Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee
December 20, 2017

Present: Brian Hart, AJ Kircher, Rene' Snyder, Andy Yaniga, Leisa Alger, David Andreine

Excused: Joyce Carr, Ed Lukomski, Pam Overdurf

Minutes:

Approved without changes.

Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart

- OPWDD Transition plan: Brian Hart wanted to point out that the transition from MSC’s to CCO/HH (Care Coordination/Health Homes) will have a hard start-up date of July 1st, 2018. The CCO/HH’s applications were due in November and the organizations will be formally announced in February 2018. While the CCOs have not been announced, there were only two indicating an intent to serve Chemung, Prime Care and Person Centered Services (PCS) of Western NY. Both are made up of various DD provider organizations, which is interesting when the purpose behind the changes away from MSC services is to avoid conflict of interest as defined by CMS. Prime Care intends to transition MSC agencies and their respective staff over time into CCO/HH care managers. PCS intends to make that transition all at once in July. Most of the discussion around this focused on what appears to be a consistent lack of attention is paid to the details, such as the impact on staff, and consumers, as it appears likely that come of both will be lost in the transition. The question was asked who chooses the MSC’s organization. The answer was that the individual MSC chooses. The CCO’s are navigating HR packages. PCS is located in Batavia/Canandaigua, and Prime Care is located in Rochester. The question was asked if individuals are automatically entered with PCS or Prime Care? The answer was, no, they have a choice. But individuals are likely to stick with what they know. The main concern is when the CCO/HH’s connect with the MSC’s will the individuals still have the same person work with them. The question was asked if agencies should sign on with both CCO’s? The answer was that they should align with only one, but for all the services outside the MSC’s, they should choose both. The question was asked if they see families switching? The answer was they haven’t heard of any. The question was asked for those who choose to enroll, can they bring their caseload with them or do they start a new caseload? The answer was that they did not know but it would definitely be instant cash flow. Changing to a Life Plan in Medisked – question was asked if everyone has it? (Medisked does billing) There were several NO responses. The state prefers this and strongly encourages that it be used. With this transition from MSC’s to CCO/HH’s, some people are going to be dropped temporarily and have an interruption of services. Hopefully will have some more answers to questions by the end of January. Prime Care is a “for profit” organization, and those MSC’s looking for “loan forgiveness” are
unable to do this with a “for profit” organization. Will the MSC’s be contracted or will they be full time employees once they transition? Unable to answer that question. Brian Hart’s is concerned with are we going to have a system. A Developmentally Disabled System/Health Care System/Mental Health Care System. Who is going to be closing because of the transformation?

With regard to the sheltered workshops, the plan had moved out the closure to 2018, with each agency required to submit a transformation plan. It was reported that most of Capabilities plan to transition those who are able and willing to receive community based vocational supports, and supports the others without funding internally. Wages are different from a workshop setting to out in the public. Workshops are looking at inviting the Community to come work there, so there is active integration and competitive employment. The NYSED/NYISH contract regulations require 75% of the individuals have disabilities. This conflicts with the Federal side as they require a higher increase in individuals with disabilities, and the wages are too low. The question was asked what happens to individuals who don’t have a place. The answer was that Capabilities are still supporting them. A Life Plan is establishing a goal with an individual and should use a universal language, using the same verbiage, with everything spelled out and goal focused. It was mentioned that ARC is closing their workshop and that they got a response back last week.

Sharing by Community Members

➢ Nothing to Share:

1. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018.