



Mohawk Valley Regional Planning Consortium
Board of Directors
March 5th, 2021 10am-12:00pm
Via Zoom

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions Susan Matt
The meeting began at 10:07. Jacqui explained the new QR code for attendance. Sue welcomed the board. There was not quorum at this point.
- 2) Approval of Minutes Susan Matt
Clarified no quorum is needed to approve minutes per updated bylaws. Sue asked all to review the previous meeting's minutes. No edits suggested. Motion: Michael Countryman Second: John Arcuri. None opposed. Approved as written.
- 3) HIXNY Presentation Jacqueline
Beginning of February lunch and learn. 40 attendees. Presenter expressed interest in being on board. Jacqui noted that there are Key Partner openings. There are two RHIOs in the region if the board wanted to make an adhoc group. Sue thinks it would be good to have John on the board. Jacqui will reach out and follow up.
- 4) OMH Field Office Report Laura Zocco
CORE Transition Updates: not many new updates since 2/9 MCTAC webinar. Reviewed some of the FAQs: OMH is working with CMS on allowing engagement during referral period for LMHP, PSR individual or in groups with two separate rate codes – higher rates for employment and vocational, OMH has proposed eliminating rate caps that currently exist for HCBS, required training overview more emphasis on evidence based and best practices with added new requirements in addition to previous, no rates to support recovery coordination in an ongoing capacity
Infrastructure funding: working with plans and providers to get feedback on how to streamline application and contracting process, money available for contract through MCOs, leftover from initial, money to transition to CORE and increase capacity, hoping to have application available this spring
Integration: no real updates, invite was sent by Statewide Advisory Council for advocates to participate in various workgroups to inform the process, workgroups will finish meeting by end of March. Sue noted that she has heard from people who requested links to participate and did not receive them. Lori clarified with Laura that this advisory council was not formed by the state agencies. It was discussed that potentially people were limited to participate. Duane shared that he participated in multiple workgroups and they were encouraging more people to participate. Sue shared that county directors were advised it'd be a 3-5 year plan.

5) OASAS Report Out

Gail Keeler

Recent updates/notices/guidance: 2/12 email about availability of Tech Assist funds, 2/17 guidance on personnel returning to work following exposure, infection, or travel, 2/18 infection control.

Vaccination project: scheduling group appointments at capital psych center, 8 hubs at psych centers, groups of about 10 preferred, Gail can set it up and help with paperwork
2020 Withholds: will be released through supplemental payments to counties as soon as possible, 1/2021 will be included in April payments; Sue asked if providers will receive guidance on what will be allowed being that they are 2020 funds, Gail will see if there is guidance and send out, Steve noted that OCFS had good guidance.

Steve asked both OMH and OASAS about vaccines and opportunity to have groups of staff as well as clients but noted that regional locations are far away to travel to, satellite mobile location an opportunity? Gail noted that the psych center will send out mobile teams and can get that set up. Sue shared that the public health office is in same building and the barrier is more on client side and who is eligible. Gail noted that this is a joint project with OMH and it hasn't been a problem for numbers when combining OASAS and OMH clients. Laura will reach out to state operations regarding this.

6) RPC Update

Lori Kicinski

Lori shared obtaining stakeholder feedback through a survey and template letter. The letter will be shared with co-chairs to disseminate to stakeholders in region. She also discussed the creation of an evaluation team of co-chairs and staff to express successes over the years and for ongoing support. Risk assessment tool completed by staff. Meeting with Dr. Sullivan asking for restoration. Sue noted the success of the children's services finder in the MV.

7) Children & Families Subcommittee

Steven/Jacqueline

Steve expressed how happy he is with the work being done by the subcommittee at both regional and state level. 2/24 meeting was one of the most productive and well attended meetings. Discussed work being done with state agencies. Discussed HCBS training opportunities that the state has asked for feedback on. Feedback included differentiating trainings on role, i.e. executive, direct services. The group reviewed feedback on the services finder implementation. Continued dialogue on what the group could do from a regional perspective with a focus on service availability and connection. The group focused in on explanations of "alphabet soup" within the children's system of care. Jacqui shared feedback on state meetings and the recognition of RPC involvement. She also shared the request for info directly from HCBS providers. Jacqui also noted the request for input on sustainability of the services finder if the RPC were to be sunset.

a) Statewide Cohort

b) Report out- issues/taskforce

c) Services Finder

d) Sustainability

8) HH/HARP/HCBS

The group has not met since the last board meeting. CORE has taken priority now. Beth Solar provided an overview of what Tug Hill has implemented as a Coffee Hour meeting. This meeting is to increase engagement and connectivity for networking and resource sharing. One of the topics discussed was how individuals can find furniture once they've secured housing. Laura offered a clarification that staff travel reimbursement will remain with CORE and that the change is to NEMT.

a) Coffee Hour

Jacqueline/Beth

b) CORE transition assistance

c) Sustainability

9) Mohawk Valley through the years- what have been our successes and sets us apart?

