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Summary of Proceedings – November 10, 2010
Most Integrated Setting Coordinated Council (MISCC) Meeting
Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 6

Agency Members

Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
Department of Health
Department of Transportation
Homes and Community Renewal
Office for the Aging
Office For People With Developmental Disabilities
Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
Office of Children and Family Services
Office of Mental Health
State Education Department

Ex-officio

Department of Labor
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Public Members

Patricia L. Fratangelo,
Onondaga Community Living
Kimberly T. Hill,
NYS Assembly Task Force on People with Disabilities
Lisa Holmes,
Tompkins County Office for the Aging
Constance Laymon,
Consumer Directed Choices
Dr. Karen Oates,
Mental Health Association of Rockland County
Carol Raphael,
Visiting Nurse Service of New York
Harvey Rosenthal,
New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

Members

Acting Commissioner Max Chmura, Chair	OPWDD
John Allen	OMH
Chief Operating Officer Jane Lynch	CQCAPD
Acting Director Greg Olsen	SOFA
Thomas Vaughan	DOT
Lisa Irrizary	HCR
Nancy Martinez	OCFS
Deputy Commissioner Mark Kissinger	DOH
Deputy Commissioner Kevin Smith	SED/VESID

Ex Officio Members

Director Shelia M. Carey	DDPC
Wendy Demarco	OTDA
Executive Deputy Commissioner Mario Musolino	DOL

Public Members

Patricia L. Fratangelo	Onondaga Community Living
Constance Laymon	Consumer Directed Choices
Harvey Rosenthal	NYAPRS
Kimberly Hill	New York State Assembly
Judy Farrell	Visiting Nurse Services of NY

Chair’s Welcome Remarks

- Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Acting Commissioner Max Chmura opened the meeting by acknowledging the importance of the advocates and their work as well as thanked OCFS for providing Braille for the meeting.
- Acting Commissioner Chmura acknowledged that two members of the council have left since the last MISCC meeting. Acting Commissioner Chmura thanked Diana Jones Ritter for her leadership as chair of MISCC and championing the mission of MISCC by advancing its mission of developing an Olmstead plan.

Commissioner Chmura also noted that Michael Burgess from NYSOFA had left state and thanked him for his service. Greg Olsen in his role as Acting Director of NYSOFA was welcomed to MISCC.

- Special Note: In July 2010, legislation was signed by Governor Paterson changing the name of OMRDD to the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

2010 Annual Report

- Acting Commissioner Chmura noted that the mission of the MISCC is fairly well focused, despite covering a broad range of issues. MISCC is looking to focus the upcoming report to the Governor and Legislature on its recent achievements and how MISCC will move forward.
- Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS, expressed desire that both the plan and the report drill down to numbers related to getting concrete and measurable data.
- Acting Commissioner Chmura agreed with the need for data as it helps measure quantifiable outcomes that impacts people's lives.
- Constance Laymon said the focus of MISCC should be on systems change as the Virginia plan has done. MISCC has made progress toward accomplishing this goal, but should continue to make progress in this area.
- John Allen, OHM, said the survey questions that MISCC had sent out to its members was been helpful in guiding the collection of information for the report.
- Acting Commissioner Chmura asked each agency, "How stakeholder input had been helpful?"
 - Constance Laymon said DOH has developed a good framework for communicating with stakeholders.
 - Greg Olsen, SOFA, cited NYSOFA's long history of working with stakeholders (e.g. networks, Family Care Council, Connects as well as other inter-agency efforts) to help affect systems change.
 - Jane Lynch, CQC, said her agency did a quality of life survey...findings show individuals with disabilities want the same thing that non-disabled individuals want. Results can be found on the CQC website.
 - John Allen, OMH, said OMH uses an advisory committee with approximately 400 individuals. Also, the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) surveyed more than 10,000 individuals.
 - Tom Vaughn, DOT, said while funding comes from the federal government, planning is very much a locally driven process.

- Patricia L. Fratangelo, Onondaga Community Living, said we need more communication with the broader population.
- Nancy Martinez, OCFS talked about how OCFS includes stakeholders in their ongoing quality assurance in the Bridges to Health B2H Program, through an advisory group and surveys of participating families.
- Jane Lynch suggested Harvey Rosenthal utilize his top notch List Serve to share information about B2H.
- Acting Commissioner Chmura said the Bridges to Health initiative run by OCFS is a microcosm of what MISCC is trying to accomplish.
 - Information on the program will be shared with Harvey Rosenthal and will be shared via the NYAPRS List Serve
- Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS, mentioned Home and Community Based Service Option (1959) is one option under consideration in New York.
- John Allen, OMH, said the fiscal crisis provides an opportunity to reframe the MISCC role and may well empower stakeholders.
- Patricia L. Fratangelo, Onondaga Community Living, said departments in other states or countries have made determinations to stop funding segregated services all together. As a result, those decisions force the delivery system to change.

