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## Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities May 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Lisa Veglia, Co-Chairperson welcomed all present at today's meeting. There were 69 individuals present at today's meeting.

The April 9, 2018 QCDD Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Introductions & announcements were made on availability in a variety of programs and services.

**NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene**, Lisa Bernard, 347-396-7144.

Mental Hygiene Local Government Service plan

1. This meeting was held on April 24, to determine Local Government I/DD priorities and strategies.

The top priorities were:

- Housing
- Workforce recruitment and retention
- Family Support Services
- Transportation
- Vocational Services

The Local Government Pan, (LGP) will be available on the NYC DOHMH's website, once finalized.

**OPWDD Report:** Elizabeth Cambra, Acting Director Region IV.

1. Jointly developed Adult Transitional program for individuals dually diagnosed; a capacity of 12 individuals will be discharged from OMH and will reside on the Bernard Fineson campus.
2. Care Coordination Organizations, (CCO's) transition program call today to discuss Decision making process.
3. Liz introduced the new Director for OPWDD, Ms. Mary Grace and announced that she would be retiring in June. She is not sure whether she will be at the June meeting.

**I.A.C. Report:** Richard Bosch

The Governor did not approve our lobbying position, requesting to expedite the #bFair2DirectCare funding previously approved for 6 years, to 3 years.

There are 721 preschool students that need services but there are no providers. Many providers have closed over the past few years due to stagnant funding, an ongoing advocacy issue.

Lobbying and advocacy continues to be very important to our community both in OPWDD services, and especially in education services.

The IAC Conference is June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website [IACNY.org](http://IACNY.org).

### **Nominating Committee:**

Linda Renyi, Chairperson for the Nominating Committee along with committee members Wendy Schoenfeld and Josie Davide proposed the slate for elections thus far as follows: Lisa Veglia, Co-chairperson Provider; Jim Karp, Co-chairperson Parent; Mary Knox, Vice-Chairperson Provider; Marisa Fojas, Treasurer; Marieta Austin, Secretary.

The position of Vice-Chairperson Parent is still open. Nominations can still be made for any of the officer's positions up until the June meeting. If you want to make a nomination please contact Linda at [lrenyi@lifesworc.org](mailto:lrenyi@lifesworc.org).

### **Lisa Veglia, Co-Chair Report:**

Lisa welcomed OPWDD's Director and thanked Liz for all her work with the Council and families.

The council has an open position for a parent chair for the Family and Community Support Committee. If you are interested please see Lisa.

Lisa explained that we had a full agenda for today's meeting, including two important presentations, therefore we planned to end the meeting at 12 noon, rather than our usual 11:30.

### **PRESENTATION:**

CAS Assessment: From OPWDD, Ms. Diane Woodward & Mr. Pruitt  
Shared PowerPoint on conflict free CAS Assessment. Statewide workforce (845) 877-6821, ext 4899; Change appointments, concerns (212) 908-6671.

CCO- TriCounty Care: Connie Twerski  
Shared PowerPoint on Tri-County Care MSC services effective July 1, 2018. See the QCDD website for power-point presentation at [QCDDNY.Org](http://QCDDNY.Org) go to "view events" and select May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Supported Decision-Making New York, (SDMNY) will be presenting at Uniting Disabled Individuals monthly “Parent Empowerment” group meeting on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 10-12 noon at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd, room 213, Kew Gardens, NY.**

**To RSVP please contact Marieta Austin at 347-495-9070.**

**The Brooklyn Family Support air is June 13, 2018 at Brooklyn College. Register online at [www.BrooklynDDCouncil.org](http://www.BrooklynDDCouncil.org). Contact Jay Kleinman if there are any questions, 718-454-6940 or [jkleiman@lifespire.org](mailto:jkleiman@lifespire.org).**

### **Includenyc**

Is your child struggling in school? Does your child have special needs or an IEP?

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FOR INFORMATION AND UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

### **Advocate’s For Children of NY, Inc.,**

Educational Workshops

[www.advocatesforchildren.org](http://www.advocatesforchildren.org)

help line 866-427-6033

Free technical assistance Monday through Friday from 10-4 pm

Email assistance at [inf@advocatesforchildren.org](mailto:inf@advocatesforchildren.org)

Offer free workshops for schools and organizations, contact [jbycceluto@advocatesforchildren.org](mailto:jbycceluto@advocatesforchildren.org)

151 W 30<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

NY, NY 10001

212-947-9700

**New York City Transit Riders Council, NYCTRC, Christopher Greif, Executive member, 347-589-1691.**

### **Heaven’s Hands Community Services, Inc.,**

Karen Humphrey, 917-909-1148, ext 10 or 347-436-6661

HHCS has openings for Day-Habilitations in Brooklyn and Queens. Fore more information kindly email Karen Humphrey at [khumphrey@hhcsny.org](mailto:khumphrey@hhcsny.org) or 917-909-1148, ext 10 or Marc Pierre at 347-486-2772/ [mpierre@hhcsny.org](mailto:mpierre@hhcsny.org).

