

Queens Council on Developmental Disabilities
September 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Lisa Veglia, Co-Chairperson provider, welcomed all present at today's virtual meeting. There were 58 individuals present.

Jim Karpe, Co-Chairperson parent, asked everyone to introduce themselves in the chat box.

I.A.C. Report, Chris Treiber – Education Update

All schools, including 853 school age and 4410 preschools, must provide 180 days of instruction each school year to their students. Instructional days shall be counted for programs that are delivered in-person, remotely, or through a hybrid model.

Transportation

- It is the school districts obligation to provide transportation even when they themselves are not providing services. So 853 and 4410 programs must receive transportation if they open before the NYC DOE
- NYC Department of Education has shipped contingency MetroCards to all 4410 programs for eligible families.
 - These packages are only to be opened if there is no busing or partial busing on the first day of school

Highlights of Best Practices compiled by IAC

- Establishing enrollment based on instruction with individualized checklists of how (ie:live video, related services session, asynchronous assignment etc.)
- Instruction should be consistent for both remote and in-person instruction
- Staffing Accommodations - CDC underlying health conditions need doctor note support. Providers should consult with or send staff directly their HR depart.
- COVID-19 Sick Leave - if we do a temperature check and they fail, they are sent home they may be entitled to 14 days. Speak to your HR department.
- Face coverings: you must rationale in student's file for each student that will not wear a mask
- Emergency Contacts - Call and verify all information and confirm they are able to pick up a child in the event of an emergency and/or child develops symptoms or a fever.

Hybrid model of instruction - Remote instruction

- Confidentiality issues, if you are doing a live feed from the classroom, you have no protection who is viewing it from the child's house. Providers should have a parent agreement that they will not post or record sessions.

Computer devices/Wi-Fi access

- Help line - 2 hour wait. There is a huge backlog at NYC DOE. Families who requested in July have still not been delivered.

Staffing issues/concerns - accommodations, personal child care concerns

- Child care flex program
- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act \(FFCRA or Act\)](#)
- Resignations

Evaluations

- Beginning to increase

SEIT

- Will issue Guidance from DOH for Itinerant providers (evals, SEIT, related service only)
- SEIT supervision guidance forthcoming
- Childcare locations should allow SEITs access
- Multiple SEITs may be a challenge, as day cares or schools may restrict it

Turning 21 students

- The following information was issued by NYC DOE: “Should students in 853 programs need to stay in their school placement another year b/c they have not secured placement due to COVID-19, they should be permitted to stay. However, the NYC Department of Education will not be able to pay providers for these students, as the NY State Education Department has not offered any aid or reimbursement for New York City students who have aged out of school.”

OPWDD Report: Chrystal Sharpe, Community Liaison/Delia Tucker, Deputy Director, Region IV

1-COVID-19 response re-cap.

2-Updated OPWDD website (sign up to receive updates)

3-RE-opening June 19, 2020

4-Families approved to resume visits to residents, July 15,

5- 20% withhold on non-Medicaid services, which could become a 20% cut if Federal Gov. doesn't provide support.

6-Training for CCO/Care Managers September 17, 2020.

7-Onsite surveys will resume as of now.

8-Nicole Lopez, Supervisor for local transition coordinators.

Delia Tucker, Deputy Director, IV Region

1-Stakeholder engagement forum will discuss.

- a. What do family/advocate want to see with the reopening of day hab programs.
- b. What do they want to see with DD/planning council.
- c. Feedback will be shared.

NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene, Gavin Meyer, Policy and Planning Coordinator, contact 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. Presently, efforts are trained on resurgence indicators, including assessment of the volume and severity of new infections, hospital capacity and progress of the City's Test and Trace Corps (under the leadership of H+H) to get New Yorkers tested and provide care to cases and their contacts.

Worldwide, some 27+ million cases of infection have been identified, 6+ million of which are from USA. With over 192,000 confirmed deaths (and counting) in the States. There is do denying that the pandemic is front and center of our minds, and our work.

Regarded as the suppression phase of our efforts to stem the virus, the department hosts and participates in a whole range of activities.

- 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 in residential/congregate settings.
 - *Surge staffing, isolation/quarantining strategies, and PPE planning are some of the focal points of our current work.

