

**Children and Youth Subcommittee
January 18, 2017**

Present: Jamie Powers-CFCF; Mariane Simas-FSS, Sydney Dwinell-Parsons, Sarah Matte-Head Start, Eileen Tarantino-AMH, Jen Hogan-Hudson Headwaters, Michael Lageunesse-WAIT House, Robin Richards-Szabo-FSS

Staff: Rob York, Crystal Lawrence, Carrie Wright, Linda Wright, Lisa Coutu

Guests: Ray Shimmer, CHHUNY, Sharon Mahota, CHHUNY, Amy Zanghi, AHI, Annette Parisi, AHI

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Introductions	Meeting commenced at 10:04am at 230 Glen St, Glens Falls. Introductions were made around the table.	N/A
Health Home Implementation ✓ CHHUNY (Children Health Homes of Upstate New York)	<p>R. Shimmer and S. Mahota started the meeting saying they have 1,971 kids, 390 in the capital district enrolled or in outreach. CHHUNY complete 1 round of billing and is receiving some kickbacks related to glitches in MAPP system. These are now being dealt with one at a time.</p> <p>CHHUNY has had no LDSS referrals on Foster Care kids. CHHUNY is working on brochure for Care Management Agencies (CMA) to allow for better communication and clarification of service delivery. Within New York State -Upstate is being done differently than downstate. Eligibility has to be determined first by the LDSS and Provider, then, the County has to make phone calls and refer cases to MAPP. The absence of referrals is due to slow start up right now. R. York asked if there is anything the community can do to facilitate; yes, we need to communicate more with the community.</p> <p>In March kids in Federal Early Intervention (EI) will be eligible to transition into Health Home. Federal EI Programs terminate services the last day before the child's 3rd birthday; those kids must then be referred to special education programs. EI programs generally work with kids with developmental disabilities and would need school based case management. Some EI kids who would benefit from entry into the Health Home are being knocked out due to Medicaid eligibility. EI programs can serve as a CMA. However qualifications for an EI provider is less than and not equal to care management mandates. In addition there are questions regarding sufficient staffing. The process is</p>	

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<p>✓ AHI (Adirondack Health Institute, INC.)</p>	<p>long for new agencies. CHHUNY is meeting with CMAs to talk about how fast/slow they should be going with the main goal being kids and families are better off.</p> <p>A. Parisi and A. Zanghi agreed that a lot of their struggles are very similar to CHHUNY. There has been minor billing issues and no LDSS referrals at this time.</p> <p>A. Parisi met with Pat Auer from the Warren/Washington EI program in November 2016 about more guidelines coming from the State in regards to Health Home. It is clear more time and meeting will need to happen to work on the process. AHI recognizes that agencies are feeling the same stress now that happened with the Adults a few years ago. Agencies must work through referral process, tracking and learning new systems. Health Home is interesting because there are so many benefits to expand connectivity to other services but a big drawback and stress point is tracking Medicaid ineligibility. Two main systems for care management record tracking are GSI and NetSmart; not everyone uses the same system.</p> <p>CANS NY is a big change for all providers. Concerns in the region are around training issues, glitches with the health commerce system, billing issues, glitch in MAPP system, concept of outreach, and reporting and tracking issues.</p> <p>AHI goal was to support the agencies they were currently working with however have added some additional partners and will continue to do so. Currently in 2017, they are serving 7 counties; 49 kids enrolled and 22 in outreach in Warren Washington counties, 120 across the 7 region.</p> <p>L. Wright asked if there is concern on CANS-NY scores being lower than expected. S. Mahota spoke with other LGUs about this and believes the difference between CANS-NY Waiver vs. CANS NY for Health Homes is that there is additional focus on the caregiver. Counties and SPOAs are using the CAIRS systems. CANS-NY and</p>	

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	<p>algorithm in the CAIRS system are different than the Cans NY and algorithm for MAPPS and HH referrals. R. Shimmer says the numbers are lower than they thought but not extremely low for the highs.</p> <p>L. Wright has been working with AHI and agrees that all counties look different and there is no set standard for tracking and accountability, Medicaid vs. non-Medicaid, issues with complex trauma and referral. L. Wright also spoke of the advantages and disadvantages SPOAs faces. E. Tarantino states AHI has been very helpful even through all the complications.</p>	
Informational Items: ✓ CLMHD	<p>L. Wright provided a handout from CLMHD of 2017-18 Budget Priorities and pointed out the section covering an increase in funding to support the transformation of the Children’s Behavioral Health system.</p>	
Agency Updates Warren County Head Start Parsons Mobile Crisis WAIT House Center for Child and Family Services	<p>Those in attendance provided various agency updates:</p> <p>S. Matte announced they have 14 openings in Early Head Start Home Based Services. Also, provided a handout discussing Early Head Start Home Based mission and services.</p> <p>S. Dwinell says they have been open for about a year and serves Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties. There have been about 30+ referrals for December 2016. Mobile Crisis would like to expand but likely needs more staff and clinicians. The current schedule is Monday through Friday 11am-7:30pm. They are currently funded by grants but hoping to be a billable service through the SPA services. R. York spoke with Joanne Schneider to arrange a presentation at the next meeting.</p> <p>M. Lageunesse (Wait House) announced they hired an outreach coordinator as of January 9th. Wait House has opened a Drop in Center for laundry, food and hang-out. It is at the shelter.</p> <p>J. Powers (Center for Children and Family) stated they are down 2 clinicians and Dr. McPhillips will ber. is retiring in April. Glens Falls</p>	N/A

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Hudson Headwaters	<p>Hospital is actively recruiting for all positions. R. Richards-Szabo GFH-Family Support Services) is concerned with the changes taking place within the system and with kids and their needs increasing.</p> <p>J. Hogan (Hudson Headwaters Health Network) informed us that Dr. Tom, psychologist at Queensbury School, is retiring and there is no one to replace his as of yet.</p>	
Adjournment and Next Meeting	<p><i>Meeting was adjourned at 11:17am. The next meeting of the Children and Youth Subcommittee of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 10a-12noon at 230 Maple St., Glens Falls.</i></p>	N/A