Youth/Family	Y
PYF	Craig Barney	St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment and Recovery Center; Peer	N
PYF	Lee Rivers, CoChair; CoChair-HHH	Community Connections of Franklin County; Peer	Y
PYF	Valerie Ainsworth	MHA Essex; Peer	N
PYF	Robin Nelson	Families First Essex; Parent/Family	Y
PYF	Denis King	Champlain Valley Family Services/MHAB Life Skills; Peer	N
LGU	Suzanne Lavigne, CoChair	Franklin Co	Y
LGU	Richelle Gregory, CoChair-C&F	Clinton Co	E
LGU	Terri Morse, CoChair-VBP	Essex Co	Y
LGU	Bob Kleppang	Hamilton Co	Y
LGU	Rob York	Warren/Washington Co	Y
MCO	Carl Rorie Alexandrov	CDPHP	Y
MCO	Jennifer Earl	United HealthCare	Y
MCO	Angela Vidile	MVP	N
MCO	Ivette Morales	Fidelis	Y
Nonvoting:			Y
Govt	Laura Zocco	OMH	Y
Govt	Doug Sitterly	OCFS	N
Govt	Davia Gaddy	OASAS	Y
Govt	Deb Czuback	OASAS	N
Key Partner	Erin Streiff	Clinton County Public Health	Y
Key Partner	Carrisa Parot	North Winds Integrated Health Network	Y
Key Partner	Kelly Owens	Adirondack Health Institute	Y
Key Partner	Barry B. Brogan	North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network	Y