



# North Country Regional Planning Consortium

# WELCOME

# North Country RPC

## Q4 2020 Board Meeting

***Welcome – Suzanne Lavigne***

***Call to Order – JoAnne Caswell***

- New board member – Rheta Recore
- Roll call by stakeholder groups
- Confirm quorum
- Approve Meeting Minutes from 09/25/20 – Q3

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## ***State/Cochairs 2020 Meeting***

***October 29, 2020***

Overview – Suzanne Lavigne

MCO/VBP breakout - Beth White

Workforce/Peer breakout - Emily Childress

Children & Families breakout - Alyssa Gleason

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**The Official *Virtual* Ribbon Cutting  
of the  
NORTH COUNTRY SUD TREATMENT BED FINDER**

<https://ncsudtxbeds.com/>

A North Country – Tug Hill RPC Collaboration  
With sponsorship by North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network

With special appreciation to  
Beth White, Finger Lake RPC Coordinator and her RPC leaders

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## **Children & Families Subcommittee Update**

- November 9, 2020
- Special guest speaker - Dave Melnick, LICSW, CoDirector, Outpatient Services, NFI Vermont Family Center – Children and Families – Impact of the COVID19 Pandemic – Trauma and Resilience.

## **ACES Proposal from the DCS Stakeholder Group**

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## *Housing Workgroup*

Highlights:

- HUD/housing choice vouchers can be secured in a timely manner. The continued challenge is finding affordable housing.
- OMH bed occupancy is at 75-99%
- Home ownership – assistance is provided for mortgage/back taxes, repairs and home loans as well as financial counseling
- Barriers to homeowners ranked health issues #4 of the 5. Affordability and then down payment/savings were #1 and #2.
- Future plans (1- 5yrs) for new units – 5 answered yes. Respondents also provided funding resources/ranking:
  - 65% - Low-income housing tax credits
  - 16% - Traditional Mortgage
  - 13% - Federal funding (HOME Investment Partnership, Community Block Grant)
  - 8% - Tax Credits – other (clean energy, historic housing, etc.)
  - 1% - Foundations/trusts

Ask: Motion to form the 2021 Housing Workgroup

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## ***RPC - Social Determinants of Health domain***

Highlights:

- Established in August 2020
- Discussion with OMH field office
- Focus on housing – discussion with 2 representatives from the 3 RPC regions
- New direction to array of SDoH needs and the priorities at a "local level"
- Discussion with an MCO and work with SDoH / housing
- Review of Kaiser Family Foundation's SDoH model and RPCs priorities
- Next steps – refining the focus and exploring screening tools & trainings

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

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***Update from OMH***

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## *Update from OASAS*

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***Open Floor and Announcements***

***Adjourn Meeting***

***2021 NC RPC Board Meetings (Fridays):***

- February 26
- May 21
- August 27
- November 19

**Calendar invites with Zoom information to be sent out.**