



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM
CNY RPC 1st Quarter Board Meeting
February 1st 2021 10 am to 12 pm
Zoom

Agenda

- 10:00 am** **Welcome & Introductions (Sharon/Katie)**
- 10:10 am** **Approval of December 2020 Minutes (*Motion Requested*) (Sharon)**
- 10:15 am** **Review Status of Open Issues (Sharon/Katie)**
- 10:45 am** **Report Out: Due Diligence Committee Progress (Sharon/Katie/DD Members)**
Telehealth Taskforce
Opioid Epidemic Taskforce
- 11:15 am** **Workgroup Updates (Katie/Board Members)**
Medicaid Managed Care Committee: Lisa Tanner, ICAN
Children & Families Committee: Jennifer Daly, Family Advocate
BH Care Mgt Workforce Committee: Claire Isaacson, Molina
- 11:35 am** **RPC Announcements (Sharon/Katie)**
State Budget
Vacancies
- 12:00 pm** **Adjourn (*Motion Requested*) (Sharon)**
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Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- Children and Families Subcommittee: March 12th at 10 am-11:30 am Via Zoom
- Medicaid Managed Care Committee: February 17th at 10 am-11 am Via Zoom
- BH Care Mgt Workforce Committee: February 11th at 10 am-11 am Via Zoom

Upcoming Taskforce Meetings:

- Telehealth Taskforce: February 12th at 2 pm-3pm Via Zoom
- Opioid Epidemic Taskforce: February 12th at 11 am-12pm Via Zoom

2021 Board Meeting Dates:

May 3rd 2021
September 13th 2021
December 6th 2021



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CNY RPC Board Attendance List

	Name	Attendance	Organization	Stakeholder Group
1	Carrie Doran	Y	Liberty Resources	CBO
2	Liz Smith	N	Unity House	CBO
3	Lisa Tanner	Y	ICAN	CBO
4	Laura Eannace	Y	The Neighborhood Center	CBO
5	Yvette Borne	Y	Hillside Children's Center	CBO
6	Eric Bresee	Y	Farnham Family Services	CBO
7	Eric Stone	Y	Trinity Health System	H&Hs
8	Monika Taylor	Y	Crouse Health System	H&Hs
9	Shelley LaFurney	Y	Oswego Health	H&Hs
10	Scott Ebner	Y	Circare	H&Hs
11	Lisa Volo	N	MVHS	H&Hs
12	Danielle Martin	Y	CNYHHN	H&Hs
13	<i>Vacant</i>	---	---	Key Partner
14	LeslieAnn Regen	Y	MAS	Key Partner
15	Beth Hurny	Y	Prevention Network	Key Partner
16	Megan Stuart	Y	Housing And Homeless Coalition CNY	Key Partner
17	Shari Weiss	Y	Cayuga Co Comm Health Network	Key Partner
18	Lauren Davie	Y	Central Region Addictions Resource Center	Key Partner
19	Sharon MacDougall	Y	Cortland Co. DCS	LGU
20	Raymond Bizzari	N	Cayuga Co. DCS	LGU
21	Teisha Cook	Y	Madison Co. DCS	LGU
22	Nicole Kolmsee	Y	Oswego Co. DCS	LGU
23	Ashlee Thompson	Y	Oneida Co. DCS	LGU
24	Jennifer Parmalee	Y	Onondaga Co. DCS	LGU
25	Ivette Morales	Y	Fidelis	MCO
26	Colleen Klintworth	Y	Excellus/Centene Health	MCO
27	Michelle Clavecilla-Chan	Y	MVP	MCO
28	Jennifer Earl	N	United Health Care/Optum	MCO
29	Claire Isaacson	Y	Molina Healthcare	MCO
30	Julie Dealing	Y	Youth Peer Advocate	PYF
31	Jennifer Daly	Y	Family Advocate	PYF
32	Stacey Considine	Y	Peer Advocate	PYF
33	Ashley Dailey	Y	Peer Advocate	PYF
34	Jennifer Pedersen	Y	Family Advocate	PYF
35	Kirsten Hubel	Y	Peer Advocate	PYF
36	Laura Zocco	Y	OMH Field Office	State Government
37	Beth Rinflet-Fleming	Y	OASAS Field Office	State Government
38	Debra Walker	Y	Beacon Health	BHO
39	Katie Weldon	Y	Helio Health	BHCC Lead
40	Kelly Lane	N	The Neighborhood Center	BHCC Lead
41	Carol Tytler	Y	Family Counseling Services of Cortland CO.	BHCC Lead

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Guest Attendance		
	Name	Organization
1	Lori Kicinski	RPC
2	Emily Childress	RPC
3	Kat Gaylord	RPC
4	Karen Rappleyea	RPC
5	Colleen Russo	RPC

CNY RPC Q1 Board Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Katie M (Coordinator) welcomed the group and started the meeting at 10:03 am. Roll call was completed and the list of attendees is mentioned above.

