



## RPC – North Country Region Clinton–Essex–Franklin–Hamilton–Warren–Washington

North Country Regional Planning Consortium  
HARP/HCBS/Health Home Workgroup  
*August 17, 2020 3:00-4:00 pm*  
**Go To Meeting**

### Minutes

1. NC RPC Letter of Support for Behavioral Health Adult Rehabilitation Services
  - Brief discussion that NC RPC submitted letter of support after our July meeting. The letter stressed the willingness of the NC RPC members to participate in any transition work. A copy will be distributed to HHH workgroup.
2. Updated HCBS Data from 7.17.2020
  - OMH field office representative, Joe Simko, fielded questions and will send the HCBS County level recent data sheet to Karen Rappleyea for HHH workgroup distribution. Statewide, HARP referrals increased. Health Home enrollment has increased, but at slow rate. COVID pandemic is impacting Health Home enrollment/receiving some services.
  - Other – OMH working closely with the Governor’s staff to keep current teleMH moving forward as well as post-pandemic plans.
3. HARP/HCBS/Health Home Discussion
  - Follow up to issues from 7.14.20 discussion – enclosed.
  - Co-leads asked for current concerns/questions, advocacy and/or training needs. AHI Health Home shared increase in enrollees; care managers have increased their encounters through telehealth services which clients have appreciated. Most of their agencies have seen an increase. WWAMH has maintained their caseloads, though no significant increase in new enrollees.
  - Trend with AHI Health Home agencies in housing concerns/issues and homelessness. Level of anxiety increasing, limited availability of safe and affordable, landlords facing financial impact and opening of evictions/court. AHI HH is working on a toolkit to help care managers understand county housing systems. Challenge is each county operates differently. First toolkit for Warren/Washington and Saratoga Counties. Working closely with W/W/H CoC and CaresNY.
4. Next meeting
  - TBD scheduled in Q4. Suggested topic – ARS changes.

| Date      | CONCERN/QUESTION   | RESPONSE   |
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| 7.14.2020 | <p>Related to the removal of non-medical transportation w/BH-ARS. Noticed on the MAS online form request, there is now an option for HARP plan and HCBS/Children. For HARP, health homes are assuming this means this option can be used for any transportation that is part of a HARP member’s plan of care. Is there no longer the requirement for the transportation grid? (For HCBS/children, we assumed this would be used for children only and the HARP option would be used for adults.)</p> | <p>Non-medical transportation will continue to exist similar to how it has been provided in the adult world. However, it will not exist for adults under ARS. The only transportation that will exist for adults will be the Medicaid Transportation that has always existed outside of HARP/HCBS. Accessing this service will remain the same. Which does not require use of the transportation grid.</p> |
| 7.14.2020 | <p>Significant amount of PROS clients receive HAB services and with that service component being deleted, PSR is considered a duplicative service so agencies will lose a large amount of clients if they don't allow a client to be enrolled in PSR in PROS and HCBS.</p>   | <p>Joe Simko, OMH Field Office, passed along to Rehab Team in ALB to take into consideration for transition</p>  |
| 7.14.2020 | <p>The possibility of losing the Recovery Coordinators at one agency’s Health Home. They currently are a referral resource and will no longer be needed. What is the Recovery Coordinator’s role after the changes are implemented?</p>  | <p>Joe Simko, OMH Field Office, passed along to Rehab Team in ALB to take into consideration for transition</p>  |
| 7.14.2020 | <p>Current Non-medical transportation question. HH/agency had a member who was receiving education supports to complete their GED. The non-medical transportation allowed this client to be transported once per week from North Creek for services at BOCES in Saratoga. She did great and now is working on her Bachelor’s Degree. Could the current medical transportation be used for this type of transportation under the HARP plan item in the MAS request form.</p>                          | <p>Non-Medical Transportation as it is written in the HCBS Provider Manual is not supposed to be “regular and routine”. It can be used on a short term basis to assist the individual with achieving a specific goal, or to get them familiar with the transportation resources available. Time limited and goal directed.</p>   |

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**ROLL CALL:**

| <b>Name</b>                         | <b>Attendance</b> |
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