

QUEENS COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

Next QCDD meeting is on
Monday, February 7, 2017 at 9:30AM
Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Blvd., Room 200
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

The meeting was called to order at 9:45a.m. Lisa Veglia, Co-Chair for the Council welcomed all present. Christopher Grief, Advocate made a motion to approve the Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities December 5, 2016 minutes. Aliya Hussein, Parent Co-Chair seconds the motion. Motion carried. All in favor. There were 61 individuals present at today's meeting.

Introductions & Program Announcements were made.

NYC. DEPT. HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE

There was no report.

OPWDD

Liz Cambra, Deputy Director Region IV

- 1- RFS is being reviewed for agencies that submitted for the 2.8 million for residential opportunity for individuals living at home looking for placement.
- 2- Continue to work with providers on how to better provide this service to individuals/families and develop appropriate rates.

COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT:

Lisa announced that the QCDD Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 at Queens College. Wini Schiff, IAC will give a budget briefing at our February 6th Council meeting. The Council is looking for a Provider Co-Chair for the Children's Committee. If anyone is interested, please let Lisa know. The Officers and Chairs are individuals that volunteer their service to QCDD.

One of the key advocacy issues that will be addressed at the Legislative Breakfast is funding for direct care staff wages in OPWDD and Educational services. The I/DD community is requesting \$45 million to be approved in the state budget as part of a state-wide coalition; the #bFair2DirectCare campaign and \$18 million for teacher salaries. Lisa impressed upon members of the Council to attend our February 6th meeting and the March 3rd Queens Legislative Breakfast to learn more about and participate in our advocacy initiatives.

The announcement for the Queens Legislative Breakfast will be sent shortly. The link to register is available on our website at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/qcdd-annual-legislative-breakfast-tickets-31123591500>

COMMITTEE CHAIR’S REPORT:

Toni Martinez, MSC Committee Co-Chair gave a brief update on their last meeting. Next meeting will be February 16, 2017 @ 10:00 am / Bernard Fineson/ 718-217-4242.

PRESENTATION: “TRANSPORTATION “

Christopher Grief, NYC Transit Ride Council

Chris shared about the Transit Ride Council. For more information please contact Chris at 347-

Donna Fredricksen, Access-A-Ride Outreach & Public Coordination

Donna shared information on how to apply for access-a-ride. If any agency would like a presentation you call all 1-877-337-2017 and press option 8.

Reginald Baron, Director, Mobile Sales; Customer Relations; Corporate Communications

Reginald shared information on how to obtain a half-fare metro card and also senior citizen card. If you would like a presentation please contact Reginald at fax number 646-252-5022.

Meredith Gregory, Transit Museum Special Education & Access Coordination

Meredith shared how the Transit Museum started and shared times and dates that families providers can attend. For more information call at 718-694-1823.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE

Family Resource Fair- For Students with Developmental Disabilities- Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 5-8pm @ Francis Lewis High School-58-20 Utopia Parkway, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Advance registration REQUIRED for all Agencies. To reserve a table email Beth Altmann at Baltman2@schools.nyc.gov.

Assemblyman Mike Miller- Please send job announcements for constituents seeking employment to my office. Contact Carmela Isabella at isabellac@nyassembly.gov.

Chris Grief, Athlete Congress Member

For more information please contact Chris Grief at chrisgreif@yahoo.com or visit www.bfssac.com click on meeting & event.

Jim Karpe, QCDD, Parent Vice-Chair-516-655-2713 (was not present at the meeting but shared the following resources)

Westsidebaseball.org registration is open. Upper age limit of 21 has been eliminated. Scholarship code (Karpe.jim@gmail.com)

IncludeNYC is coming at the end of the month. www.includenyc.org.

What: Summer camps and other recreation programs for children and young adults with special needs.

When: Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 11AM until 3PM

Where: Hotel Pennsylvania, 18th floor. 402 Seventh Avenue—right across the street from Penn Station.

Cost: Free!

Heaven's Hands Community Services, Inc.- Karen Humphrey

There are openings in Brooklyn and Queens for after-school respite program. There are openings in our Queens and Brooklyn Day Habilitation programs. For information please contact Karen Humphrey at 718-969-2304.

YAI- Carlos Sanchez

Day habilitation openings now in The Bronx. (718) 793-2182x4469

YAI - Caroline Dunn

- All referral can be done through YAI LINK @ 212-273-6182.
- Afterschool program
- Center for Specialty Therapy (Free psychological and psychosocial evaluations)
- Crisis Intervention
- Day Habilitation (limited / accepting referrals)
- Emergency Respite Reimbursement
- Family Reimbursement
- Medicaid and Community habilitation Program
- Non-Medicaid Community Habilitation
- Overnight Respite
- Parent Training: Sexuality and Relationships
- Parent Training: Parents w/special needs

NYSID- Elizabeth Sunshine

Free In-home psychological and psychosocial evaluation to determine eligibility for OPWDD services, for individuals that do not have Medicaid living in Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island & Bronx. Please contact Elizabeth Sunshine @ 917-699-0578.

NYSID- Juliet Hawkins

Crisis Behavior Management program for Queens. Please contact Juliet Hawkins at 917-524-4856.

