

QUEENS COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

Next QCDD Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2016 at 9:30 am
Queens Borough Hall
120-55 Queens Blvd., Room 200
Kew Gardens, NY 11415

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa Veglia, Provider Chairperson, welcomed all present. Aliya Hussain, Parent Chairperson made a motion to approve the Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities (QCDD) June 6, 2016 minutes. Wendy Schoenfeld, Life's Spire second the motion. All in favor. No changes to be made.

Announcements/Opportunities were made. There were 87 individuals present at today's meeting.

OPWDD REPORT

Donna Limiti, Director Region IV

- \$10 million statewide for residential services for individuals living at home.
- Stakeholder groups consist of parents, city representatives, self-advocates, housing navigator from Innovative Resource Initiatives, Inc.
- The Residential Request List which was called the Certified Residential Opportunity (has a new name)
- DQI had a training on the Redesign Annual Survey. The survey will address: (1) All waiver services an individual is involved with; (2) Agency review; (3) Policies & Procedures
- Auspice changes: CCNS will no longer be providing residential and day services for CP NY State. They will only provide Family Support Services.
- Human First, Inc., has a new Executive Director. UCP will be providing management assistance.
- Independence Residences Inc., (IRI) & Queens Parent Resource Center (QPRC) have merged and become Innovative Resources and Initiatives.
- CAS-new instrument to replace the DDP2 is a more comprehensive tool that will help in establishing funding for each individual.
- HCBS amendment addresses the initiatives in the Transformation Plan.
- As we look toward the future, Conflict Free Case Management will allow individuals case management services separate and distinct from residential, day services, etc.
- RFP will be coming soon for entities that want to develop an agency to provide case management services.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE

Lisa Bernard

- The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Public Health Solutions are in the process of finalizing the Requests for Proposals awardees contract for Vocational, Clinics and Autism Recreation and Socialization programs.
- These programs are for individuals with a developmental disabilities awaiting and/or deemed ineligible for OPWDD services.
- A list of awardees can be found on Public Health Solutions' website healthsolutions.org.
- The NYC Council again this Fiscal Year, provided Autism Initiative funding for Recreation and Parent Education and Training programs for individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families.
- For a list of these agencies, you can go to the NYC Council's website @ Council.nyc.gov.
- The Department contributed \$3,000 towards the upcoming QCDD Family Support Conference.

PRESENTATIONS

Free to Be

Abby Baker-Lynch.

FREE TO BE provides an engaging space for LGPTQ individuals, families, and friends. They encourage all who are interested to come join. Meetings include: inspirational guest speakers, workshops, open discussions, social events, and community involvement.

To learn more about **FREE TO BE** or to become a member, please contact: Abby Baker-Lynch at abby.baker-lynch@yai.org

Able Home Care

Angelo O'Neill, Director of Community Relations

Shared information for parents seeking home care services for their children/adults with special needs through CDPAP In the future the Council may offer a specific training devoted to this topic.

NY Therapy Placement Service, Inc.

Shared the transition services they offer fostering independence for individuals with developmental disabilities. Serving children from birth to 21 years of age, in all five boroughs. For more information contact phone 718-264-1640, fax 718-484-0530 or transitionteam@nytps.org.

COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

- Lisa announced that the QCDD calendar is on the website.
- There will not be a QCDD council meeting for October, 2016 due to October holidays and late September meeting.
- Our next full Council meeting will be on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Queens Borough Hall. Room 200

- Save the date for the QCDD Annual Family Support Conference at the Sheraton “La Guardia” Hotel in Flushing on 10/28/16. Copies of the brochure were distributed at today’s meeting and the link to register is on the website (www.qcddny.org).
- Our Legislative Breakfast will be on March 3, 2017 at Queens College.
- The September QCDD minutes will be available on the website.
- An IAC representative was not able to attend today’s meeting but an initiative across the state will be addressing minimum wage and staff vacancies. More to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

P255Q: Hosting a mini-resource fair at P255Q@P57 on October 13, 2016 @ 80-55 Cornish Avenue, Elmhurst, NY 11373 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. All families are invited. Agencies may register at ypena6@schools.nyc.gov.

