

Meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee
May 7, 2019

Present: Mark Flory, Rachel Cole, Jerry Brennan, Deb Rowell, Kim Heunemann, Josh Phelps, Tammy Morehouse, Stephanie Ball, Audrey Shaw, Stephen Traver, Chris Bessen, Sydney Dwinell, Julia Beebe

Staff: Rob York, Harry Carlson, Crystal Lawrence, Carrie Wright

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Introductions	Introductions were made around the table.	Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by H. Carlson
Battenkill Community Services Presentation	Located in Greenwich, BCS has been providing vital services to the residents of Warren, Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties since 2001. They provide services through the Medicaid HCBS Waiver under the approval of the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). Their mission is to support individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential by fostering individuality and independence, recognizing their unique strengths and abilities and promoting community integration and awareness. For more information on their Services please call 518-692-2819 or visit them on the Web at www.battenkill.org Please join them at their Open House on September 14, 2019 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at 2549 State Route 40, Greenwich NY. (Originally scheduled for June 8 th).	N/A
People First Care Coordination	J. Brennan started off by saying OPWDD is moving forward with all the changes, they continue to struggle in some areas but are having regular meetings with CCO's on sustainability. They continue to serve the most critical clients with great success.	N/A
START Update	NY START Program is a community-based OPWDD program that offers crisis prevention and response services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and complex behavioral health needs as well as to their families and those who provide support. They emphasize the development of cross systems relationships, trainings and education, as well as crisis prevention and response supports. Its goals include helping individuals remain in their homes and communities, and enhancing their opportunities for leading healthy, successful and richer lives. Referrals are accepted from individuals, families, service providers (I/DD & mental health), hospitals, psychiatric	N/A

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START Update continued	centers and other crisis services for individuals age 6 and over who have an intellectual/developmental disability and complex behavioral health needs with an OPWDD eligibility determination. They are fully operational in Western New York, Finger Lakes, Capital District, Taconic and Hudson Valley regions. Teams in Long Island and Central New York will become available as the statewide implementation continues. Additional information can be found online at www.opwdd.ny.gov/ny-start/home The 4 Bed Crisis Respite Resource Center that serves the Capital District is located in Kingston.	
2019-2020 NYS Executive Budget	R. York provided in the packets a general overview of the enacted budget from the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors (CLMHD). He briefly discussed page 2; 2.9% COLA for Human Services Workforce, page 3; Continuation of PPS Waiver of State Regulations, page 7; OPWDD All Funds Appropriations, page 8; Minimum Wage Increases, Support for OPWDD's Transition to Managed Care, OPWDD Efficiencies, Integrated Outpatient Services, OPWDD Services Development and OPWDD Independent Living Expansion.	N/A
2020 Local Government Plan Cycle/ Review of Developmental Disabilities Priority Outcomes	The 2020 Local Services planning process has begun and is due to the State June 1st, however we will likely be asking for an extension until mid-June so the Community Services Board can have the opportunity to review and approve it. Top 3 goals are Housing, Transportation and Clinical Access.	N/A
CON Applications & Approvals	AIM- relocation of two 2 two person Supportive IRAs fo e Center for Disabilities- development of an 8 person Free Standing Respite Care site. ARC- closed a 2 person Supervised IRA and relocated a two person Supportive IRA to the. CWI- decreasing the capacity and closing two certified day hab sites programs, while expanding certification at their Everts Ave site.	

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Informational Items	H. Carlson mentioned a new ACT Team Commissioner.	N/A
Agency Updates:	Those in attendance were given the opportunity to give updates pertaining to their agency.	N/A
AIM	J. Phelps talked of expansion, serving over 1200 people from Long Island to the North Country, and Access VR Contracts.	
Mobile Crisis	S. Dwinell reiterated their expanded hours and new staff.	
Prospect Center	K. Heunemann mentioned new schools to open with respite and upgraded playground.	
ARC	S. Traver spoke of staffing issues and offering incentives.	
Next Meeting	The next Developmental Disabilities Meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2019 @ 1pm at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls	Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Lawrence, Secretary