

Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities
September 17, 2018 meeting minutes

Lisa Veglia, Provider Co-Chairperson welcomed all present at today's meeting. There were 63 individuals attending today's meeting.

Lisa requested a motion to approve the June 4, 2018 QCDD Council minutes. Josie Davide, QCP, Co-Chair Adult Transition Services Committee made a motion to approve the minutes with any necessary changes. Robyn Mooney, Family Support Coordinator, OPWDD second the motion. Motion carried. All in favor.

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.

City Council Autism Initiative Funding

On June 14, 2018, the New York City Council adopted its Fiscal Year 2019 budget. \$3,236,846 in Autism Initiative funding was allocated amongst 38 I/DD programs to provide Wrap-around Recreation programs and/or Education and Training services to individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and /or their families.

For further information, please go to the City Council's website.

Staffing

On September 1, 2018, Oxiris Barbot, M.D. became the new Acting Commissioner of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The former Commissioner Mary Bassett, M.D. is the new Director at Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard's School of Public Health. Her last day at DOHMH was August 31st.

Family Support Conference

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene contributed \$3,000 to help defer the upcoming Queens Family Support Conference's expenses.

OPWDD Report: Chystal Sharpe, Community Service Administrator, Region IV.

1. MaryGrace Guiliano, Director could not be here today.
2. CCO transition was for the most part successful—OPWDD meets with the CCO leaders weekly to assist with trouble shooting some of the issues such as access and document upload.
3. Regional Office is currently down 2 Deputy Directors. The boroughs are being covered by the community Support Liaisons with the support of the Regional Director. Actively engaging in appointing candidates.
4. The Family Support Advisory Council will be meeting on September 20, 2018.

5. Get together awareness campaign. In the spirit of togetherness and community integration, OPWDD is launching the Get Together awareness campaign, which aims to promote unity in the community. Inspired by the 1060's song of the same name. Get together is about encouraging people to come together to achieve full community inclusion for everyone.
6. You can participate beginning today in a number of ways. Like OPWDD's Facebook page and add People Power frame to your profile. Like and share OPWDD's "get Together" video featuring the band Flame on social media.
7. Draft NYS Medicaid managed Care organization I/DD transformation requirements and standards to serve individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities in specialized I/DD plans—Provider Led (SIP's-PL) On July1, the Office of people With Developmental Disabilities, (OPWDD) took the first step in this transformation and transitioned to an improved way of coordinating services through the establishment of health Home Care management provided by Care Coordination organizations. Today we begin the movement to the second phase of OPWDD's transformation—the development of specialized Managed Care. OPWDD has posted for public comment a document that contains the requirements for the creation of specialized Managed Care Plans to coordinate and deliver all of an individual's services, including OPWDD-funded services, healthcare, behavioral health and medication management which can be found at: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/medicaid_health_homes/iddraft_idd_1115_waiver.htm.

I.A.C. Report: Richard Bosh

- DSP week was last week, many providers held special events to acknowledge our Direct Support Professionals.
- OPWDD recently issued draft regulations regarding the Eligibility for Services Regulations Part 629. While the first read of the draft regulations may not have raised red flags for many, the inclusion of a new section, "(b)(3)" re-review an individuals' eligibility at any time", did raise concerns. IAC will continue to work with OPWDD to ensure rights are protected.
- Standard Occupational Code for DSP's is the only information available to track labor trends. Accurate data can help make the case for changes needed to reduce the shortage of DSP's. More information to come on this initiative.
- Advocacy Initiatives: This year's continued initiatives are:
 - #bFair2DirectCare – supporting a "living wage" for our direct care staff
 - #OurkidsareYOURkids – ensuring the sustainability of our 4410 preschool and 853 school age programs.
- NYC announced in August that it needs more than 700 preschool special education seats on top of the 744 seats needed which was reported in April 2018. The report reflects the inability of preschool special education providers to respond to the regional need request due to inadequate funding of preschool special education services and their inability to recruit and retain certified teachers and teacher assistants. The Regional need for Preschool programs located within

NYC has been updated as follows:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/preschool/regional-need.html>

Lisa Veglia, Co-Chair Report:

- 1- Lisa reminded everyone of the upcoming Queens Family Support Conference at Queens College on Friday, October 26, 2018. Please register if you have not been able to do so. You can go to the qcddny.org website
- 2- There will be an Executive Committee meeting after the general council meeting today.
- 3- There will not be an October QCDD meeting. Our November 5th, December 3rd, January 7th 2019, and February 4th meetings will be at Queens Borough Hall.
- 4- Please always visit our website for calendar updates, information and event announcements QCDDNY.org
- 5- The QCDD Legislative Breakfast is March 8th, 2019 at Queens College. Our Celebrating Success event is April 16th, 2019 at 6pm at QCP.

