

QUEENS COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m. Lisa Veglia, Chairperson for the Council welcomed all present. There were 45 individuals present at today's meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

NYC. Dept. Health and Mental Hygiene

Lisa Bernard

Nothing to report at this time. The Local Service Plan meeting with the DD Borough Councils, OPWDD, and NYCDOHMH is scheduled for April 25, 2017.

OPWDD REPORT

Liz Cambra, Deputy Director Region IV

- High Needs Funding—details are still being worked out and hopefully approved shortly
- Care Coordination
 - RFA is expected out in June to establish a Care Coordination entity
 - January 2018—is still the expected start date for Conflict Free Case Management
 - Non-Medicaid Service Coordination should not be affected, but will be explored further.
- Respite Fees & Structure
 - FSS dollars not as high in 2018 budget
 - When not all providers use their funds, they get redistributed to other agencies

IAC REPORT

Chris Trieber

- Governor may put an extender to the budget which extends the 2017 budget until the new budget is passed.
- The Governor promised 55mill. to be included in the budget for the I/DD Community for direct care staff. The DSP #bfair2DirectCare campaign was quite successful.
- Nothing was included in the budget for the Education ask of 18 million for teacher retention and 4% tuition increases for 853 Schools and 4410 Preschools. Meanwhile, Crossroads Preschool and OTSAR are closing due to financial challenges. Many agencies have no staff to open classes because our salaries are too low. We must continue our advocacy efforts for education programs.
- Historic US Supreme Court case passed: Endrew F. vs. Douglas County School District held that the "IEP must be reasonably calculated to enable a child to receive some educational benefit". The case Endrew F. vs. Douglas County School District was from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Colorado. In the case, the court rejected the parent claims that their son was entitled to "meaningful educational benefit" and

refused to authorize reimbursement for a private school that specialized in educating children on the autism spectrum. The parents appealed the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. Here is a link to the U.S. Supreme Court decision:

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/16pdf/15-827_0pm1.pdf

PRESENTATION: NY DEAF-BLIND COLLABORATIVE

Presenter: Suzanne Chen, Outreach Coordinator at NYDBC

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All services are free for families who qualify.

NYDBC follows a 3 tiered technical assistance model:

General/Universal

Targeted/Specialized

Intensive/Sustained

Their initiatives include early identification and referral, instructional practice, partnerships with families, provision of related services, and transitions.

This summer they will host their 4th Annual NYDBC Family Learning Retreat from Friday July 14 through Sunday, July 16. It takes place at Visions Center on Blindness, 111 Summit Park Rd., Spring Valley, NY. Activities are adapted to support all campers and encourage physical fitness, health, and wellness. Staff have experience and expertise supporting attendees with hearing and vision loss. All meals are provided and lodging is free for families registered with the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative. Registration due by June 30.

Material can be found on the QCDD website.

For more information and to register contact: (E) nydbc@qc.cuny.edu or 718-997-4856

COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT:

Aliya Hussein provided an update on the NYS Family Support Advisory Council. Lisa Veglia announced that the Executive Committee will be meeting after today's meeting to plan for Celebrating Success on April 25, 2017 as well as to start planning for next year's calendar and Family Support Conference in the fall. Lisa noted that if there were specific topics or presenters that members of the Council wanted to hear about, please let her know and we can schedule them for upcoming meetings.

Lisa wanted to thank everyone involved in the recent advocacy efforts in Albany and locally. As we have heard, our effort was already successful: the Governor included \$55mil in the budget when we only asked for \$45mil

Lisa reminded everyone that our meetings in May and June will be at Bernard Fineson BFDC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
- Iris Hill/Bellerose Senior Day habilitation (ages 50+) has openings for individuals with MCS 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.

Assemblyman Mike Miller

Carmela Isabella announced that as of April 3, 2017, the State budget has not been passed. It was due April 1, 2017 and we are hoping they pass it soon.

Contact Carmela at (P) 718-805-0950 or (E) isabellac@nyassembly.gov

Birch Family Services

212-616-1845

- Social Skills Workshops
- Parent Support Services (Preschool, School Age, Young Adult)
- Social Leisure Club
- Transition Planning Workshops
 - Young Adult
 - School Age
- Getting the Life That You Want Workshop

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 After School/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.

- Recreation/respice program for teens 13-20. Program meets one Saturday a month. Individuals participate in community based activities (bowling, movies, museums). Must be ambulatory and independent in self-care. Program meets in Queens Village, from 11-4pm. Door to door transportation available.
- Recreation /respice program for adults 21+. Info same as above, except program meets one Sunday a month. Opening for broker services for individuals living in Queens.

NYCTRC

For more information please contact Chris Grief at chrisgreif@yahoo.com or call (347)-589-1691.

NYFAC

Intake Department: 347-566-3122 ext. 307

- Free Psychological & Psychosocial Evaluations for families without Medicaid
- Queens Family Reimbursement

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 contact Todd Merritt ext. 1420
- For Day School Openings in the Bronx contact Susan Silvestri ext. 2535

YAI

Caroline Dunn & Carlos Sanchez – 212-273-6182

Queens March Openings:

- All referral can be done through YAI LINK @ 212-273-6182.
- After School Program
- Crisis Intervention

- Day Habilitation
- Emergency Respite Reimbursement
- Family Reimbursement
- NYSTART: Crisis Prevention
- Non-Medicaid Community Habilitation
- Overnight Respite
- Parent Training: Sexuality and Relationships
- Parent Training: Parents w/ Special Needs
- Transition to Independence: 17-21 with ASD diagnosis-no waiver.
- City Wide openings: FREE Workshops (register online at yai.org) Independent Living Program

Young Adults with Special Abilities

718-626-6700

- Day Habilitation
 - Community Integration
 - Recreation
 - Independent Living
 - Daily Living
 - Academics
 - Communication/Socialization
- Medicaid Service Coordination

PS 225Q

Parent Support Group

- April 25 at 9:30am at PS 255Q @ P7, 80-55 Cornish Ave., Elmhurst, NY 11373

Family & Sibling Support Group

- April 26 at 6:00pm at PS 255Q @ P7, 80-55 Cornish Ave., Elmhurst, NY 11373
- Pizza & soda provided

Closing Remarks,

Next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:30AM at Bernard Fineson DDRO, 80-45 Winchester Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11428.

Minutes respectively submitted by Lisa Veglia.