

Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities  
November 2, 2020 meeting minutes

Lisa Veglia, Co-Chairperson provider, welcomed all present at today's virtual meeting. There were 181 individuals participating via Zoom.

**OPWDD Report: Delia Tucker, Deputy Director, Region IV**

- New Guidance sent out on October 23, 2020.  
Interim COVID-19 guidance, Governor has spoken about restrictions for specific clusters-RED, YELLOW, ORANGE zone.
- DQI will be hosting a webinar on 11/9/2020.  
Revised IRMA entry for pro active COVID-19 data & guidance.
- Family Support Advisory- public meeting  
November 4, 2020 -2-4 pm the webex link is on the OPWDD website.
- An extended small treatment unit will be opening up on the grounds of BFDDRO for individuals with I/DD towards the end of November, 2020. This is for New York residents only. The referral is made through NYSTART while the individual is in crisis. This is a short-term unit.

**NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene**, Gavin Meyer, Policy and Planning Coordinator, contact [gmyers@health.nyc.gov](mailto:gmyers@health.nyc.gov).

The NYC DOHMH continues its COVID-19 response and preparation efforts to support equitable, informed health care, and to ensure that the public has up-to-date information and providers have timely guidance for providing appropriate health and mental hygiene services throughout the City. Surge staffing, isolation/quarantining strategies, and PPE planning are some of the focal points of our current work.

We are coordinating efforts across the department and with intra-city and other partners to focus our attention to affected areas; all the while maintaining our efforts to promote protective behaviors as prescribed by the core 4; **wear face covering, keep distance, stay home when ill, sanitize hands**. Locally, COVID-19 continues to be a significant public health issue.

The department hosts and participates in a whole range of activities including.

- The department provides frequently **updated information for public consumption, and regularly issues guidance to service providers.**
- In coordination with NYC H+H, DOHMH's current focus is to support **City-wide testing, contact tracing, and connection to care through the Test + Trace Corp.**

\*At this time, the recommendation is for all New Yorkers to **get a diagnostic test for COVID-19 whether or not presenting with symptoms or are at an increased risk.**

\*Among other activities, testing operations are being set-up in high-priority neighborhoods.

- MHy division is coordinating efforts with provider, associations, and inter-agency stakeholders to sure-up the continuity of services to individuals in the community and residential/congregate settings.

Further questions can be addressed to [gmyers@health.nyc.gov](mailto:gmyers@health.nyc.gov)

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

- 1- Lisa is looking for feedback on the QCDD Virtual Family Support Conference, as we will most likely have our March Legislative Breakfast virtually.

**Co-Chair Parent report: Jim Karpe**

- 1- Jim introduced one of today's presenters, John Maltby, Co-Director, NY Housing Resource Center with NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation.
- 2- Rebecca Pauls from Canada will be presenting at our December council meeting on Lifetime Facilitator Networks.
- 3- Janet from NYC FAIR announced that on November 17, 2020 @ 11:00 am there will be a rally at the Governor's Manhattan office and in Long Island. Lisa will send out the flier.

**Presenter:**

**John Maltby, Co-Director, NY Housing Resource Center, NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation. (Power-Point attached and on the QCDD website at QCDDNY.org)**

**Matthew Puvogel, Individual Preparedness Specialist, NYC Emergency Management.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Adapt Community Network**

Opportunities for Home Modification services in Queens, contact Terry Hwang, 718-594-7372 or email [mhwang@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:mhwang@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

Housing Assistance program providing advocacy to families in housing, Community habilitation, Family Reimbursement, Day programs openings, Recreational programs. For more information on openings please contact project connect at 1-877-827-2666 or email [projectconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org](mailto:projectconnect@adaptcommunitynetwork.org)

**AHRC NYC**

Natalie Lee Soy, 347-866-2439

Queens Parent Training Program- Parents who are living with an ID/DD with children. We provide in-person/virtual assistance for the parent.

**EIHAB Human Services**

Currently have openings in Springfield Gardens, Day Hab with/without walls; Queens Village, Wheelchairs without walls; Jamaica, PWW; Com Hab, At-home Respite; Transportation reimbursement; Non-Waiver Care Coordination;

Contact: Ekram Nayel at 516-316-1526, email [Ekram.Nayel@eihab.org](mailto:Ekram.Nayel@eihab.org); Jordan Brown at 516-402-5569, email [Jordan.brown@eihab.org](mailto:Jordan.brown@eihab.org); Jeffrey Levy at 347-443-4134, email [Jeffrey.Levy@eihab.org](mailto:Jeffrey.Levy@eihab.org)

### **General Human Outreach, GHO**

GHO continues to provide Care Design NY intake assistance for families speaking in Chinese or Korean. Please feel free to refer families who are in need of this assistance. They can reach us via emails or calls for any questions. Chinese intake call Joe Tan at 718-261-6552, ext 2054 or email [ztan@ghoinc.org](mailto:ztan@ghoinc.org); Korean intake call Daesil Quirk at 718-307-6570 or email [dquirk@ghoinc.org](mailto:dquirk@ghoinc.org); For all information inquires call Pat Liu Chang, Supervisor at 347-828-6660 or email [Pat@ghoinc.org](mailto:Pat@ghoinc.org).