Approval of December 2020 Minutes (*Motion Requested*)

Sharon M (Co chair) welcomed the group and asked for any comments regarding the previous minutes sent out with the agenda. Eric B (CBO) made a motion to approve the minutes; Scott E (HHSP) seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were approved with no corrections.

Review Status of Open Issues

Katie M (Coordinator) shared a document with CNY’s open issues. This document was sent prior to the meeting. The board then discussed the following issues:

- **Issue #1:** *“Providers are noticing that there is a lack of qualified applicants for entry level positions (i.e. care managers) who meet the educational requirements. As a result, agencies are led to hire less qualified employees which can lead to increased training time and less financial incentive for employees.”*
 - Scott E (HHSP) offered Circare’s support to the Behavioral Health Care Management Workforce Committee. The issue of a statewide curriculum for Care Management has resurfaced in state lobbying efforts. Scott E (HHSP) referenced the new changes to the Health Home Plus, with OMH overseeing the Care Management of individuals with SMI instead of DOH.
 - It was noted that we need support of DOH, MCOs, OMH to ensure that community partners are engaged (i.e. Primary Care) and training to make sure there is a minimum level of care. Scott E (HHSP) noted that he was involved in a conversation with Syracuse University on what parts of the Care Coordination pilot should be pushed forward.
 - Kirsten H (PFY) asked if there was any discussion during the Specialty Mental Health Care Management and the potential merger of OMH and OASAS? Scott E (HHSP) noted that this has not been a part of the discussion.

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- Katie M (Coordinator) suggested adding the OMH/OASAS merger as an agenda item for the Behavioral Health Care Management Workforce Committee to maintain awareness as this could influence the work done by the board.
- Laura Z (OMH) and Beth R (OASAS) shared there has not been any updates on the merger and wouldn't expect anything soon as it is still very preliminary planning stages.
- This issue remains open and is top priority for the CNY Board.

- **Issue #2:** *"There are a number of consent forms that clients must sign and can be confusing for providers to keep track and describe each one. Providers also noted that knowing which forms other providers accept adds additional work and confusion"*
 - Katie M (Coordinator) asked for input on a potential status change for this issue as it has been difficult to move it forward.
 - Carol T (BHCC) in terms of BHCC and networks, it is an important topic in their hopes to get a community-wide consent.
 - Katie M (Coordinator) noted the issue could be brought to the due diligence committee to get more specific recommendations and action plan.
 - Eric B (CBO) shared that this has been discussed during case conferencing for high risk cases that have many different provider types involved, having a "stamp of approval" on a form or process that works for all compliance departments and state/federal regulations would be beneficial.
 - Katie M (Coordinator) noted if issues surrounding telehealth consent should be included in this issue.
 - Sharon M (Co chair) suggested having the committee prioritize what top needs are with the current pandemic state to reframe and update the issue.
 - Carol T (BHCC) noted that Care Compass Network is also doing community-wide consent work and the group should connect with Emily Pape and/or Sally Colletti
 - This issue will remain open and go to the due diligence committee; Katie M (Coordinator) asked for volunteers for this issue; 6 volunteered.

- **Issue #3:** *"Obtaining behavioral health translation services is extremely difficult. There is a disparity between medical and behavioral health translation services. There is shared responsibility between MCO and providers and care management"*
 - Katie M (Coordinator) shared that this issue is in a similar state of limbo as the consent issue.
 - Scott E (HHSP) noted that this was more of a policy clarification issue.
 - Laura Z (OMH) shared that there is guidance available.
 - Scott suggested the group review the guidance and provide feedback. There is opportunity to collaborate with Southern Tier RPC as they are exploring the same issue.

