

**Meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee  
May 4, 2021**

**Present:** Deb Rowell, Kim Heunemann, Audrey Shaw, Dee Park, Shannon Boreali, Sue Mowery, Carrie Wood, Stephanie Ball, Josh Phelps

**Staff:** Rob York, Harry Carlson, Crystal Mallory, Carrie Wright, Lisa Meade

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
<b>Introductions</b>	Introductions were made around the table.	Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm by H. Carlson
<b>COVID update- impaction on services</b>	<p>D. Rowell, CWI, stated it has been difficult bringing people back in with both space and limited transportation issues along with not enough staff. 57% of staff has been vaccinated and OPWDD has allowed tele-health visits to help however some residential programs were still shut down. They have 4 supervised beds and 1 supported bed.</p> <p>K. Heunemann, Prospect School, also stated that hiring has been a challenge. They have 4 adult beds and 4 children beds. They had an unfortunate setback with the new Respite Home on Aviation Rd where the sprinkler caused a flood; they hope to have it fixed and open by July.</p> <p>J. Phelps, AIM, reiterates hiring and coming back to work issues. Since the pandemic people have been making as much or more off unemployment as they were when working and/or are submitting applications but not showing up for interviews. They have 55% vaccinated people.</p> <p>S. Boreali, NR/MC, stated COVID hasn't stopped Mobile Crisis Services at all in fact they have had an increase in calls. They are open Monday through Friday 7-11 and Weekends 11-7.</p> <p>C. Wood, Care Design NY, developed an emergency response team to support residential placement due to the big challenges people are having being "not appropriate" for the residential setting. She encourages connection with agencies having issues.</p>	N/A
<b>Withhold Restoration</b>	H. Carlson stated the withhold has been restored and Agencies have received payment to offer relief but it has not provided enough to support the agencies reported.	N/A

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<b>2021-2022 NYS Executive Budget</b>	A 2021-22 NYS Executive Budget Analysis memo from the NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors was reviewed and discussed.	N/A
<b>2021 Local Government Plan Cycle/ Review of Developmental Disabilities Priority Outcomes</b>	C. Wright stated the Local Services Plan is usually due to NYS on June 1 <sup>st</sup> ; however the date has been pushed back to August 1 <sup>st</sup> due to the pandemic. We will incorporate needs related to COVID-19 impacts and level of services that were improved or worsened.	
<b>CON Requests/Approvals</b>	H. Carlson reviewed and discussed recent CON requests/approvals.	
<b>Agency Updates</b> <b>CWI</b>  <b>AIM</b>  <b>Prospect</b>  <b>NYCONNECTS</b>  <b>Care Design NY</b>	H. Carlson provided time to allow Agencies to give other updates. D. Rowell invites everyone to a fundraiser BBQ May 14 <sup>th</sup>  J. Phelps included that telehealth has worked well for them and they have served 50+ people without walls.  K. Heunemann would like to have a dayhab without walls, open the respite house and have it at max capacity by September.  A. Shaw invites everyone to the WWH LTCC quarterly zoom meeting June 10 <sup>th</sup> from 10-12. Prospect School & Open Door are presenting. For more info please email <a href="mailto:info@wwhlcc.org">info@wwhlcc.org</a>  C. Wood added that care managers are going back out into the community and becoming more flexible since vaccinations.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The next meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee of the Warren and Washington County Community Services Boards is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 1p-3p, via Zoom.	Adjourned at 2pm

Minutes respectively submitted by Crystal Mallory, Secretary