

DDAWNY Employment/ Day-Committee:

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Minutes

March 22, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

I. ACCES-VR

- Core Rehab Services Contract Update – working toward a July 1, 2018 start date for the new contract.
- WIOA
 1. Information shared with the group regarding ACCES-VR refusal to assist agencies with WIOA 14c compliance. ACCES-VR is stating that they are developing a plan to address this issue. More information will be forthcoming.
 - a. NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation will be initiating campaign to address the issue. Look for more details in your emails.

II. OPWDD

- OPWDD – DDRO – Region 1

Updates from Patty Tedesco - Patty disseminated information to each agency regarding CPV services via email. Reminded agencies running site based PV about property concerns – need to be addressed with DDRO contacts - Ray 608-2742 - Tara 608.2741 - Dawn 608.2736

- A) SEMP UPDATES - OPWDD SEMP & Pathways Director Meeting at UB April 4th. 9:30-12:30pm
- B) OPWDD – Work Center Transformation –
 - a. The Resource Center was approved – letter from OPWDD was confusing. The heading indicated an approval yet listed 3 recommendations. Body of the letter did not indicate an approval.
 - b. Agencies feel that the families are still waiting for the “shoe to drop” on site based program being closed. Families are not interested in pursuing alternative and are still interested in fighting for workshops to remain open.
 - c. Many agencies are still working with OPWDD on questions regarding integrated business models.
 - d. Transportation for CPV is still a MAJOR concern for agencies, individuals and families. This will dramatically effect individual’s ability to access CPV services and transition from Site Based.
 - e. Agencies are encouraged to have families to participate in the DDAWNY family committee that meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Aspire @ 7 community drive.
- C) Site-based & Community Prevocational Services: Pre-Voc. Svc- OPWDD Pre-Voc. Forum. At UB April 4th- 1pm to4pm
 - Emerg./Propose REGS.-Dec.5, 2017 – asked OPWDD to please give us a combined copy of the regs with the changes.
 - ADM Memo-Prevocational Services- Dec. 11, 2017
 - Questions/ comments posed by DDAWNY will be addressed at the April 4 meeting with Lynn

D) Front Door Updates

- People Coming into the system – **please send information to one of the committee chairs as to why you were unable to accept people that have been authorized for CPV.** We need the data to better advocate for the individuals with high needs that are being authorized for CPV and SPV.

E) Recent DQI survey activity

- a. Person Centered Surveys are happening and going well. Some agencies are doing both site and person centered survey at the same time if facility is due at the same time. Fire evac regs were looked at to ensure staff and individuals have attended to at least 4 drills per year. Surveyors looked at attendance data for both individuals and staff to ensure they attended. They also looked at the time of the drills to ensure they are at different times during the day. Agency also being cited for being short staffed. An outing was canceled due to staff shortage due to illness generated the citation. Agency was advised to pull in staff from other hab services as substitutes.
- F) A robust conversation concerning the wages of the staff compared to the individuals they are supporting. People noted that Arby's is currently offering \$13.90 which far exceeds the entry level wage for a job coach. Many of our staff are working 2 jobs. Many staff feel the wage is not worth the level of responsibility.
- G) Employment Services committee will be asking the HR committee chairs to be sure they are making the same efforts at hiring for employment services as they do for residential services. Every agency is stating they are having a hard time filling positions. Anne to follow up with the PR committee regarding the need to "get the word out" regarding employment services openings.
- H) Justice Center – staff is also concerned about the injustice of the Justice Center and the impression an incident can leave on a staff member new to the field.
- I) Pathways – agencies are not feeling this to be an effective service. An agency identified 22 people in their agency. Many individuals were not interested. Agencies are not receiving many referrals, even from within their own agencies. MSC are more interested in CPV, SEMP or ETP. The short term nature of the service, waiting for approvals from central office and the burden of paperwork is a deterrent. Concept was good – assessments can be accomplished through Community Prevoc and is less prescriptive.
- J) Discussed Employment Services committee working with the CCOs on a training/overview of Employment Services in Region 1. Anne to contact CCOs to determine if there is interest.
- K) A discussion regarding the conversion of MSC to care coordination and the tracking of hab plans and ISPs was discussed.

III. Transportation Committee:

- We will look for improve communication in the future.

IV. WNY Employment Consortium – NDEAM nomination due June 8 to Dennis Martinez. Next meeting April 13 @ 9 @ Galleria.

V. Transition Committee – Conference coming up and are working with the teachers on Exit Summaries and Graduation requirements. Working on transition now – prior to the conversion to care coordination.

VI. Other Announcements – APSE coming up. Employment Conference will be hosted by the NY Alliance in June at the Giddeon.

VII. Next Meeting – May 10, 2018 @ 9:30.