Nydia Martinez, 347-585-0813

HHCS has openings in our Afterschool program in Queens located in Middle Village. Participants must be 8-21 years old. For more information email [nmartinez@hhcsny.org](mailto:nmartinez@hhcsny.org) or by phone at 347-585-0813.

**NYSID, Inc.,**

Juliet Hawkins, 917-524-4856

NYSID has opening in their In-Home Behavior Management program (Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx). For information contact Julie Hawkins at 917-524-1722.

Openings in their In-Home Non-Medicaid Evaluations (Bronx, Brooklyn & Staten Island). For information of to make a referral contact Elizabeth Sunshine at 917-699-0578.

**Life's WORC**

Linda Renyi, 516-741-9000, ext 8120

Openings in day habilitation programs located in Glendale and Queens Village. Individuals participate in community based volunteer activities to enhance their vocational skills. Program hours are 9-2 pm. A team leader provides door to door transportation and supervision to a group of 5 to 6 ambulatory individuals. Individuals must be independent in self-care, able to stay on task and follow directions.

Stepping into Adulthood- Ages 14-21 Supplemental group Day Hab meets Tues, Wed, Fri from 3:30-6:00 pm. Saturday from 10-2:30 pm at a site in Glendale. Provides skills to prepare young adults as they transition to adulthood. Money management, cooking, community integration, social skills @ recreation activities provided.

Hourly Respite/Recreation- community based activities provided for teens 13-20 meets one Saturday a month 11am-4pm and adults 21+ meets one Sunday a month 11am-4 pm. Both programs meet in Queens Village and door-to-door transportation can be provided. Individuals must be ambulatory and independent in self-care.

In-home community habilitation opportunities in Queens.

**General Human Outreach, Inc.,**

Pat Liu, 718-307-6563, [Pat@GHOINC.org](mailto:Pat@GHOINC.org).

Waiver services-on going openings

Day Hab w/o Walls

Employment programs

Community Habilitation

Non-Medicaid case management

Family Reimbursement

Free Evaluation for individuals who do not have Medicaid.

Staff speak in Chinese & Korean available.

Bilingual staff (Chinese and Korean)

**YAI/NYPL, Inc.,**

Caroline Dunn, [Caroline.dunn@yai.org](mailto:Caroline.dunn@yai.org)  
Call Link for all information 212-273-6182

Openings in Queens:

Afterschool

Crisis

Day Hab

Emergency & family Reimbursement

Community Hab (with or without Medicaid)

Overnight respite

Parent training: sexuality

Parent training: Parents with Special Needs

Employment

Non-medicaid Free evaluations

Independence Living Program

All Boros: Latina Conference May 15, 2018.

**YAI/Center for Specialty Therapy**

Kristi Hickey, [Kristi.hickey-vigilante@yai.org](mailto:Kristi.hickey-vigilante@yai.org)

Center for Specialty Therapy/Article 16, Brentwood Satellite

Psycho-therapy

Speech-therapy

OT

PT

Call link at 212-293-6182

**YAI/**

Gloria Paula, 347-547-7211, ext 1307

Current openings in our Kew Gardens Day Program for Day Hab with walls and after school program located at 80-02 Kew Gardens Road, suite 110, Kew Gardens, NY 11415.

**YAI Queens Crisis**

Jackie Nunez, 718-793-2182x4980

Currently have openings in our In-Home behavior management service. Please contact Jackie Nunez at 718-793-2182x4980 Spanish speaking or Matt Condy 718-793-2182x4471 English speaking.

**YAI**

Brien Cummings, 212-273-6100, ext 2528 or 718-393-3545

Opportunities available for individuals living at home. Five bed apartment, in which we focus on recreational activities.

The contact person is Marie Fazal, Supervisor. She can be reached Monday-Friday from 10:00 am -6:00 pm at 718-393-3545 or [marie.fazal@yai.org](mailto:marie.fazal@yai.org)

**HeartShare, Inc.,**

Dianne Cattrano, 718-441-5333

Queens- Hoffman Day habilitation Center- 62-10 Northern Blvd. Woodside, NY 11377  
Opportunities for individuals in the moderate-profound ranges, medically frail.

Queens Day Habilitation Center- 61-58 Springfield Blvd. Bayside, NY 11364  
Opportunities for individuals who are ambulatory and in the mild range of ID. Seeking day hab without walls candidates as well.

Contact Melissa Camacho at 718-422-3264 or [Melissa.camacho@heartshare.org](mailto:Melissa.camacho@heartshare.org).

Openings at our preschools CPSE evaluations call Joanne Russo at (718) 323-2877.