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- This issue will remain open and continue to be discussed at the Medicaid Managed Care Committee (formally the HARP/HCBS/Health Home Committee).
- **Issue #4:** *“Providers are hearing speculation that current emergency provisions being allowed due to the COVID 19 crisis (reduced length of required billable session, telephonic sessions billable, peer supports allowed via telehealth etc.) could be extended indefinitely or that they may be repealed. In addition providers are hearing that reimbursement rates for telehealth services could be reduced in the future.”*
 - Katie M (Coordinator) explained to the group that this issue (identified in Q4 2020) is currently going through Due Diligence process. A taskforce was created to work on the action plan that was created by the Due Diligence Committee. So far there are no current recommendations but will be developed by the taskforce upon their first meeting.
- **Issue #5:** *“Several counties are actively involved in Opioid Mapping Projects but there is lack of clarity of which counties and agencies are involved, how other counties/agencies can be more engaged, and how to use this data to address the opioid epidemic”*
 - Katie M (Coordinator) explained to the group that this issue (identified in Q4 2020) is currently going through Due Diligence process. A taskforce was created to work on the action plan that was created by the Due Diligence Committee. So far there are no current recommendations but will be developed by the taskforce upon their first meeting.

Report Out: Due Diligence Committee Progress

Telehealth Taskforce

Opioid Epidemic Taskforce

- Katie M (Coordinator) reviewed the premise of the Due Diligence Committee (introduced in Q4 of 2020) again with the board. It was mentioned that the Due Diligence Committee already met twice for two separate issues in January 2021. As mentioned above regarding Issues #4 and #5, taskforces have been developed to further evaluate the identified issues. Updates will be provided quarterly at the board meetings.
- Katie M (Coordinator) opened the discussion to Due Diligence Committee volunteers to describe their experience so far.
 - Eric B (CBO) mentioned that it was nice to be able to take a deeper dive on the issue and found the meeting was productive
 - Beth H (KP) agreed and mentioned that the group is off to a good start
 - Kirsten H (PFY) mentioned that the group was able to form some concrete ideas to move forward with
 - Kelly L (BHCC) echoed that it was a great opportunity to refine focus.

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Workgroup Updates

- *Medicaid Managed Care Committee: Lisa Tanner, ICAN*
 - Lisa T (CBO) shared that the group's name change to the Medicaid Managed Care Committee was needed as the group looks at much more than just HARP and HCBS.
 - Lisa T (CBO) explained that the committee discussed the RPC process, COVID vaccine rollout, infrastructure changes, CORE transition (documentation/training) at January's meeting
 - LeslieAnn R (KP) shared that transportation to vaccine appointments can be made through MAS.
 - Katie M (Coordinator) is working to create a priorities list to share with group and create an action plan, including the board identified issues.
 - The committee currently meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 11 am.
- *Children & Families Committee: Jennifer Daly, Family Advocate*
 - Jennifer D (PFY) discussed having agency presentations on services and resources, additional time on feedback, presentation on crisis services, state HCBS training feedback, and round table discussion on struggles faced by providers were topics of discussion at January's meeting.
 - The committee currently meets on the 2nd Friday of every-other month from 10 am to 11:30 am
- *BH Care Mgt Workforce Committee: Claire Isaacson, Molina*
 - Katie M (Coordinator) mentioned that Claire I (MCO) is a new co-chair to the committee. The committee was formally the Care Management Committee & the Workforce Development Committee. In December of 2020, both groups voted to merge to better align their purpose and goals.
 - Katie M (Coordinator) mentioned that in January's meeting, the group reviewed the merger and the groups new focus. Edits were made to the committee's outline. Possible next steps were identified. Katie M (Coordinator) will input these suggestions into an action plan for the committee to approve in February
 - The committee currently meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 10 am to 11 am

RPC Announcements

- *State Budget*
 - Sharon M (Co chair) expressed the uncertainty of the state budget and noted that the RPC project funding is at risk of being cut. There is a massive uncertainty until the budget process is done.
 - Sharon M (Co chair) noted that the worst thing we can do is react to the unknown. The group needs to pause, assess, advocate and be aware to respond to the uncertainty.

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- Sharon M (Co chair) opened it up for comments regarding potential RPC and provider budget cuts.
 - Lori K (Project Director) noted that the RPC is still moving full force on all efforts and will keep all informed as budget developments are made.
 - Lori K (Project Director) thanked the board members for their continued commitment and time.
- Kirsten H (PFY) asked about how the group could advocate for the RPCs.
 - Sharon M (Co chair) suggested through usual advocacy groups related to providers, Lori K (Project Director) added the CLMHD is advocating.
- *Vacancies*
 - Katie M (Coordinator) acknowledged that with the budget in limbo this process could be paused, but will still be accepting nominations. Currently there are vacancies in the role of “Community Co Chair” and “Key Partner.”

Adjourn (*Motion Requested*)

Sharon M (Co chair) and Katie M (Coordinator) thanked the board for their continued support over the years and opened it up for any last minute agenda items. None were mentioned. Sharon M (Co chair) made a motion to adjourn; Kirsten H (PFY) seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

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