



# North Country Regional Planning Consortium

# WELCOME

# North Country RPC

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## ***Call to Order & Welcome – Lee Rivers***

- Roll Call by Stakeholder Groups & Confirm Quorum – Karen
- Approve Meeting Minutes from 03/27/20 – Q1 RPC Board Meeting

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## ***Discussion – Proposed Bylaws Amendments***

### **1. To allow voting quorum to be suspended for purpose of approving prior Board meeting minutes**

"Board Meeting Quorum" section (insert at end of section)

Should a Board meeting occur without the presence of a sufficient number of members to constitute a Voting Quorum, the presiding Co-Chair, or Coordinator in their absence, is authorized to request a motion to suspend the Voting Quorum requirement for the purpose of approving the prior meeting's minutes. If the motion is seconded and then approved by a simple majority of the voting members in attendance, the process for approving minutes can proceed for that meeting.

### **2. To allow electronic voting**

"Roles and Responsibilities" under "Voting Stakeholders"

After "Actively participate in Board meetings," insert line:

In instances when a vote is held outside of a Board meeting, respond promptly to electronic voting requests. This provision does not authorize electronic voting for members not in attendance at in-person meetings.

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## ***North Country RPC Report Outs***

- North Country & other RPC Q1 Report Karen Rappleyea
- North Country/Tug Hill Pilot Project: SUD Bed Finder Karen Rappleyea
- 820 Residents/GIS announcement Jennifer Neifeld
- Children & Families Subcommittee JoAnne Caswell/Richelle Gregory
- Housing Workgroup update and discussion Suzanne Lavigne
- HCBS / HHH Workgroup Lee Rivers/Andrea Deepe

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**DCS Co-chair:** [Suzanne G. Lavigne](#), MHA, CASAC II, Franklin County

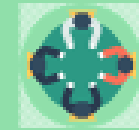
**Community Co-chair:** Lee Rivers, Executive Director, Community Connections of Franklin County

**RPC Coordinator:** [Karen Rappleyea](#)

**Board Membership:** [North Country RPC Board Members](#)

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## Meetings Held During Quarter 1



- Know Your MCOs – 1/9/20
- Children & Families Subcommittee – 1/9/20
- NC/TH Bed Finder Pilot – 2/13/20 and 3/5/20
- Housing Workgroup – 2/26/20
- [Q1 Board Meeting – 3/27/20](#)

## Q1 Top 3 Issues: Identification & Issue Development/Due Diligence

- [Children & Families](#) – Providers shared concerns regarding high turn-over in children’s services, and that individual agencies do not have adequate resources to provide quality training, resulting in further negative impact on workforce.
- [Housing](#) – Behavioral health clients have difficulty accessing stable, affordable housing due to housing options being scattered, limited and remote.
- [North Country/Tug Hill SUD Bed Finder Pilot](#) – Providers referring for Substance Use Disorder treatment reported difficulty finding open/available beds.



## North Country continued

### Next Steps

- C&F – June 9, 2020 subcommittee meeting will focus on development of action plan for regional evidence-based training for children services staff.
- Housing – Baseline survey to North Country government agencies and nonprofit organizations who are providing housing to the behavioral health community to better understand numbers of units, waitlists, and types of housing available for occupancy.
- NC/TH Bed Finder Pilot – Cross-region workgroup will reach out to eligible Substance Use Disorder providers to encourage their participation in a mid-June demonstration of the SUD Bed Finder Tool developed and implemented by the Finger Lakes RPC.

### Achievements & Upcoming

- [“Know Your MCOs” event](#) – first in series with more than 50 people in attendance.
- Kick-off in with both NC and TH stakeholders to establish a joint North Country & Tug Hill bed finder pilot program in June 2020.
- 80% of the board participated in our first virtual board meeting for Q1 early in the NY PAUSE; reinforcing stakeholders’ commitment to issue development and solution resolution for the North Country.



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## *Housing Workgroup*

### Vision

The North Country Regional Planning Consortium will develop recommendations and strategies to effectively increase access to safe and affordable housing for those individuals with behavioral health conditions or other special populations who live in our rural communities.

