

**Children and Youth Subcommittee  
May 9, 2018**

**Present:** J. Calandra, V. James, J. Ayers, L. LaRocque, S. Tougas, J. Robertson, R. Spears, R. Richards-Szabo, A. West, H. Adams-Wendell, E. Bordwell, T. Breen, L. Bishop, S. Dwinell, D. Coughlin

**Staff:** L. Wright, C. Lawrence

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<b>Introductions</b>	Introductions were made around the table and the meeting began at 10:10am.	N/A
<b>NY Start - Jennifer Calandra</b>	J. Calandra handed out a printed PowerPoint presentation on NY START (Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources & Treatment). They are a community based crisis prevention & response team serving 9 counties for people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) who experience crisis due to mental health or complex behavioral issues that try to enable individuals to remain in their home in the community. NY START emphasizes crisis prevention through knowing high-risk individuals, involvement in developing crisis plans, providing training and technical assistance, and accessing services appropriate for the individual's needs. Services currently offered are cross-systems crisis prevention and intervention planning, systemic and clinical consultation, training/clinical education teams, outreach and follow up, mobile crisis response (not first responder) and comprehensive service evaluations.. Any person who is OPWDD eligible who is age 6 or above who also has co-occurring Mental Health/Challenging Behavioral needs maybe be eligible for services. Services are currently free of charge however they will be billable in the future. They cannot serve people under the guardianship of Department of Social Services or Office of Children & Family Services. Under development are the therapeutic in-home supports and the therapeutic resource center. The Therapeutic Center is hoping to be open in June with 4 beds available; 2 planned respite and 2 emergency respite, for adults ages 21+ only. Main Goals they have going forward are to increase crisis expertise in the community, implement and maintain community collaborative, utilization of community resources, decrease state facility, emergency room, and hospitalization utilization and increase capacity of community systems to more effectively meet the needs of individuals with I/DD. For referrals please call 844-782-7880 or for more information visit their website at <a href="http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/ny-start/home">www.opwdd.ny.gov/ny-start/home</a> .	N/A

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<b>Glens Falls Hospital Emergency Department - Lisa LaRocque-Director Crisis Services/BHS &amp; Stephanie Tougas-Patient Navigator</b>	<p>L. LaRocque and S. Tougas discussed changes to the Emergency Department. Their focus is on the community supports and serving both the children and adult populations. S. Tougas will be setting up contacts and attending monthly SPOA meetings. They would like to have one day a week at the various Centers such as Center for Children and Families, Center for Recovery and their outpatient clinic to go in and provide good community support. They will also help set up crisis plans and discharge plans to prevent repeat visits to the Emergency Department. They are planning to model the Inpatient Unit as far as follow up on referrals and have a 23 hour model length of stay. They are looking to further support the OPWDD population.</p> <p>The Crisis Unit is going to be open June 5<sup>th</sup> with an Open House June 4<sup>th</sup>. It will have 2 triage areas now, 7 beds for adults and children with two rooms that can be closed off by fire doors centered off the Emergency Department, they will have an activity room, meeting room and 24/7 nurse and technician. Also, hoping to get peer advocates 24/7 on the unit for the Adult population through PEOPLE Inc. to help walk them through the processes. The next step is to have Mobile Crisis get involved and limit the need to go to the Emergency Room.</p>	N/A
<b>2019 Local Government Plan Cycle/ Review of C&amp;Y Priority Outcomes</b>	<p>L. Wright handed out a list of the 2018 Local Services Plan Priority Outcome Areas and discussed key areas; timely access to outpatient supports, CoC services, Open Access and School-based Services, the Support of Medicaid redesign and DSRIP. She suggested expanding housing options for the 16-24 year olds people transition from children to adult services remains a need and must remain on the list also there has been recent discussion about the ACEs study and thought we could incorporate it into the Local Plan. A. West added that all 18 school districts are participating in the Student Substance Use Surveys this fall which includes all 10 ACE's questions. The 2019 Plan is due June 1<sup>st</sup> however typically and extension is asked for.</p>	N/A

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<b>2018-2019 NYS Enacted Budget Update</b>	Provided in the packets was the 2018-2019 NYS Enacted Budget Analysis. L. Wright briefly discussed the Health Homes and Children's Behavioral Health Services sections. 3 of the Spa Services will be rolling out this year and Waiver will be enrolled in Health Homes by January 2019. Upcoming TAC Trainings will be offered June 8 in Albany. R. Richards-Szabo asked if there was a list of the funding given out from DSRIP, L. Wright will look further into it.	N/A
<b>Health Home Update- Jessica Robertson</b>	J. Robertson said they have served 142 children, 81 in Warren County and 61 in Washington County, through the end of April. Waiver is transitioning to Health Home starting in October. Three SPA Services will be coming out first; OSP, PSR, CPS in July. There is a 3 year phase-in of the State Plan to introduce all new services. Complete Phase out by January 2019. Non-Medicaid kids can go through SPOA.	
<b>Agency Updates</b>  <b>Warren County Children's Services</b>  <b>AMH</b>  <b>CDPC</b>  <b>NYSTART</b>  <b>Council For Prevention</b>	<p>Those in attendance were given the opportunity to provide updates:</p> <p>T. Breen would like to welcome S. Tougas to Warren County Municipal Center to further discuss her involvement with the Crisis Unit.</p> <p>L. Bishop says they are expanding Children's Health Home Care Managers. They are collaborating with GF Pediatrics for outreach. She invites everyone to attend the Mental Health Month celebration at the Charles R Wood Theatre and view the documentary that CFP put together for either the day or evening showing.</p> <p>E. Bordwell says they are very full and only accepting referrals from hospitals and Agencies at this time.</p> <p>To inquire about training please call J. Calandra at 518-338-1485.</p> <p>A. West is happy with the video being presented at the celebration; they continue Safe Talk, Youth &amp; Adult Mental Health First Aid, Bridges out of Poverty, Bridges to Health Care, Trauma Informed Care. They have Student Substance Abuse Surveys coming in Fall. They have 10 active individuals in the Opioid Diversion Program. The Unseen Scene is up and ready for anyone interested please contact CFP.</p>	

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<b>Agency Updates continued: Emergency Dept-Crisis Center</b>  <b>CFCF, FSS, CCC/GFH</b>  <b>Parsons Mobile Crisis</b>  <b>Office of Community Services</b>	<p>In June they will have a slideshow presentation to explain where they are at and what they are doing. They see the need to fast track children services.</p> <p>R. Richards-Szabo stated they are fully staffed and starting to get people off the waiting list.</p> <p>S. Dwinell says they are hoping to expand hours soon.</p> <p>L. Wright will include the Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Services Program information as an attachment.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<i><b>The next meeting of the Children and Youth Subcommittee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 10a-12noon at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</b></i>	Adjourned 11:45am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary to the Boards