Jim Karp, Parent Chairperson Report:

- 1- On October 3, 2018 SWAN will be meeting with Acting Commissioner Delaney to discuss a possible extension of the draft public document for review at the following website.

PRESENTATION:

Sara Schacter-Erenburg, from QSAC,

A Retention and Training Director from OPWDD for CRC (Region 4)

The Regional Centers for Workforce Transformation (RCWT) are regional collaborations between service providers, Direct Support Professionals, (DSP's), people who receive services and other stakeholders in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Children's Committee Dates at 9:30am:

November 13, 2018 at Heartshare

January 8, 2019 at Queens Center for Progress

March 12, 2019 at Queens Center for Progress

June 11, 2019 at Queens Center for Progress

Topics TBD.

Cathy Warkala, Co-chair

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Do you have questions about your young person with a disability?

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workshops @advocatesforchildren.org.

151 W 30th Street, 5th 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 Queens. For more information kindly email Karen Humphrey at khumphrey@hhcsny.org or 917-909-1148, ext 10 or Marc Pierre at 347-486-2772/ 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. The candidate must be able to work in a ratio 1 to 4. For more information email 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 (Queens, 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 11-4 pm abd adults 21+ meets one Sunday a month 11-4 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.

Waiver services-on going openings

Day Hab w/o Walls

Employment programs

Community Habilitation

Non-Medicaid case management

Family Reimbursement for Goods and Services

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

Call Link for all information 212-273-6182

Openings in Queens:

Afterschool (ages 8-18)

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

Supported Employment

NYSTART (212-273-6300)

LeisureTrax travel program

YAI/Center for Specialty Therapy

Kristi Hickey, 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/

Brien Cummings, brien.cummings@yai.org

For individuals living at home and in the waiver.

We support individuals starting from age 12 and we support individuals in Brooklyn & Queens. Contact Marie Fazal, 718-393-3545

Lifespire, Inc.,

Jay Kleinman, jkleiman@lifespire.org

Services available: In-home behavior management and parent training. Call or email 718-454-6940 or 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

Lifespire Queens South CSC- contact Iris Candelario

162-10 Jamaica Avenue

Jamaica, NY

718-454-2700

lcandelario@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. To submit a referral or for more information please contact 347-566-3122 ext 307

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

AABR, Inc.,

Gnanendra Sinha, 347-582-8987

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

Please contact Mr. Sinha at 347-582-8987 or email referral packet to gsinha@aabr.org or 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
- QSAC was recently approved to provide ACCESS-VR services starting January 2019. More information to come.

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

Supported Employment

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

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.

AHRC NYC Queens, Employment and Business Services

Melissa Levin Tarmos-Melissa.levin@ahrcnyc.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.

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

Reimbursement for the Brooklyn & Queens area. You may also contact Viola Maxwell at &18-965-1998x8160 .Openings in our Brooklyn afterschool program and Saturday recreation program, ages 5-21. Respite and Community Hab for Brooklyn and Queens,

Looking for part-time individual with an active drivers licenses for our afterschool and Saturday recreation program. Please contact jamal Brookins or Rahseen Anderson at 718-965-1998 ext 8190 or 8144.

NY Lawyers, (NYLPI)

Paola Martinez Boone, 212-244-4664, 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

Danny Marcillo, 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.

Transportation is only provided for individuals living in far Rockaway.

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.

Skills Building Program

Program for individuals who do not have Medicaid and want Community Habilitation. Children to age 21.

Community Options, NY

Anne Marie Russo, 718-940-8600

Day hab w/o walls, Queens and Brooklyn; Site based Day hab Brooklyn.

Contact Jill Lovuolo at 607-343-3355, jill.louvollo@comop.org or Jody Rosengreen at 929-214-0538, jody.rosegreen@comop.org.

QCP

Josie Davide, 718-380-3000, ext 363

Openings in QCP Day Habilitation program at 81-15 164th Street, Jamaica, NY 11432.
Contact Suhaila McKnight at 718-380-3000 x 362

Openings in QCP Senior Day habilitation program at 81-15 164th Street, Jamaica, NY
11432. Contact Suhaila Mcknight at 718-380-3000 x 362.

SIBS Club

Jessica Paravalos, 718-997-3206

SIBS Club program is designed to enhance relationships and interactions between children with Autism and their siblings. A 2hr session for 10 weeks in the Fall (Saturday) & Spring (Sunday). Email sibsclub@qc.cuny.edu for an application.

Tiegerman Community Services

Phillippa Winchester, 516-725-0318

Tiegerman Community Services currently has openings for individuals within our Day program without walls in Bethpage and Richmond Hill along with SEMP, ETP, and Pathways to Employment. Any inquires can be sent via email to Christine Austin at caustin@slcd.org.

Closing Remarks,

Next meeting, Monday, November 5th at 9:30 am at Queens Borough Hall, room 200,
120-55 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens, NY.

Respectfully submitted,
Marieta Austin,
QCDD Secretary

