



The MSC E-VISORY is an electronic publication which provides information on policies, guidance, available programs and services and training opportunities related to MSC. In order to receive an email notification when a new MSC E-Visory is posted, or to view past issues visit the following link: [MSC E-Visory](#)

**ISSUE # 08-16**

**July 26, 2016**

### **HCBS Transition Plan**

The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) is pleased to announce that the New York State Amended Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) Transition Plan is now available for public comment and can be accessed through the New York State Department of Health's website using the following link:

[https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/home\\_community\\_based\\_settings.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/home_community_based_settings.htm)

The Amended Statewide Transition Plan includes a significant amount of information regarding OPWDD's HCBS settings transition activities (pages 61-156). The deadline for comments is August 19, 2016 by close of business. Comments can be emailed to [HCBSrule@health.ny.gov](mailto:HCBSrule@health.ny.gov) or mailed to:

New York State Department of Health  
Office of Health Insurance Program  
Division of Long Term Care  
Attn: Deborah Rhatigan  
One Commerce Plaza  
99 Washington Ave., Suite 1620  
Albany, NY 12210

### **SOAR Training Opportunity and Resource**

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) is a program designed to increase access to Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI), for eligible adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder.

SOAR offers multiple topics, such as working with people who are involved in the criminal justice system, people who are employed and receive SSI/SSDI, and an SSI/SSDI application tool box.

Topics can be found at <https://soarworks.prainc.com/content/library-home>

**New OPWDD MSC Assistant Statewide Coordinator**

As of July 11<sup>th</sup> Amanda Hoover is the new Assistant Statewide MSC Coordinator. She has experience as a Case Manager for children with a history of mental illness and behavioral issues. More recently she worked with individuals with developmental disabilities as a Program Manager for Community Services and as a Residential Director in the voluntary sector. She comes to the position with a lot of knowledge and expertise about OPWDD. If there is a need for Central Office guidance regarding MSC or PCSS she can be reached at: 518-474-8254 or [Amanda.M.Hoover@opwdd.ny.gov](mailto:Amanda.M.Hoover@opwdd.ny.gov)