

QUEENS COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30AM. Lisa Veglia, Co-Chair for the Council welcomed all present. There were 37 individuals present at today's meeting.

Introductions & Program Announcements were made.

NYC. DEPT. HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Lisa Bernard

There were no updates to report.

OPWDD

Liz Cambra, Deputy Director Region IV

- 1- High needs funding for individuals leaving developmental centers and residential schools to assist with medical & behavioral challenges has stopped as of June, 2016. Based on need there will have to be a meeting for justification of level of need for funds.
- 2- RFS for individuals living at home looking for residential placement have gone out. The return date is December 19, 2016.
- 3- As stated in previous meeting/minutes, the funds allocation for housing for individuals living at home 2.8 million. There will be a 50% non-certified, 4% certified, 10% transition (this will be short term housing, preparing the individuals for permanent placement). A group has been developed with a parent from each borough, 3 regional staff, 1 NYC staff, 1 agency housing advocate.
- 4- There will be continued meetings so that agency's offering Respite service can continue to discuss challenges they may be having in providing the service.
- 5- Conflict Free Case Management- This is an opportunity for individuals to receive MSC services through a provider other than voluntary agencies. Individuals will no longer be receiving MSC from the same provider that they may be receiving waiver services or family support services.

COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Lisa announced that the next QCDD council meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017. The QCDD Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 3, 2017 at Queens College. Wini Schiff from IAC will give a budget briefing at our February 6 council meeting. Please arrive on time if you want to hear the budget report as Wini will be starting at 9:30AM.

IAC is part of coalition of agencies statewide, trade associations, etc., that are working on the minimum wage and other advocacy issues. See #bFair2DirectCare campaign.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Gnanendra Sinha on “Stress Management.” (See our website for the PowerPoint presentation).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assemblyman Mike Miller

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

NYCTRC- Chris Grief

Announced proposed subway and bus fares. For more information please contact Chris Grief at 347-589-1691.

HAUP – Myriam Hector

Openings in MSC; Community Habilitation; (Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island) Afterschool (Queens). Non-Medicaid (Brooklyn), Respite, (Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island) Contact Myriam Hector at 718-527-3776, ext 24.

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 & Caroline Dunn

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

QCP Bellerose Day Hab-Lisa Nissel, 718-279-9404

Opportunities for day Hab at QCP Bellerose (site-based program)

Sheltering Arms- Xie Dillon-Vassell, 646-689-1784

Sheltering Arms, Catholic Guardian Services, NY Foundling, Leake & Watts, St Dominicks, McClosky, ABBOTT House is opening up Family care homes. The locations are in all 5 boroughs, Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Nassau & Suffolk counties. Contact person is listed above for more information.

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,
- Day Hab w/o walls
- 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.

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

- For Early Intervention Service Coordination contact Clare LaPlaca ext. 1227
- For ABA Private Insurance contact Kristen DuMoulin ext. 1517
- For SEIT, SETTS, 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. 1417
- 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, January 9, 2017 at 9:30 am @Queens Borough Hall, room 200, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, NY.

Marieta Austin,
QCDD Secretary