**Lifespire, Inc.,**

Jay Kleinman, [jkleiman@lifespire.org](mailto:jkleiman@lifespire.org)

Services available: In-home behavior management and parent training. Call or email 718-454-6940 or [jkleiman@lifespire.org](mailto:jkleiman@lifespire.org).

**Lifespire, Inc.,**

Wendy Schoenfeld, 212-741-0100, ext 4575

Day hab Opportunities: Lifespire Queens North CSC- contact Hamlet Garcia  
213-01 Northern Blvd  
Bayside, NY  
718-721-5444  
[hgarcia@lifespire.org](mailto:hgarcia@lifespire.org)

Lifespire Queens South CSC- contact Iris Candelario  
162-10 Jamaica Avenue  
Jamaica, NY  
718-454-2700  
[icandelario@lifespire.org](mailto:icandelario@lifespire.org)

**NYFAC, Inc.,**

Veronica Newhouse, 347-566-3122, ext 307

Services available: Non-Medicaid Service Coordination for individuals living in Brooklyn & Queens. Day Habilitation without Walls in Queens & Brooklyn. After-School Community Habilitation, Monday to Thursday, from 3:30 pm -7:30 pm, ages 8-18. Saturday Respite Program with Transportation, ages 8-18, from 9 am-1 pm. Friday Adult Socialization program, 3:30 pm-7:30 pm, ages 21+. After-School program, Monday to Thursday, 3:30 pm-7:30 pm, ages 8-18.

NYFAC also has available funds for reimbursement. See website for application or contact Anita Sessa @ 347-566-3122 x 315.

NYFAC will also be starting a Saturday respite program for Queens residents. For more information contact Veronica Newhouse @ 347-566-3122 x 307 or [veronica@nyfac.org](mailto:veronica@nyfac.org).

**ANIBIC, Inc.,**

Peter Coleman, 347-594-2147

Openings for Queens residents with developmental disabilities:

Non- Medicaid Service Coordination- immediate openings for individuals who are OPWDD eligible and do not have Medicaid.

ANIBIC accepting applications for Community Habilitation.

ANIBIC- VOICE, our Vocational department, continues to have openings for Pre-Vocational, Supported Employment and a waitlist for DVE services.

Iris Hill/Bellerose Senior Day Habilitation program (ages 50 and up) has 4 openings for individuals who have MSC and Level of Care.

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.

If you have any questions, or wish to receive an application, contact our Intake Coordinator, Peter Coleman at 347-594-2147.

For family reimbursement, contact Rachel Plakstis at 347-594-2130.

**AABR, Inc.,**

Gnanendra Sinha, 347-582-8987

Immediate openings in day habilitation programs- One located in St. Albans and another located on 161<sup>st</sup> Street between Jamaica Avenue and Hillside Avenue.

Please contact Mr. Sinha at 347-582-8987 or email referral packet to [gsinha@aabr.org](mailto:gsinha@aabr.org) or [marnold@aabr.org](mailto:marnold@aabr.org).

**QSAC, Inc.,** – Call (718) 728-8476 with inquiries for all boroughs

- Early Intervention (In-Home): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- Early Intervention Service Coordination: Ceres Joy Respicio ext 1252
- Early Intervention (Center Based): Joe Traegler 1521
- Early Intervention Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- SEIT: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- SETSS: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- Day Habilitation: Farzana Karim ext. 1233
- Social Skills Group – High Functioning Autism: Dita DeSena ext.1418
- Parent Training (Queens): Babina Chhetry ext. 1015
- Family Reimbursement (Goods & Services): Annie Washington ext.1219
- CPSE Evaluations: Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- Evaluations for individuals without Medicaid (Queens) (Psychological/Psychosocial): Rhodie Volpe ext. 1512
- Preschool Centerbased Openings: Larisa Muratov ext. 1500
- Supplemental Day Hab: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

- Non-Medicaid Service Coordination (Queens & Brooklyn): Andrew Toscano ext. 1268
- Self Direction: Broker Services Jacqueline del Orbe ext.1229
- Day School: Larisa Muratov ext. 1513
- Respite: Johnny Nunez ext. 1222

**Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State**

Kadia Hibbet, 646-235-6328

Openings in Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island

Day Hab without walls

Pathway to employment

Employment Training Program

Community Based Pre-Voc

Day Hab without Walls-Fulton Street, Brooklyn & Long Island City, contact Nandanie Sabajo @ 718-408-5180 or nsabajo@cpofnys.org.

We also work with ACCES-VR.

**Iyaho Social Services, Inc.,**

Preya Ramdhanie, 516-280-5930, ext 211

Iyaho Social Services has an Open House tour on 02/13/18 from 10-1 pm at their Queens Day hab @ 208-13 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11428. For more information contact Preya @ 516-280-5930x211 or 212-470-8759 or Esther @ 516-360-6287.

