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**REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM**  
**North Country Region Board Meeting #4**  
**September 15, 2017 – 10:00a-12:00p**  
**South Plattsburgh Fire Department**  
**4442 State Route 9, Plattsburgh, NY 12901**

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1. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 10:29
  
2. **Introductions (Name, stakeholder group, agency/organization, title)**
  - a. Board went around the room and introduced themselves – see attendance list at bottom of minutes
  - b. Liz Fallone – replacing Angela Vidile
  
3. **Approval of July 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes (Motion Needed)**
  - a. Motion: Steve Valley
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Angela Vidile
    - i. All in Favor, none opposed – motion carried, minutes will be posted on CLMHD website
  
4. **Categorize/Prioritize 3 State level issues for 10/30**
  - a. Pete reviewed the process needed in order to submit the state identified issues to the Fall Chairs meeting
  - b. Board reviewed each of the six identified state issues and the outcomes of the survey
  
5. **Issue 1:**
  - a. Tom Tallon- asked a question about submitting additional data along with recommendations. This was encouraged by the board since it helps with the weight of the issues/recommendations. Ex. Data/case studies
  - b. Pete suggested that perhaps the Harp/HCBS/HH work group could look at collecting ex: data, case studies
  - c. Beth Lawyer suggested that this may need to be a larger group of people, since this is a bigger topic, since there are various independent providers that would need to be included in this discussion
  - d. Could an additional work group be developed, to address these issues, that would look at compiling this issue- could this include other regional rural RPC counties
  - e. Tom-Could agencies come together to talk about the funds they are losing, and could the state review this report
  - f. Steve Valley - would ask that the state first consider finding out if utilizing the suggestions of the workgroup would be beneficial
  - g. Tom- Brought up the concern about move to VBP, suggested that it be a bit wordsmithed to include VBP

**6. Issue 2-**

- a. Pete reviewed and asked for board feedback, there were questions around clarifying this issue
- b. Joe Simko reviewed the HCBS hiatus deadline is today-That deadline is today, in the future agencies would have to reapply if they wanted to offer additional HCBS services - Joe reported that they will begin to look at gaps in care
- c. Joe also reported that they are looking at a Community referral process (for those who don't want to go through a health home) and a change in the training requirements for staff, including getting more community assessors on board- this is currently be reviewed and further discussed
- d. Health Home changes- DOH is continuing to look at rate adjustments
- e. The question seems to be more around what happens to those individuals who are on Hiatus status with the Health Homes- You will have 2 months of outreach, if you don't reach that person, the question is around what happens to those people if they are not connected to a health home
- f. Rate changes are still being considered
- g. Joe will follow up to see if there is additional clarity to these issues
- h. Gallery member reported that there was a conference call yesterday that stated that DOH will be getting away from hiatus status- A CM must have a face to face interaction in the second month through you in order to bill- they will be increasing the low acuity reimbursement, once a client is enrolled
- i. Overall issue needs to be reworded to focus more of the Health Home hiatus status
- j. Beth asked the board to think about- What other creative ways we can try to connect with people, can we utilize peers in an emergency room, etc? Are there other regional solutions to connect with these folks- follow models of others HIV notification models

**7. Issue 3**

- a. Pete reviewed with this issue with the board
- b. Confusion around why each MCO can't call the HARP product line the same name at each MCO
- c. MCO/DOH workgroup is working on MCO marketing strategy session, it is being addressed
- d. Joe reported that there is a chart that lists all the MCO HARP product line names- Joe will share with this info with the board

**8. Issue 4**

- a. Pete reviewed this issue with the board
- b. Joe reported that this training will be dropping from 14hrs to 2-3 hrs this fall
- c. It was decided by the board to just watch this issue, since it is actively being worked on

**9. Issue 5**

- a. Pete reviewed this issue,
- b. Beth asked for clarifications, Sally reported that there are services that are not billable, wondering if these services can be included in a payment model
- c. Engagement requires a lot of travel time, phone calls, travel times are not billable- In rural districts this this is difficult