### **Goodwill Industries, NY,**

Openings in Day Habilitation, Community Based Prevocational Services, SEMP, Saturday Respite. Opportunities in Queens, Brooklyn, Harlem and Long Island City. Services are being provided in person, remote/virtual, or a hybrid (some days in person and some days remote. For more information please contact Porsha Brown at 718-371-7374 or [PBrown@goodwillny.org](mailto:PBrown@goodwillny.org).

### **Lifespire**

#### **Lifespire John A. Cook CSC**

87-21 121<sup>st</sup> Street, Richmond Hill, NY, 718-441-8200, contact

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Amy [Goldberg/agoldberg@lifespire.org](mailto:Goldberg/agoldberg@lifespire.org)

#### **Lifespire Queens North CSC**

213-01 Northern Blvd, Bayside, NY 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 718-721-5444, contact

Hamlet [Garcia/hgarcia@lifespire.org](mailto:Garcia/hgarcia@lifespire.org)

#### **Lifespire Queens South CSC**

162-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 7<sup>th</sup> floor, 718-454-2700, contact

Tawana [Lee/tee@lifespire.org](mailto:Lee/tee@lifespire.org)

### **Mercy Drive, Inc**

Openings in Queens-In-Home Respite, Com Hab, Day Hab Without Walls. Contact Vanessa Bonilla at [v.bonilla@mercydriveinc.org](mailto:v.bonilla@mercydriveinc.org).

### **New Horizon Counseling Center**

Openings in Day hab Without Walls, Com Hab and In-home respite (preferably self-directed). We service Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island. Intake email is [DDSreferrals@nhcc.us](mailto:DDSreferrals@nhcc.us).

### **New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative**

Northeast CHARGE Syndrome Conference recordings available to families and professional at <http://bit.ly/CHARGE2020Recordings>.

Taking referrals for a child with combined vision and hearing loss to varying degrees. Contact Suzanne Chen at [Suzanne.chen@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:Suzanne.chen@qc.cuny.edu).

**NYSID, Inc.,**

Juliet Hawkins, 917-524-4856

NYSID has opening in their In-Home Crisis Behavior Management program (Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx). This is a family Support program, OPWDD eligibility is required. NO MEDICAID NEEDED. This is not a waiver service. For information contact Juliet Hawkins at 917-524-4856 or [jhawkins@nysidinc.org](mailto:jhawkins@nysidinc.org).

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 or [esunshine@nysidinc.org](mailto:esunshine@nysidinc.org).

Family Reimbursement, Jackie Tripoti at 718-494-6457 or [jtripoti@nysidinc.org](mailto:jtripoti@nysidinc.org).

**Parent To Parent, NY**

Workshops provided: HealthCare Notebook, Care for the Caregiver, Parent Support Group. For more information, contact Kerbanoo Drozario at 646-766-3461/816-707-1711 or [kdrozario@ptopnys.org](mailto:kdrozario@ptopnys.org)

**QSAC, Inc.**

Program openings and contacts – Click link below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HpKokXw7-cu4b9MIPajJmQfF\\_JDfq5HI/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HpKokXw7-cu4b9MIPajJmQfF_JDfq5HI/view)

**Queens Centers for Progress, (QCP)**

Openings in Day Habilitation at the 164<sup>th</sup> location. For more information contact Sarah Suszczyaski at 718-380-3000, ext 362 or [ssuszczyaski@queenscp.org](mailto:ssuszczyaski@queenscp.org)

**Uniting Disabled Individuals, Inc**

To register or for more information please email Marieta at [maustinudi@gmail.com](mailto:maustinudi@gmail.com) or call 347-495-9070. All events are on zoom.

**Self-directed – What is a circle of support? & Why should you create one?**

Spanish, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 4:00 pm.

English Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ 4:30 pm

**Parent Support group for parents of individuals 18 and up.**

Spanish, Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.

**Parent Empowerment Group**

Spanish, Friday, December 11, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

**YAI**

Call YAI LINK for all information 212-273-6182

Openings in Queens:

Afterschool

Crisis Intervention parent Support Group-contact

English/718-793-2182x4572 Spanish/718-793-2182x4573

Family Reimbursement  
Emergency Respite Reimbursement  
Non-Medicaid Skills Training  
Overnight respite  
Parent training: Parents with Special Needs  
Free Educational workshops for people with disabilities, caregivers, and professionals  
Free psychological, psychosocial and autism assessments  
Independent Living Skills program  
Saturday Adult Respite/Recreation  
Community Habilitation services  
NYSTART: Crisis Prevention & Response for People with I/DD (212-273-6300)

Closing Remarks,

Next meeting, December 7, 2020 at 9:30 am via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marieta Austin,  
QCDD Secretary