Committee Updates

Employment (Frank Coco, VESID)

- The main area of concern from an October conference call is around the need to improve the type of information collected in order to have measurable outcomes.
- Thus, moving forward for 2011 the Employment Committee plans to advise and provide feedback to agencies operationalizing the implementation plan.
- Further refining the plan to make it actionable and measurable will also take place in 2011.
- John Allen, OMH, said beginning in 2011 the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant and DOL are creating a data platform to better track the employment of people with disabilities. Mario Musolino, DOL, said they are close coming up with a MOU.
- John Allen, OMH, stressed the importance of employment incentives. John Allen also commented on the use of Ticket 2 Work: he cited a report that said if 55,000 New Yorkers with disabilities participated in the Ticket 2 Work program it would generate \$1 billion in new federal revenue to assist with the State's employment efforts.

Transportation (Thomas Vaughn, DOT)

- The Transportation Committee has lost some momentum since the beginning of the year.

- Coordinated planning is about how local institutions (e.g. state agencies, local government, non-profits) are connecting with transportation services. State agencies should be a partner in this process.
- One effort the MISCC committee has been working on is mobility management which is being funded through the New Freedom program and is currently working with a consultant to put together a training program for mobility management.
- Tom Vaughn, DOT, is working on finalizing awards for 2011 Section 5310 program.
- Para transit subcommittee is conducting a survey of Para transit agencies statewide, which will help guide efforts to improve Para transit.
- The Pedestrian subcommittee is also looking at identifying what issues pedestrians are having.
 - Harvey Rosenthal: One issue is transportation issue is a lack of services during after hours and on the weekends
 - Tom Vaughn, DOT, noted to address this issue JARC—a federal program—is a potential pot of federal monies that can be utilized.
 - Greg Olsen, SOFA, has an effort called Livable New York which is about empowering local communities to redesign to meet local needs. However, some related issues have been the need for local units to provide matching funding

Housing (Lisa Irrizary, DHCR)

- The Housing Committee will be checking back with committee members to ensure follow-up with identified objectives and goals.
- Constance Laymon noted that affordable accessible housing is one of the biggest issues for living independently in the community. Working with builders and stakeholders to advance housing is crucial

Public Comments

- An individual with the Independent Living, Inc. and New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services stressed that the MISCC plan has good strategic direction; however there is a lack of measurable goals at this point. Recommended additional attention be given to creating measurable goals by a MISCC sub-committee. The individual offered five recommendations:
 - Money should be shifted from segregated programs to integrated programs
 - Employment planning should begin as soon as possible (i.e. sooner than the status quo)
 - Available funds should be collapsed into a single fund to increase access to funding
 - The school system should put greater focus of employment for individuals with disabilities. A special education rep. should be involved with the MISCC
 - OPWDD needs more employment opportunities for those whom it serves
 - Lastly, timeframe for results should be on a three year time frame

- An individual with AHDA said Deaf consumers are placed in nursing homes where they are isolated and services are not provided. The lack of services for deaf individuals in nursing homes results in deaf individuals being isolated. The individual said deaf individuals are taxpayers and as such are deserve better quality services in the nursing home such as communication services.
- A self-advocate requested that committee meeting notices be posted online and suggested that organizations conducting surveys related to disabilities should collaborate because there are an overwhelming amount of disability-based surveys being circulated.
- A mother shared her experience with a disability and the service system. The individual stress that consumer direction was the way to fulfill the Olmsted decision. Additionally, consumer direction should be made a state law and should be overseen by the state as there is too much inequity between the counties. The Center for Disability Rights and Independent Livings were highlighted as a model for consumer direction.
- An individual with the Resource Center for Independent Living asked for greater communication between MISCC and resource centers and Independent Living Centers. Greater communication may help people with disabilities (especially those with mental and cognitive disabilities) better navigate the various service delivery systems.
- An individual with the Southern Tier Independence Center said that the “real plan” resides in the state budget, not the MISCC plan. Therefore, MISCC should work to advocate and affect change through the budget. The individual believes individuals with dual diagnosis receive best service at Broome County jail. Current OMH/OPWDD MOUs on dual diagnosis needs to be better enforced. LGUs are cutting public transit services, these cuts are significantly and disproportional impacting the lives of people with disabilities. MISCC agencies members should advocate for the necessary funding for transportation services.
- An individual with the New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services said measures need to be simplified to ensure the focus is on moving resources from segregated to integrated services. Budget recommendations should be based known needs and from the learning experience MISCC is providing.
- An individual with Resource Center for Independent Living said MISCC agencies could stop (holistically) spending on segregated services. This would be in compliance with the law. Additionally, the service system is narrowly focused and too prescribed, which is not advantageous for people with disabilities.

Closing Comments

- Constance Laymon said she hoped MISCC would create a simple coordinated referral system for constituents to deal with various issues and needs as they relate to disability concerns.
- Harvey Rosenthal asked MISCC to recognize recently deceased Senator Thomas Morahan and his contributions on behalf of people with disabilities.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting is scheduled for **January 26, 2011**.