Openings for Queens, Brooklyn and Bronx Day Hab without Walls.

Community Habilitation in Queens and Brooklyn.

Respite in Brooklyn.

Iyaho Social Services also has Spanish speaking staff.

Also job opportunities for staff in community hab, for more information contact Liz at 516-280-5930 x212.

**LWS Homecare, Inc.,**

Donovan K. Malloy, 212-582-4383, dmalloy@dlhcsa.org

Respite Care Services for families and caregivers to receive temporary stress relief during evenings, days, weekends or holidays to ensure that the caregivers needs are also met.

The services are for children from infancy through young adulthood with a developmental disability. Eligible individuals must have an MSC and an Individualized Service Plan that authorizes the service

LWS Homecare respite services are provided by a multilingual staff of certified aides who have received specialized training in working with individuals that be behavioral challenges.

LWS Homecare serves the 5 boroughs of NYC and Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess counties of NYS. For intake information or any other inquiries, please contact us at 212-307-7107 or [intake@homecarenu.org](mailto:intake@homecarenu.org).

**AHRC NYC Queens, Employment and Business Services**

Melissa Levin Tarmos-[Melissa.levin@ahrenyc.org](mailto:Melissa.levin@ahrenyc.org)

Openings with:

Employee Training program

Pathways to Employment

Supported Employment for those with or without OPWDD eligibility

We have many jobs available in retail, stock and maintenance also.

AHRC NYC Queens HIRE is looking to hire job coaches to our growing borough.

**AHRC NYC**

Lauren Dunn, 212-895-3478

AHRC NYC has numerous Family Support programs available for people with ID/DD that live at home with their families:

Queens Emergency Reimbursement contact program supervisor, Lauren Dunn at 212-895-3478

Queens Intensive Parent program-Parent Training for parents with LD/DD.

Nicosia “family Reimbursement”

Free psychosocial & psychological evaluations for people seeking OPWDD eligibility and Medicaid.

**IRI, Inc**

Janal Lindo, 347-829-2566

Openings in Non Medicaid (Queens and Long Island)

Queens Non Medicaid, contact Rousline Cesar @ 347-502-3038

Long Island Non Medicaid contact Janal Lindo @ 347-829-2566

Day Hab contact Janice king @ 347-878-6147

SEMP, Pre Voc, contact Rosa Pasiliene @ 646-878-6147

**Partners Health Plan**

Annrose Bacani, 917-576-3475

Care Coordination available for dual eligible (Medicaid & Medicare) individuals who are 21 y/o and over.

FIDA-IDD- education forums available for provider agencies, dept. of education and /or families and individuals.

Topics: What is Care Coordination?

What is Managed Care?

What is the Life Plan?

Provider billing information sessions.

**NY Triborough START (YAI)**

NY TRIBOROUGH START- phone 212-273-6300. Call to make a referral or to schedule a speaker for your agency or group.

Clinical Cont. Education Trainings for Social Workers and MSC's are available at the IRI location. Register for the free workshop at [www.yai.org/link](http://www.yai.org/link).

The START Resource Center in Queens will be ready to receive guests in January. Guests must be enrolled in a START program and referral made through their START Coordinator. The primary function of the center would be crisis stabilization for individuals who are not able to use traditional respite.

**The Thrive Network**

Felicia Noble-Williams, 718-965-1998, [FNoble-Williams@TheThriveNetwork.org](mailto:FNoble-Williams@TheThriveNetwork.org)  
Reimbursement for the Brooklyn & Queens area. You may also contact Viola Maxwell at &18-965-1998x8160.

**NY Lawyers, (NYLPI)**

Paola Martinez Boone, 212-244-4664, [pmartinez-boone@nylpi.org](mailto:pmartinez-boone@nylpi.org)  
NY Lawyers provides free legal assistance for children and adults with disabilities. Intake hours 10-3 pm. NYLPI provides representation in the areas of education, housing, immigration, and more. NYLPI also provides free trainings. Please contact of at 212-244-4664.

**New Horizon Counseling Center**

Alysia Clarke, 718-327-7202  
Day Hab openings in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island.  
Com Hab & respite openings in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island.  
Pre Voc, Queens.  
In-Home, DOE Holiday, After school respite/ Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island

**Maranatha Human Services/People Embracing People**

Traci Summers, 718-441-7313  
People Embracing People is a Family Care program under the auspice of Maranatha Human Services. We are looking for individuals to live in a family style home. Must be over the age of 18 with intellectual disabilities.

We are also looking for Caregivers. They must have a spare room, a back ground check will be processed and a operating certificate will be submitted by OPWDD.

Closing Remarks,

Next meeting, Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Bernard Fineson DDRO, 8045 Winchester Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11428.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marieta Austin,  
QCDD Secretary