

**Children and Families Subcommittee**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**Present:** Angela Tracy, Robin S. Richards-Szabo, Katie Fiorillo, Kelly Havens, Jacob Malison, Sue Mowery, Tammy Breen, Liz Weingarten, Caroline Sexton, Samantha Holmes, Jennifer Hedgepath, Michelle Varvaro, John Schrey

**Staff:** Tracy Terry, Linda Wright

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
<b>Introductions</b>	<p>Meeting commenced at 10am and purpose of the Children and Families Subcommittee was reviewed.</p> <p>Purpose: Building Community Partnerships Based on Shared Power and Accountability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen opportunities to prevent mental health and substance use disorders</li> <li>2. Increase access to flexible behavioral health and substance use services</li> <li>3. Prevent and address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)</li> <li>4. Facilitate supportive environments that promote well-being and dignity for people of all ages</li> </ol>	Attendance taken and introductions were made.
<p><b>Presentation: Never Alone Adolescent Addiction Treatment Center – Health Haven Management Community Outreach Liaison, Caroline Sexton &amp; National Director of Military Affairs, John Schrey</b></p>	<p>Never Alone Treatment Center is located in Hurley, NY and serves adolescents up to age 18. There are 22 beds total; 6 beds for females and 16 beds for males. Inpatient treatment stay is typically 30-45 days and referrals are accepted for adolescents with co-occurring disorders under the guidance that the youth is stabilized and medicated (if prescribed) prior to admission. Upon receipt of a referral, a pre-assessment is scheduled with the clinical director, Mackenzie Hanson and contacts are made with outpatient treatment providers and school district. Transportation is available within 4 hours of the facility. Parents/Guardians need to be present for admission to sign consents. Youth receive tutoring services throughout their stay. Contact with family is at the approval of the therapist, but there is a 7-day window of no contact upon admission. Discharge planning is made with in collaboration with outpatient services and family. To make a referral, please contact Caroline Sexton at (762) 305-5985 or email <a href="mailto:cs Sexton@havenhealthmgmt.org">cs Sexton@havenhealthmgmt.org</a></p>	<p>Informational materials will be emailed to members.</p> <p>Further info. can be found at <a href="http://www.haventtc.com">www.haventtc.com</a></p>

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Terry

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<b>Presentation: OWPDD &amp; CHUNNY Eligibility &amp; Access to Services – CHUNNY Community and Provider Relations Specialist, Michelle Varvaro &amp; LifePlan CCO Outreach Coordinator, Liz Weingarten</b>	Children's Health Home of Upstate NY (CHUNNY) and LifePlan CCO both provide health home care management services. CHUNNY serves youth age 0-21 with diagnosed medical, mental health, substance use, developmental disabilities, and complex trauma. LifePlan CCO serves both children and adults with a diagnosed intellectual and/or developmental disability. LifePlan is offered under DOH and OPWDD and offers HCBS waiver services through OPWDD. Lifeplan care team can assist individuals and families in applying for OPWDD and Medicaid if needed. The onset of qualifying diagnoses needs to occur before the age of 22 to receive OPWDD services.	Informational materials will be emailed to members.  Further info. can be found at <a href="http://www.childrenshealthhome.com">www.childrenshealthhome.com</a>  <a href="http://www.LifePlanccony.com">www.LifePlanccony.com</a>
<b>Agency Updates</b>	A few agencies are in the process of hiring for vacant positions.	None
<b>Informational Items</b>	<b>Warren Washington Care Center Fundraiser</b> – 9/14 from 3-6pm @ Slickfin Brewing Co. in Fort Edward <b>Mental Health 101</b> – 9/14 from 5:30-6:30pm @ The Richards Library in Warrensburg <b>Brain Storm</b> – 10/18 from 10-2pm @ Salvation Army in Glens Falls, <b>Youth Mental Health First Aid Training</b> – 10/24 from 8:30 – 4:40pm @ Council for Prevention in Hudson Falls <b>CHAMP</b> – Resource for assistance in investigating and resolving insurance denials for mental health and/or substance use services.	Event flyers and informational materials will be emailed to members.
<b>Adjournment and Next Meeting</b>	<i>Meeting was adjourned at 12 noon. The next meeting of the Children and Families Subcommittee of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 10a-12noon at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</i>	