

**Developmental Disabilities Sub-Committee**  
**October 21, 2020**

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**Present:** Brian Hart, Leisa Alger, Colleen Inthanongsak, Sean Eagen, Pam Overdurf, Melissa Stafford, Rene' Snyder, David Adreine, Carey Peters, Kellie Traugott-Knoll

**Excused:** AJ Kircher, Joe Cevette

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**Minutes:**

Approved without changes.

**Director of Community Services Report – Brian Hart**

- **Adding DD Data into the CLMHD Portal:** The State is required to have a plan that is driven by the local plans. OPWDD has not done one for several years. They recently decided to look into doing a State plan. Brian said that during a recent presentation by OPWDD decided to join OMH and OASAS in providing data through the CLMHD portal for planning purposes. This data is based on Medicaid claims and includes total expenditures, recipient totals, gender totals, etc. It is not available yet, but we will be able to compare with other Counties. Once they have all the data entered, it will be more reliable than what they were using before, as it did not reflect our County. A committee member thought this is a great idea and the data would be very helpful. They want to know if the portal and the information will be made available to the providers. Brian stated that he is not sure, but will ask if and if it will not be provided, he will get the information out to the providers in the committee meetings. A committee member stated that providers have asked for this kind of data for years. Brian stated that he does not go into the portal that often, as you need to have a user ID and password, so he is thinking that the portal is only available to Directors of Community Services in each County. A committee member asked if this data is annual or trending. Brian stated that this is live data and goes back to when they started entering data in 2017 to current. OMH and OASAS have been entering data into the portal for years. A committee member stated that would like Brian to advocate for them, as they need access to this data. Brian will inquire if this data will be made available to providers, as this would be very beneficial to everyone. Brian stated that he would forward the LGU LSP Presentation via email to all in the committee.
  
- **CLMHD/OMH/OPWDD Collaboration for Co-Occurring Cases:** CLMHD, OMH, and OPWDD have agreed to come to the table to begin discussions of how to better collaborate in addressing the needs of individuals with co-occurring issues. They are using Chemung and Westchester Counties as examples of how we handle these types of cases. Brian wanted to congratulate all of you on how you are handling these types of cases in Chemung County. These individuals have complicated lives, and all available services should be made available to help these individuals. A committee member asked who in OPWDD would be involved in this collaboration and Brian said they didn't identify who that would be but he was assuming it would be Bronze, as she is the liaison for us. This is bigger than just one person, and there are no simple answers to the issues of these individuals.

- **Regulations Changes:** The 633.17 change would mean that medication reviews would be annually vs. semi-annually, or if there has been an actual change in medications. The HCBS change would mean that HCBS must be offered integrated settings, not stand-alone. They are pushing to have as much integration as possible, and not holding them out in isolation. Both of these changes are coming down the pike.
- **Budget Withholds:** Covid-19 is not going away soon, and things are going to get worse before getting better. This mean the financial situation will worsen. At best, the Federal Aid will come through and you will have hard time spending it all. The worse will be cuts instead of withholds. It will have a significant impact on the economy in 2021 for at least the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Are you all preparing and having discussions within your agencies? A committee member stated that they have started advocating because they pay an amount for housing subsidy for their clients. For rent/cost of living, they are withholding 20%. There agency cannot cover the 20% loss for rent and utilities. We have individuals who will lose their homes. The State is withholding fund that the providers have no profit from. Brian stated that OMH has pull back on housing and he hopes that OPWDD changes their mind on funding for housing. Brian will send a message to OPWDD about the housing funding.

### **Sharing by Community Members**

- **No one had anything to share.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020.**