ANIBIC

Openings in the following programs for Queens residents with developmental disabilities.

- Medicaid Service Coordination and Non-Medicaid Service Coordination.
- ANIBIC-VOICE, our vocational department, continues to have availability in Pre-Vocational, Supported Employment and a waitlist for DVE services.
- Iris Hill/Bellerose Senior Day Habilitation program (ages 50 and up) has openings for
- Individuals who have MSC and Level of Care.
- Friday Adult program (ages 17 and up) and Weekend Respite Recreation Program (Saturdays or Sundays, ages 18 and up).
- Family Counseling for individuals who reside in Queens with their families.
- Tutorial program for individuals (all ages and grades with diagnosis of Dev Disability). Please note that there is a fee for this service. Contact Peter Coleman, Intake Coordinator at 347-594-2147. For Family Reimbursement, contact Rachel Plakstis at 347-594-2130.

AABR, Inc.

Need training for your staff. AABR, Inc offers the following courses.

- MSC CORE
- SCIP 3-DAY
- SCIP Refresher
- CPR
- First Aid
- Basic Computer Skills

For more information regarding dates and fees please contact: Mary Frank, Director of Education and Training, 718-321-3800 ext 2214.

AHRC, NYC

Openings in the following programs.

- Emergency reimbursement
- Family reimbursement
- Eligibility assistance
- Sibshops-Annette Spallino @ 212-780-2592
- Free Psychological & Psychosocial for people seeking eligibility and do not have Medicaid.
- Parent Training Program-Annette Spallino @ 212-780-2592
- Non-Medicaid Case management

Contact Michael.Wright@ahrenyc.org

Life's WORC

Openings in the following programs.

- Day Habilitation openings in Queens Village & Glendale. Program focuses on providing vocational experience thru volunteer job sites in the community. Program is open to ambulatory individuals 18 + who are waiver eligible.
- Stepping into Adulthood afterschool program meets Tues, Wed & Fri from 3:30-6:00pm and Sat 10:00-2:30 pm. Program focuses on teaching life skills as individuals transition into adulthood. Activities include, money management, cooking, art & music, community integration. Ages 14-21 ambulatory individuals who are waiver eligible. Families must provide pick-up at 6:00 pm.

New Horizon Counseling Center, Inc

Openings in the following programs.

- Day Habilitation without walls & Community Pre Vocational.
- MSC for Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx and Long Island.
- After school respite and Saturday respite for Queens

PSCG, Inc

Vacancy Announcement

- Station Road DH-Flushing, NY 5 vacancies
- Astoria DH-Astoria, NY 5 vacancies
- L.I.C. DH-Long Island City, NY 8 vacancies
- Ann Mihcch DH-Richmond Hill, NY 3 vacancies
- DH Wahont Walls Queens-L.I.C., NY – 3 vacancies

For further information, please contact Simone Citung @ 347-834-1298.

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

- For Early Intervention Service Coordination and ABA Private Insurance contact Johanna Artega ext. 1317
- 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 contact Dita DeSena ext. 1418
- 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 Manhattan Social Skills Group contact Rocio Chavez ext. 1414
- For Preschool center-based openings contact Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
- For Day School Openings in Queens & the Bronx contact Todd Merritt ext. 1420

Y.A.I.

Openings in the following programs in Queens.

- After school
- Day habilitation

- Employment
- Non-Medicaid Free Evals
- Crisis

All inquiries contact 212-273-6182. Visit website for online registration @ yai.org. All boro: workshops-multiple topics. Parents, professionals, people with ID/DD invited. Resources & Supports-information on applying for and services through OPWDD-parents, professionals, people with ID/DD invited.

CLOSING REMARKS

Lisa announced that the Family Support Conference Planning Committee will be meeting after today's QCDD Council meeting.

Reminder: Next meeting: Monday, November 7, 2016 at 9:30 am, Queens Borough Hall, room 200, 120-55 Queens Blvd, Kew Gardens, NY.

Respectfully submitted,
Marieta Austin,
QCDD Secretary