Sue invited board members to share input on the RPC experience. Jacqui noted the request for 3-4 MV RPC successes. Steve shared the work of the C&F subcommittee. Sue shared one of the successes was pulling together a lost area of the state and the spirit of collegiality. Very early on all the state agencies had different telehealth regulations that required different equipment, integrated providers were dealing with all these issues, once it was provided to the state at a state meeting, allowed collaboration and standardization. Sandy echoed that the strength of the RPC has been the opportunity to sit with other regions and present issues. Colleen shared I agree with Sue - the MV RPC Board is very collaborative and meetings are helpful and thoughtful because people come prepared and willing to discuss common barriers as well as opportunities to share with each other. Duane noted the bringing together of all the different types of stakeholders. Kelly shared having the MCO involvement has been very beneficial. Ivette shared I have to say this RPC is helpful and allows for networking with providers to assist as needed and improve collaboration and resolve issues especially with members providing the best quality care possible. "I enjoy being apart of this," Steve also noted that when DSRIP ended, the RPC allowed the continued connection between providers. Sue noted that non-competitive nature of the RPC.

10) Sustainability Priorities

a) Three top priorities & champions

Broadband accessibility; disparity and equity issue, SDOH cohort

Services Finder

Workforce; limiting capacity due to lack of workforce

11) Next Steps

12) Open Floor

No comments were offered. Sue reviewed the meeting schedule.

Motion to adjourn: Steve; Second: Duane

2021 Meeting Schedule

Quarter 2- June 4th, 2021, 10am-12:30pm
Quarter 3- September 10th, 2021, 10am 12:30pm
Quarter 4- November 19th, 2021, 10am-12:30pm

Minutes to be approved on June 4th, 2021 & will be available to the public within one week
Contact RPC Coordinator, Jacqueline Miller at jm@clmhd.org or (518)469-2669, with
comments.

	Name	Attendance	Organization	Stakeholder Group
1	Steven Bulger	Present	ICAN	CBO
2	Sandy Soroka	Present	Neighborhood Center	CBO
3	Michelle Zuk	Present	Family Resource Network	CBO
4	Janine Dykeman	Present	MHAFM	CBO
5	Michael Countryman	Present	Family Counseling Center	CBO
6	Eric Masrogiovanni	Absent	RSS	CBO
7	Nicole Bryl	Absent	CHUNNY	H&Hs
8	Lisa Volo	Present	MVHS	H&Hs
9	Geoff Peck	Present	Nathan Littauer	H&Hs
10	Duane Miller	Absent	St. Mary's Hospital- Amsterdam	H&Hs
11	John Migliore	Absent	MIBH	H&Hs
12	Danielle Martin	Absent	Central New York Health Home Network	H&Hs
13	Kelly Lane	Present	Mohawk Valley BHCC	Key Partner
14	Heidi Bond	Absent	Otsego County Public Health	Key Partner
15	Tom Ryan	Present	Friendship House	Key Partner
16				Key Partner
17				Key Partner
18				Key Partner
19	Susan Matt	Present	Otsego County	LGU
20	Bonnie Post	Present	Schoharie County	LGU
21	Kristen Branner	Absent	Herkimer	LGU
22	Sara Boerenko	Absent	Montgomery County	LGU
23	Ernie Gagon	Absent	Fulton County	LGU
24				LGU
25	Ivette morales	Present	Fidelis	MCO
26	John Acruri	Present	CDPHP	MCO
27	Colleen Klintworth	Present	Excellus	MCO
28	Jennifer Earl	Present	UHC	MCO
29				MCO
30				MCO
31	Jamie Spraker	Absent		PYF
32	Joan Godlewski	Absent		PYF
33	Erinn Eschler	Absent		PYF
34	Darcy McElligot	Present		PYF
35	Jennifer Pederson	Absent		PYF
36				PYF
37	Joe Simko	Present	OMH	State Government
38	Gail Keeler	Present	OASAS	State Government
39	Richard Jobin	Absent	OCFTS	State Government
40				State Government