

Allegany County Community Partnership on Aging Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Time: 9:00am – 10:45am

Location: Allegany Rehabilitation Associates

Bolivar Road, Wellsville, New York

Minutes Prepared By: Mike Freeland

Members Present: Lynn Oyer (ACOFA), Mike Freeland (Directions in Independent Living), Katie Badeau (Alzheimer's Association of WNY), Lynnae Loring (ACDSS), Anita Mattison (ACOFA), Melissa Biddle (Ardent Solutions, Inc.), Ashleigh Cline (Allegany Rehabilitation Associates), Erin Wilkinson (HomeCare & Hospice), Audrey Fitch (iCircle), Marty Harrison (Venture Forthe), Danielle Gagne (Alfred University), Danielle DeLong (Eden Heights of Olean), Sharon Houghtling (Ardent Solutions), Ted Seeley (Allegany Arc), Kelly Dickerson (ARA), Savannah Maricajani (Ardent Solutions Intern), Joann McAndrew (Total Senior Care), Rick Surita (Directions in Independent Living), K. Klein (Directions in Independent Living)

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9am by Biddle. Introductions for the group were started and the agenda for the meeting was passed around for the group.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Ted Seeley- In Service and presentation from Allegany ARC

Ted discussed some of the changes with OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities). He noted that people with Development within NYs are eligible for a Medicaid Service Coordinator that could assist them with various things including help with application assistance and obtaining an IEP. He noted that the ARC, the Rehab Center in Olean, Suburban, and DIL offer this service to the community.

7/1 – Medicaid Service Coordinators will change to Care Coordinators; they will also no longer work for or be employed by the individual respective organizations. They will work for CCOs: Care Coordination Organizations that oversee this often utilizing the existing works at the respective individual organizations listed above. Each region in NY state has 2 CCOs that are charged with providing this. The area West of Syracuse to Binghamton will be provided by the following CCOs: Person Centered Services and Prime Services. He noted that ARC Allegany's care coordinators will be assumed by Person Centered Services.

The job will change from Service Coordinators when they become Care Coordinators Ted noted this will change into a HHNY model, to assist comprehensively with medical, behavioral, and specialists. He noted that software will become available that will allow multiple organizations to coordinate with each other with the consent of the clients to assist them. He noted that the program is focused to provide Person Centered Options to clients.

Forums will be hosted at ARC Allegany about the transition to Care Coordination. The soonest will take place Thursday 3/29 at 240 O'Connor St. their Shine building. Forums will also be offered on the following dates: 4/5 at 4-5 pm, 4/19 at 4-5pm.

A brief Q and A of this change and ARC services was done:

Will Care Coordinators still assist with Individual Services Plans? He noted that people 18 – 19 will transition an ISP to a life plan.

Where are allegations of abuse reported to for persons with Developmental Disability. Allegations of abuse are reported to the center for justice.

Is it possible for clients to obtain help later in life if they didn't receive services for some time or at all until adulthood? Clients may be able to gain assistance retro actively through a process that is done to corroborate a diagnosis before they left high school.

- **Presentation: This will be included/attached with the meeting minutes.**

As a closing notice Ted noted that ARC in Allegany is closing there sheltered workshops.... This closure of ARC sheltered workshops is taking place across the state at the various ARC location. Allegany ARA is closing theirs as of 6/30.

The contract with ACCESS vr is still available. It is available to anyone in NYS that has a disability. It can assist with community prevocational help- for people that are not ready for work based employment.

Dr. Maiden and Dr. Gagne. Update on Survey.

Dr. Maiden and Dr. Gagne provided a short summary of the Survey for the group: "the survey seeks to gain an understanding of barriers that occur in seeking mental health assistance/service for older adults. The survey is looking at participants that are 50 years and older. The sample size they are seeking for the survey is approximately 300 participants. The survey will be available for Cattaraugus, Steuben, and Allegany residents." They are putting together an online version of the survey, but paper versions will be available also.

They provided the following updates about the survey:

Survey is anticipated to be available shortly and CPA will be provided the finished version. The service has been changed and includes an open ended question. They also added a question for a person to identify their township or area.... to get some geographic information. Dr. Maiden noted that Savannah will help with the dispensing of the survey and will provide an update on when it is completed. They are going to have 2 drawings, for 250 dollars that are an incentive for participating. They clarified that participants will need to complete all questions to be eligible for the incentive drawings.

- The group noted that a possible option's for disseminating the survey or gaining help doing so could be the Healthy Livable Communities Consortium that is being held at Bethany Luther church in Olean, NY. 3/29 noting to contact Deb Nichols.

AAA/NY Connect updates.

Anita provided an update on ILC workflow path that has become live in Allegany county through NY Connects. She noted that for the group that ILCs as part of NYC connects have been restricted in regards to their access and ability to seamlessly work with OFA in Allegany county to assist clients. This is a work in progress and more information will be provided as available.