### Purpose Statement:

Our primary purpose is to identify the barriers/challenges in accessing and providing housing in the North Country. This will be accomplished by the completion of a SWOT analysis to include housing related data from the RPC region. Central to our work is the understanding and articulation of the experience of living in the North Country and how it affects access to safe and affordable housing.

NC RPC will pursue the opportunity to collaborate across system providers to improve and increase accessibility to safe and affordable housing for individuals with mental illness.

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### ***HCBS & HHH Workgroup***

- OMH - Transition of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for the adult HARP population to a new service array called “Behavioral Health Adult Rehabilitation Services.”
- The State’s proposed changes aim to streamline access to HCBS by removing the need for an independent assessment and making the services available to all HARP/HIV SNP members based on a recommendation of a licensed practitioner of the healing arts. The State is removing two underutilized services (Habilitation and Non-Medical Transportation) from the benefit as part of this process.
- Comments on this proposed change are due by **July 17th**.

***NC HHH Workgroup – Conference Call to be scheduled - Poll for Call to discuss and draft comments for feedback***



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## *Update from OMH*

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Update from OMH

HCBS Access Data by County Fiscal Responsibility as of Jun. 03, 2020									
Transaction District	HARP Eligible	HARP Enrolled	%HARP Enrolled	Health Home Enrolled	%HH Enrolled	HCBS Assessed in Past 12 Months	%HCBS Assessed	HCBS Claimed in Past 12 Months	%HCBS Paid
WASHINGTON (WH)	564	413	73%	89	22%	45	51%	6	13%
ESSEX (ES)	312	223	71%	89	40%	43	48%	40	93%
FRANKLIN (FK)	685	538	79%	146	27%	81	55%	23	28%
WARREN (WA)	565	425	75%	101	24%	54	53%	4	7%
CLINTON (CT)	1,038	826	80%	245	30%	182	74%	133	73%
HAMILTON (HA), SCHUYLER (SR)**	171	128	75%	28	22%	5	18%	1	20%
<b>NC TOTAL</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>ROS TOTAL</b>	<b>96665</b>	<b>72250</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>21766</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>12770</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>3756</b>	<b>29%</b>

Adult BH Home and Community Based Services Growth															
Transaction District	HARP Eligible (7/30/19)	HARP Eligible (6/3/20)	HARP Eligible Growth	HARP Enrolled (7/30/19)	HARP Enrolled (6/3/20)	HARP Enrolled Growth	Health Home Enrolled (7/30/19)	Health Home Enrolled (6/3/20)	HH Enrolled Growth	HCBS Assessed (7/30/19)	HCBS Assessed (6/3/20)	HCBS Assessed Growth	HCBS Claimed (7/30/19)	HCBS Claimed (6/3/20)	HCBS Claims Growth
CLINTON	880	1,038	18%	719	826	15%	193	245	27%	164	182	11%	91	133	46%
ESSEX	277	312	13%	223	223	0%	85	89	5%	61	43	-30%	53	40	-25%
FRANKLIN	647	685	6%	527	538	2%	132	146	11%	64	81	27%	83	23	-72%
WARREN	515	565	10%	390	425	9%	79	101	28%	51	54	6%	6	4	-33%
WASHINGTON	480	564	18%	371	413	11%	76	89	17%	46	45	-2%	1	6	500%
HAMILTON, SCHUYLER	150	171	14%	114	128	12%	27	28	4%	7	5	-29%	3	1	-67%
<b>NORTH COUNTRY TOTAL</b>	<b>2949</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>2344</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>-13%</b>

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*Update from OASAS*

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## ***Updates and Information from MCO Stakeholders***

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***HOLD – COVID Dashboard***

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## *Announcements?*

## *Adjourn Meeting*

Sept 25	10a-12p	NC RPC Q3 Courtyard by Marriott, Lake George
Dec 18	10a-12p	NC RPC Q4 Warren County Human Services Building