



REGIONAL PLANNING CONSORTIUM

Capital Region 3rd Quarter Board Meeting

August 18th, 2020 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Go To Meeting: Meeting Access Code: 284-366-325

1. Call to Order

2:02 meeting was called to order by Amanda Pierro

2. Introductions: (Name, stakeholder group, agency/organization, title)

Introductions done by call-out and facilitated by Amanda Pierro

3. Approval of 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes

Motion made by John Paduano

Second by William Gettman

All in Favor. Motion passed

4. Hixny Presentation: John Bunnell

Please see presentation in appendix 2:14pm- 2:30pm

K. Coons long standing issue the region was working on HER, see Hixny making it happen. How are the provider reports accessed?

John Bunnell - *On a user by user basis- need a portal login brought to patient search screen, at the top there is a "report button" click on that and it will show the reports for your entire consenting patient population.*

John Bunnell - Hixny has an annual report will send to Colleen.

K. Coons- Provider training?

John B.- *Sending an email blast to all the users on a live virtual training August, 26 2020*

5. Statewide Workforce Presentation: Katie Molanare- RPC Coordinator Central Region

Update on workforce group: group has been on hold since COVID started. Everyone is aware the RPC is working on creating Cohorts to essentially focus on specific areas, workforce has been transitioning to this cohort. Will be consolidating efforts among 3 coordinators/regions.

Narrowed focus areas to: Front line staff, lived experience (Peers, Family, and Youth), clinicians.

Central Region has been focusing on the Frontline. Looking at creating and consolidating data. There are many things in the works.

6. Report Out:

- HARP/HCBS/Health Home Work Group Update
 - Adult HCBS transition to ARS, Current State/Impact of State of Emergency New co-lead, Brandy Kotary, provided update. Meetings continue via gotomeeting. Held a few extra meetings in the beginning of the pandemic to assist in telehealth and OMH regulation changes. There have been certain challenges but engagement has been higher and less no-shows. Recently sent out a survey on who is accepting referrals, waitlist, and process of referral. Discussed ARS at our July meeting. It makes sense to consolidate the services under PSR and referral process will be easier. Group was working on questions to send to OMH. Also to advocate to keep telehealth in toolkit of providers.

- Children and Families Subcommittee Update
 - Children’s HCBS Waiver and Rate Reduction, Current State/Impact of State of Emergency

Update provided by Colleen. Met end of June agreed to launch a survey on capacity sent out in July. The responses were in line with what the expectation were. Pretty lengthy waitlists, designated but not providing due to staffing issues. The committee will look further into the data to see where they can work further into. Waiver and rate reduction was another topic of conversation.

K. Coons- Would like the committee to have a discussion on school satellite setting and reopening schools. While those satellite haven't closed there has been some concern if staff will be able to return to the districts and the uniqueness of each district.

W. Gettman- PSR 40% use, CPST 50% use
HCBS service is Respite, everything else is 20%. This speaks to what the families want and the rate distribution.

K. coons- can you speak to waitlists?

W. Gettman- 40 clients on N. Rivers waitlist. Waitlist continues to grow.

K. Gaylord- How does that translate to time?

W. Gettman- Depends on geographic location. Will find out.

K. Coons- are there more services more readily available during this

W. Gettman- CPST and PSR are readily available and easier to get access to, Peer is relatively new
- Transitions In Care Work Group Update

New chair- Racheal Handler. Just got it up and running. Next meeting is scheduled for September to include a presentation from the Galvan foundation
- Capital Region Concerns

K. Coons- Opportunities to talk about the changing landscape currently in the Capital Region.

Temporary withhold from state aide for 3rd quarter. That trickled down to have direct impact on services provided on the community level. The withheld is not considered a cut but is temporary in the event federal stimulus funds come through they will restore. OASAS 31%, have mitigated it to 20%. Each county has implemented it he transitions in care group is particularly interested in this as a step down from an inpatient stay.

A lot of push for RTF referrals until exhausted all levels of care due to high cost. Use HCBS services to mitigate the need of RTF referral. Currently in a catch 22 in on this. Other counties experience?

W. Gettman- 14 RTF 6 kids are DSS children. Only services available or not appropriate for Foster Care? Trying to get arms around it.