General Human Outreach, Inc

Pat Liu Chang, pat@GHOINC.org

- Family Support Service
- Non-Medicaid case management
- Free evaluations for individuals w/o Medicaid, living in Queens.
- Adult programs (waiver services)
- Employment programs: Pathways, ETP, SEMP,
- Community Based Weekend Respite – Wait list/
- Day Hab w/o walls – Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan
- Day Hab site based in Long Island City

All services are available w/bilingual speaking staff in Cantonese or Korean. Sign language service available also.

ANIBIC-Peter Coleman, 347-594-2147

- Medicaid Service Coordination and Non-Medicaid Service Coordination has openings for Queens residents.
- ANIBIC now has four support brokers for families who are interested in self-directed services.
- ANIBIC-VOICE, our Vocational department, continues to have openings for Pre-Vocational, Supported Employment and a waitlist for DVE services.
- ANIBIC main site Day Habilitation program (ages 21 and up) has openings for individuals who have MSC and Level of Care.
- We continue to accept applications for our Friday Adult program (ages 17 and up) and our Weekend Respite Recreation Program (Saturdays or Sundays, ages 18 and up).
- Family Counseling has openings for individuals who reside in Queens with their families.
- Tutorial Program has openings for individuals (all ages and grades with diagnosis of Dev Disability). Please note that there is a fee for this service.
- For Family Reimbursement, contact Rachel Plakstis at 347-594-2130.

Adaptive Sports Foundation– Maryellen Barner – 518-734-5070
Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program – Windham. New York –

Mercy Drive, Inc – Pamela Ossona – 718-275-9326

- MSC opportunities
- Respite (in-Home) ongoing enrollment
- Day Habilitation ongoing enrollment
- F.E.T. for Bronx and Manhattan families

Lifespire –Wendy Schoenfeld – 212-741-0100 x 4575

Day Habilitation opportunities – call Hamlet Garcia 718-721-5444 – hgarcia@lifespire.org

Patrick Paglen- 718-728-8476 x 1242

Seniors with Autism project. Are you 60+ and on the autism spectrum or the aging parent of a child with autism?

NY Lawyers for the Public Interest – Paola Martinez Boone – pmartinez-boone@nylpi.org

- Fair Housing – NYLPI is taking housing cases (requiring that the landlords make reasonable accommodations).
- Free Naturalization clinic – NYLPI in partnership with Catholic Charities, Catholic migration services, and the new American campaign is offering a free naturalization clinic on January 28, 2017. For more information please email Paola.

AABR Inc.- Michael Arnold, Director of Day services at marnold@aabr.org (preferred) of at 347-236-0176.

Day Habilitation Programs- St. Pascal's, located at 112-33 199 Street, St. Albans & Wellington Hall, located at 161-06 89th Avenue, Jamaica (S.E.M.P, and Pathways to Employment) in addition to Day Habilitation. Both programs are wheelchair accessible.

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services - Maimuna Ortiz, 718-674-6066, ext 1849

Openings for Non-Medicaid services; family support services; Medicaid service coordination; assist families with food stamps, SSI, Medicaid, waiver services, etc.

These services are provided in Brooklyn and Queens only.

NYFAC- Mary Rendeiro, 347-566-3122 x 307

NYFAC has openings in Queens for Day Hab w/o walls and afterschool in Howard Beach, Queens. Com Hab and Respite Friday evening socialization for teens and adults. FSS reimbursement of Brooklyn and Queens. Immediate availability of evaluations for NON-Medicaid cases to establish eligibility in the OPWDD system in Brooklyn and Queens.

Life's WORC – Linda Renyi – 516-741-9000 x 8120

- Day Hab openings with/o walls – vocational training, socialization and life skills training to ambulatory individuals with mild to moderate disabilities. Individuals participate in volunteer jobs at various sites in the Community Door to Door transportation is provided. Must have Medicaid service Coordinator to qualify.
- Openings in Stepping into adulthood afterschool/Saturday program for Queens residents 14—20 who are ambulatory and have a mild to moderate developmental disabilities including Autism. Helps individuals develop skills needed to transition into adulthood including meal, preparation, money management, Music and Art Therapy and community integration. Program meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 PM. – 6:00 PM. Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM funded thru the Medicaid Waiver. Program is located in Glendale.

QSAC: Call (718) 728-8476 with inquiries for all boroughs:

- For Early Intervention Service Coordination contact Claire LaPlaca ext. 1227
- For ABA Private Insurance contact Kristen DuMoulin ext. 1517
- For SEIT, SETSS, EI Evaluations, CPSE Evaluations, Psychological/Psychosocial Evaluations (for individuals without Medicaid), and Early Intervention (Center- and Home-based) contact Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- For Day Habilitation and Medicaid Service Coordination contact Farzana Karim ext. 1233
- For Queens Social Skills Group and Manhattan Social Skills Group contact Rocio Chavez ext. 1414
- For Family Reimbursement Services and Manhattan Parent Support Group contact Annie Washington ext. 1219
- For Queens and Long Island Parent Training/Parent Support Group/Sibling Support Group contact Cherisse Hutcherson ext. 1430
- For Housing Advocacy (Brooklyn) and Non-Medicaid MSC (Queens/Brooklyn) contact; Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
- For Preschool center-based openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
- For Day School Openings in Queens & the Bronx contact Todd Merritt ext. 1420

Closing Remarks,

Next meeting is Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:30 am @Queens Borough Hall, Room 213,
120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, NY. ***Please note room change to 213 is for this meeting
only.**

Marieta Austin,
QCDD Secretary