- d. Model change needs to occur- agencies that are providing non HCBS services but are similar are still not getting reimbursement like they are in the new HCBS model
- e. Beth- talked about VBP world and selling your services along with outcomes and getting paid for your outcomes
- f. Marianne Simas- stated that these services in the future will no longer be funded, how will this model be sustained? How do things like phone calls, travel get reimbursed, most of your funding will go away re: children's services

**10. Issue 6**

- a. Pete reviewed this issue. Board talked about some of the regional solutions that are happening to address this issue
- b. Andrea Deepe- talked about a recent training event that they held at their agency
- c. DCS and MCO will begin to talk about how to host these trainings in the region
- d. AHI also does a lot of community education re: insurance as well
- e. Field Office reps are willing to go out and train providers/staff on HARP/HCBS services

**11. Decision**

- a. Pete then asked the board to pick, it was decided that the board will remove issues 4, and 6 since there are state and regional solutions are already in the works
- b. It was decided that 1, 5, 2- with modifications based on the discussion- was approved by the board

**12. HARP/HCBS/HH Workgroup update- provided by Andrea Deepe**

- a. Focus in on networking events- one in Northern and Southern NC region- HCBS providers, HH CM, and MCOs- will help with education and exposure- looking to have event in November 7, 9, or 15<sup>th</sup> for Franklin or Essex counties- will continue to meet on a monthly basis- if people would like to join please contact Pete

**13. VBP ad hoc workgroup update-**

- a. It is an information exchange, had a call last week, with Tug Hill RPC region. Pete explained the format and structure of this workgroup. If you would like to join please contact Pete

**14. Children and Families Subcommittee**

- a. Will be rolled out in Feb 2018- Looking for a chair and a LGU lead, focus will be on children's health home.
- b. Anyone who has interest in joining please contact Pete
- c. There will be an election if there is more than one person who expresses interest in the chair position
- d. Pete will send out list of those who they are looking to be part of these subcommittee

**15. Open board seats- there are 3 spots open, anyone who has any suggestions please contact Pete- Steve Valley suggested a DSS rep**

**16. Rob reviewed future board meetings- December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting- will be a voluntary- meeting to hear about the outcomes of the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting - This will be an optional meeting**

**17. Motion to adjourn- Bob Kleppang first, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Valley**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group</b>
1	Andrea Deepe		CBO
2	Angela Vidile		MCP
3	Anne Griffin	Absent	PYF
4	Barry Brogan	Absent	Key Partner
5	Beth Lawyer		CBO
6	Brennan Williams	Absent	PYF
7	Bob Kleppang, LMSW, ACSW		LGU
8	Carl Rorie Alexandrov		MCP
9	Christine Venery	Absent	H&Hs
10	Doug Sitterly	Absent	State Gov
11	Jennifer Earl, M.A., LMHC	Absent	MCP
12	Jessica Fraser	Absent	H&Hs
13	JoAnne Caswell	Absent	CBO
14	Jody Leaven	Absent	MCO
15	Joseph Simko		State Gov
16	Linda McClarigan		H&Hs
17	Liz Fallone		
18	Mariane Simas		PYF
19	Meredith King	Absent	H&Hs
20	Michael A. Lawler	Absent	H&Hs
21	Reggie McDonald	Absent	Key Partner
22	Richelle Gregory		LGU
23	Rob York, LCSW-R, MPA		LGU
24	Robert A. Ross	Absent	CBO
25	Rosemary Reif	Absent	H&Hs
26	Sally Walrath		CBO
27	Shelley Shutler		PYF
28	Steve Miccio	Absent	PYF
29	Steve Valley, LCSW, MSW		LGU
30	Susan Frohlich, LMSW, CSASC	Absent	State Gov
31	Suzanne Lavigne, MHA, CTRS, CASAC		LGU
32	Tom Tallon		Key Partner
33	Valerie Ainsworth		CBO

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