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Regional Planning
Consortium

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Welcome & Call to Order – JoAnne Caswell

- Roll call by stakeholder groups
- Confirm quorum
- Approve Meeting Minutes from 12/18/20 – Q4

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Q4 RPC Quarterly Report to State Partners

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Workgroups and Subcommittee Reports

- Children & Families Subcommittee
- Children & Families Statewide cohort report
- Housing Workgroup
- North Country / Tug Hill SUD Bed Finder



Statewide HCBS Training Feedback

- Training Forum Modality – mixed feedback (RPC Regions, Random, Urban/Rural/Suburban)
- Divided Training Topics into 3 categories: Back to Basics, HCBS Service Education & System Education
- Noted successes are when there is communication and consistency amongst all providers, as well as when families understand the system
- Noted challenges of HCBS in action: rates, staffing retention, extensive wait lists for services, difficulty getting kids connected, less utilization due to confusion and families being overwhelmed, HCBS administrative burden.
- Suggested various pamphlets/resources for families/referrals sources and Care Managers/HCBS Providers



HCBS Training Collaboration Next Steps

DOH has asked for RPC assistance with 3 areas:

1. Getting families to the table for a panel or pre-recorded testimonial about what services look like to them and how they have impacted them.
2. Getting providers from multiple regions to explain HCBS services.
3. Assessing regional nuances – major challenges in each region.



Mohawk Valley Children and Families Service Finder

- Went live in December 2020
- There have been over 200 views since going live in December
- ***Provider Feedback:***
 - Easy to use and navigate
 - Provides helpful information to make referrals
 - Easy to update information as a provider
 - Piloting adding agency referral forms
- Long Island added to the pilot and live as of 2/11/21. Over 50 views in the first 3 days
- Statewide Demo on February 11th at 2 PM – Attended by over 50 stakeholders from various regions.
- Mid-Hudson now in pre-planning stages for joining the pilot from the demo

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State Budget / RPC Updated with Lori Kiciniski

Discussion on NC RPC issues and risk assessment

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Update from OMH

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Updates and Information from MCO Stakeholders

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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.