She also noted that AAA funding to offer NY Connects was at a time suspect to continue. She noted that she received notice AAA will receive continued funding to provide NY Connects going forward.

Bridges- CPA- sub-committee update.

An update was provided noting noted that they have a ready work plan that is going to be utilized going forward. Melissa Biddle noted that the topic to establish a website that could be utilized was discussed during the sub-committee. She noted that she was able to find an alternative and was able to establish a page on Ardent Solutions

website for CPA, CPA members, and those interested. It has been added on their website, but effort was made so that it is separate and can be distinguished from the rest of their website.

Round robin.

OFA: A. Mattison-

Anita provided an update on NY State Prevention Agenda. She noted that if groups are interested in holding stake holding meeting they are seeking participant organizations. Ardent and OFA are seeking guidance on how the meeting is to be facilitated and will provide more information as it becomes available. They are also seeking information about what goals that stake holders are to address in the meetings. Anita and Melissa noted they are seeking to find out if CPA members are interested in this stake holder meeting as potential participants/attendees.

They are offering two public hearings and senior forums: 5/17: Houghton Wesleyan Church and 5/24: Wellsville American Legion with the following schedule. No space is available for vendor tables this year at either location.

8:30-9:00am-Registration

9:00-10:00am-PublicHearing

10:00-10:15am-Break

10:30-12:00pm-Avoid,Deny,Defend Training and Information.

12:00pm - Lunch

American Red cross is offering an annual smoke out.... they have a goal of 550 smoke detectors to be provided to Allegany county residents.... 4/28, they are seeking volunteers that could assist with the installation process.

- The group discussed options for obtaining volunteers: fire departments, college students-fraternity-sorority, and local religious organizations were mentioned as possible options.

Ardent Solutions: M. Biddle:

- She provided an update on the Got Drugs program. This is for persons that are homebound and unable to leave there home. They could assist with picking up prescriptions that are not needed for people seeking to get the medications out of the home. Options were discussed that may increase participation: speaking to pharmacies, doctor's office, etc... to make them aware of the program.
- The Suicide Prevention training – Safe Talk is taking place on 4/9 at Wellsville Creative Arts Center. This is a program that that assist in suicide prevention available to anyone 15 yrs and older. They will have a drawing for a free gun safe.

Total Senior Care – J. McAndrew - Had no additional updates or information.

ACDSS/APS: L. Loring – Had no additional updates or information.

Alzheimer's Association: K. Badeau and ACOFA, ADCSI- Lynn Oyer: They are offering a variety of classes within the area that could be taken advantage of.

- The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease: Friendship United Methodist Church. 3/29, at 2pm.
- Legal and Financial Planning: Wide Awake Club, Fillmore. 5/15, at 5:30pm.
- Effective Communication Strategies: Box of Books Library, Alfred. 4/24, 2pm.

Katie also reiterated the upcoming all day dementia care symposium: Millennium Hotel, Cheektowaga, NY. This is for community members and professional. CEUs are available for professionals. It takes place 4/27.

Lynn noted that an update and described that they have services: Care Consultation, Education, Respite, Safety Services and Support Groups. She also noted that they have assistive devices like door alarms, She noted that the support groups are growing in attendees.

Eden Heights of Olean- D. Delong- has no additional information to provide, but wanted to provide an update that the Senior Ball that took place at Good Times in Olean on 3/16 was a big hit with attendees. She noted that they did a video for the residents of Eden Heights.

- D. Delong also noted that **Home Care and Hospice** are offering their senior walk. Information about the walk is available on their website and how to register.

ARA: A. Cline and K. Dickerson- They thanked the group for the referrals. Kelly noted that they are a part of mental health awareness month. In this month they are having a presentation at Wellsville Country Club. It is a discussion on positive psychology. More information on the event will be provided later.

She noted also that they are offering a group for LGBTQ individuals that was started by an AU intern. She encouraged that if anyone has a client that may benefit from some support that they could be contacted.

ICIRCLE- A. Fitch- Had no additional updates or information.

Directions in Independent Living – NY Connects: R. Surita- Rick reiterated that DIL has opened a new office in Wellsville NY located at 55 East Fassett St. Wellsville, NY. 585-296-3408. This office is offering office hours Tues, Weds, and Thurs for now, but they intend on expanding office hours in the future once the office becomes more operational. Rick also provided an update on what services are being offered in Allegany county from Directions and what services are offered out of the Wellsville location at this point.

Venture Forthe: - M. Harrison: Noted that they are assisting with the Red Cross blood drive that is taking place in June. This is offered at that Belmont American Legion.

Alfred University: R. Maiden and D. Gagne- Had no additional information or updates.

V: Next meeting(s): April 24th, 2017. from 9am to 11:00 at the Allegany Rehabilitation Associates. Bolivar Rd. Wellsville, NY.

VI: Adjournment:
Meetings adjourned at 10:45 am.