At this time, COVID-19 case rates are lowest among children, relative to other age groups. With respect to hospitalizations, there were 36.54 per 100,000 Hospitalizations among this age group. In total numbers (versus case rate per 100.000) among 0-17 (versus case rates), there appear to be 7670 cases, 631 hospitalizations, and 12 deaths total in NYC among 0-17 after further analysis.

<https://github.com/nychealth/coronavirus-data/blob/master/by-age.csv>.

Co-Chair Provider Report: Lisa Veglia,

- 1- We will have our election of QCDD Officers today, which were supposed to occur in June but were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are interested in running for one of the following positions, please contact Marieta Austin, Secretary.

- 1-Co-chairperson, provider
- 2-Co-chairperson, parent
- 3-Vice-Co-chairperson, provider
- 4-Vice-Co-chairperson, parent

- 5- Treasurer
- 6-Secretary
- 2- The council is planning its Queens Annual Family Support Conference. This year we will be going virtual for an entire week. The executive committee will be meeting after today's council meeting for planning purposes. Please visit our website for updates at QCDDNY.org. More information to follow.

Co-Chair Parent report: Jim Karpe

- 1- Jim spoke about Wraparound Community Services, Hudson Valley. An organization that will train providers in how to do this for individuals who are capable of living in the community. This program fits with current waiver. Anyone can use this program.
- 2- Your Voice Matters survey- This survey is for anyone to complete not just individuals with ID/DD and parent/caregiver. OPWDD is participating in the survey preparation.
- 3- Personal Support Network Facilitator- Heard about this Canadian organization years ago. Everyone in the program has a network of people around to secure safety and community living once parents are gone. My personal hope is that everyone in NYS will have a network. This facilitator can be used through self-direction/ NYS certified broker line or as a specialized broker (community connections navigator).

Elections:

Marieta Austin, QCDD Secretary casted the only ballot since all those on the slate ran unopposed.

Election results are as follows:

Co-chairperson Provider-Lisa Veglia, QSAC

Co-chairperson Parent- Jim Karpe

Vice-Co-chairperson Provider- Mary Knox, LFC

Vice-Co-chairperson Parent – Kerbanoo D'Rozario

Treasurer- Marisa Fojas, QCP

Marieta Austin, Secretary, UDI

Presenter: could not be on the call, will reschedule

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

**Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Team/ Bi-Weekly Legislative Briefing Call
Monday, September 14, at 11:30 am – Please note that we will be starting a ½ hour later.**

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Join the NYC FAIR-LIANDO

Mobile Rallies/Car Parade

When: Thursday, September 17, 2020

The 33rd Anniversary of the closure of Willowbrook by Mario Cuomo.

Where: Long Island Expressway, Mario Cuomo Bridge, Willowbrook, Staten Island, Capitol Building-Albany & possibly WNY

Adapt Community Network will be hosting Family Summit 2020 entirely virtual, Monday October 19. Register at www.adaptcommunitynetwork.org

Adapt Community Network

Opportunities for Home Modification services in Queens, contact Terry Hwang, 718-594-7372 or email 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

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; Jordan Brown at 516-402-5569, email Jordan.brown@eihab.org; Jeffrey Levy at 347-443-4134, email 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; Korean intake call Daesil Quirk at 718-307-6570 or email dquirk@ghoinc.org; For all information inquires call Pat Liu Chang, Supervisor at 347-828-6660 or email Pat@ghoinc.org.

Lifespire

Lifespire John A. Cook CSC

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Lifespire Queens South CSC

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Tawana Lee/tlee@lifespire.org

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. NO MEDICAID NEEDED. 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.

Uniting Disabled Individuals, Inc

To register or for more information email Marieta at maustinudi@gmail.com or call 347-495-9070. All events are on zoom.

COVID -19 Community Conversations—Mental Health, Equity & Resilience

English, Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Spanish, Thursday, October 22, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

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

Spanish, Wednesday, October 7, 2020 @ 4:00 pm.

English Thursday, October 16, 2020 @ 4:30 pm

Parent Support group for parents of individuals 18 and up.

Spanish, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.

Parent Empowerment Group

Spanish, Friday, October 9, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Join Ketrina Hazell as she amplifies her voice and shares her Narrative.

English, Friday, October 16, 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, Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:30 am via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Marieta Austin,
QCDD Secretary

