

**Meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee
May 7, 2024**

Present: Belinda Bradley, Jason Enser, Chrissy Lewis, Cheryl Marron, Stephanie Raney, Maureen Mitchell, Adele Potter
Staff: Rob York, Harry Carlson, Crystal Mallory, Carrie Wright

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
Introductions	Introductions were made around the room and the DD meeting began at 1:00pm	
Agency presentation: Tri-County Care – Cheryl Marron, Resource Team Specialist	Cheryl Marron, Resource Team Specialist from Tri-County Care CCO, provided an overview presentation of her organization. Tri-County Care is one of eight designated Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) in New York State. CCOs employ care managers that address the comprehensive care needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Tri-County Care covers over twenty counties in a region ranging from Warren and Washington south through New York City and Long Island. C. Marron talked about an regional resource network they are developing. They have forms for agencies to include their contact information and services provided. This will assist their care managers in linking people to needed services. She also talked about a private foundation she founded – Flutters of Hope, Inc. that addresses eating disorders.	
Agency workforce updates	Jason states the Liberty House is doing well on staffing, although they have an opening for a Benefits Specialist, due to a recent resignation. Chrissy stated CWI is having retention issues and have many DSP positions open.	
2024-25 NYS Enacted Budget	Rob reviewed an analysis document from the Albany Strategic Advisors regarding the 2024-25 enacted budget highlights pointing out the Human services COLA on page 6 and the OPWDD appropriations on page 11.	
CON requests/approvals	H. Carlson reviewed and discussed recent CON requests/approvals.	
2025 Local Services Planning process	<p>Rob provided an overview of the 2025 Local Services Planning process. The state now requires a 4-year Local Services Plan, with annual updates. They are in the process of releasing guidelines and surveys for the current planning cycle. The 2024-27 Local Services Plan has been posted to both the County websites.</p> <p>With Transportation being a big issue, Stephanie stated that Washington County OFA & DSS will provide non-medical transportation on case by case basis. They are in the process of hiring a new worker to facilitate ½ their time at NY Connects and ½ their time with transportation.</p>	

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Agency Updates:	<p>Tri-County Care: Cheryl promoted her Walk for Flutters of Hope event in Saratoga happening this weekend. https://www.fluttersofhopeinc.org Flyer will be attached.</p> <p>CWI: Chrissy stated they are recruiting for a CEO and looking to add additional housing and rentals in Glens Falls. Returning is the Dancing with the Adirondack Stars event October 19, 2024.</p> <p>Maureen provided updates for OPWDD: Front Door Information Sessions online https://opwdd.ny.gov/get-started/front-door #MoreThanWork - Statewide Direct Support Professional Recruitment Campaign. OPWDD and our service provider agency partners launched a statewide Direct Support Professional recruitment campaign called #MoreThanWork. This joint effort will provide a central, user-friendly hub for job seekers to find rewarding opportunities in our field and will help strengthen and grow the ranks of the direct support workforce that is so vital to our shared mission. The campaign goals are to educate the public and, in particular, the job-seeking public, about the importance and fulfilling nature of direct support work and to connect potential job candidates to opportunities supporting New Yorkers with developmental disabilities across the state. Any service providers that have not yet joined the campaign are invited to do so by emailing the OPWDD Communications Office at communications.office@opwdd.ny.gov.</p> <p>By working together with service providers, we continue to do everything in our collective power to address the workforce challenges that are impacting the lives of people we seek to support and empower. https://opwdd.ny.gov/news/morethanwork-statewide-direct-support-professional-recruitment-campaign-launches</p> <p>OPWDD's Strategic Plan Message -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPWDD is in the process of planning our summer Strategic Plan forums. They will be held in various locations across the state in May, June and July. We will also be hosting two online sessions. The forums will provide a 	

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	<p>space for people to share their comments and feedback on our strategic plan progress thus far and hear answers to commonly asked questions. More information will be shared in the coming weeks/months. https://opwdd.ny.gov/strategic-planning</p> <p>Proposed Executive NYS Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SFY 2024-25 Budget is expected to be passed soon. At that time, new talking points will be provided by the Division of Fiscal Policy and Management. <p>Care Coordination Program Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach to people receiving CCO services and their families, CCO leaders, care managers, provider agencies and other stakeholders has begun through various mechanisms, including feedback surveys and forums. This outreach will continue into the summer. Information will be shared on these opportunities as it becomes available. A provider survey for feedback on CCO care management services launched in March and is scheduled to close on April 30th. All Executive Directors will receive a link to access the survey through their direct email. OPWDD encourages maximum participation from all providers in the survey. https://opwdd.ny.gov/procurement-opportunities/care-coordination-organization-program-evaluation 	
Adjournment	<i>The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 1p-3p at 230 Maple St Glens Falls.</i>	The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Community Services Office Specialist.