K. Coons- cannot access placement in the Foster Care System currently. Related to Family's First policy as well as PINS reform.

Bill??- ED volume has increased and so have length of stay within the ED cloud up with Mental Health patients as other services are not face to face.

R. Handler- seeing prolonged ED visits related to inpatient adult beds. Had reduction due to staffing issues (same as Ellis).

Handler- absence of beds, Samaritan first inpatient COVID require individual rooms, masking difficulty in the inpatient psychiatric department.

K. Gaylord- has there been activation of HH CM

Handler- HH CM back in office and asked that they start doing curbside community visiting. They are reactivated. As engaged as they were historically? No. But available for ED.
W. Gettman- The way we are getting tests back is a stressor. Need more timely testing.

- Other RPC Regional Issues: Lori Kicinski

L. Kicinski- Cohorts were developed to better inform regions collectively on the information in a specific format so all regions are all inclusive. The other purpose is to increase further engagement at state agencies in these particular areas of expertise.

Taking issues regionally and pulling them into something more concise. The quarterly report is available and contains a lot of more valuable data within. Deeper dive in telehealth in a few regions out of the back end of the EHR as no show rates. Hoping to have this discussion during the co-chairs meeting happening October 29.

RPC has conducted our first MCO roundtable. Every plan was represented. MCOs were able to choose two topics they wanted to discuss. "Integrated Primary Care" was a topic chosen by the MCO. Gives a collective forum.

Concerning VBP on how RPC can facilitate further discussion on ATM development in the future. A lot of regions have had VBP on the deck. But discussion among the co-chairs around the regions show that these discussions have fallen off the grid. Hoping the cohort can regenerate and create a valuable discussion space.

7. Capital Region RPC:

- Key Partner Discussion

1 seat open. Looking at forwarding the nomination to BOCES, 2 in our region. Looking to reach out to the superintendent. Looking for connection to Albany Co. BOCES- T. Harrell has contact.

- Other Board Report Outs-

K. Coons- are there any pending concerns among board members?

Kevin Jobin-Davis- SDOH resource guide to discuss types of services in food, housing, etc. Looking at MH to include in this guide. Looking on feedback on the main types of services and how these services are delivered/referred.

K. Coons- looking for clarification

K. Davis- Starting with a list of items they know on referral resources. Do not want to reinvent of the wheel. What are the major divisions of services that would help someone decide on where to go? Looking for feedback/reinvent the wheel

K. Coons- unsure of how to help at this time.

W. Gettman –Federal advocacy for support to the states and local government units- key for all of us

8. Capital Region RPC Board Feedback-

Forward to Amanda Pierro by email

9. Adjourn Meeting (Motion Needed)

Adjourned at 3:28

First by Sam Bastein

Second by Nicole Bryl

Capital Region RPC 2020 Meeting Schedule:

Capital Region C&F Subcommittee:

- February 5th, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
 - In-Person: Albany County Dept. of Health, 175 Green St., Albany, NY (Basement)
- June 29th, 3:00pm-4:00pm, Go To Meeting
- September 29th, 3:00pm- 4:00pm, Go To Meeting
- December 15th, 2:30pm- 3:30pm, Zoom

Capital Region Health Home/HARP/ HCBS Work Group:

- Each meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every odd month
 - March 10th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm In-Person, Unity House of Troy, 2431 6th Ave, Troy, NY 12180 (2nd Floor)
 - May 12th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Go To Meeting
 - July 14th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Go To Meeting
 - September 8th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Go To Meeting
 - November 10th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Go To Meeting

Capital Region Transitions in Care Ad Hoc Work Group:

- October 16th, 1:00pm- 2:00pm, Go To Meeting
- December 3rd, 1:00pm- 2:00pm, Zoom

Capital Region RPC Board Meetings:

- Each meeting will be held on a Tuesday
 - 2nd Quarter: May 19th, 2:00pm- 4:00 pm Go To Meeting
 - 3rd Quarter: August 18th, 2:00pm- 3:30 pm, Go To Meeting
 - 4th Quarter: December 8th, 2:00pm- 3:30pm, Zoom