

Discharge Planning Workgroup Meeting
Minutes for Meeting of September 24th, 2009
40 North Pearl Street, (16 floor CR) Albany, 217 So Salina Street, (Room 4A)
Syracuse Area Office, 317 Lenox Avenue, (Room 909) New York City Office
10:00 am – 12:00 –pm

NEXT MEETING:

January 14, 2010, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present:

Amor Bango	VNACNY
Michelle Berry	CASA-Broome County
Cherry Bowhall	St. Joseph's Homecare
Mary Caram	Harlem Hospital Center
Eleanor Canning	VNSNY
Lisa Clark	OMH
Anna Colello	DOH
Lynn Cortella	NYSDOCS
Lou Czynski	Bronx-Lebanon Highbridge-Woodcrest Ctr
Kelly Donohue	GNHYHA
Phyllis Erlbaum	Jewish Home Life Care
Leah Farrell	Center for Disability Rights
Margaret Gorman	NYSHCP
Deborah Greenfield	Bureau of Adult Services – OCFS
Marge Jordan	DOH-Home Care/WRO
Maire Kavanagh	Consultant
Darius Kirstein	NYAHSA
Allison Kochman	GNHYHCFA
Andrew Koski	Home Care Assoc.of NYS
Roz Larrabee	Ingersoll Place Assisted Living
Patricia Madia	DOH-ACF Program/Div of Res Services
Kathleen Minucci	DOH-SNF Program/Div of Res Services
Kelly Mussi	VNA of CNY
Paula Reichel	Community Health Center
Cindy Riecker	Home Instead
Denise Rosemond	Bronx-Lebanon Highbridge Woodcrest Ctr
Kathy Salvaterra	VNA of CNY
Michael Schaeffer	Albany Medical Center
Terese Seastrum	NE Health
Lynn Shannon	DOH-Home Care/Syracuse
Indi Shelby	VNA of CNY
Gerald Stenson	DOH-Certification and Surveillance
Roxanne Tena-Nelson	CCLC
Patty Willsey	Albany Co. Dept of Social Services
Danny Yuricic	I PRO

<p>Welcome Members, Anna Colello</p>	<p>Anna welcomed all conference participants from each of the three video conferencing locations</p>
<p>Deborah Greenfield OCFS</p>	<p>The Adult Abuse Training Institute sponsored by OCFS in September included a well attended workshop on the Discharge Planning Workgroup. Although well received, the presenters, Nora Baratto (St. Peter's), Teresa Seastrum (Samaritan/Memorial), Chris Stegel (IPRO) and Paula Riechel (Community Health Center Home Care) could have used a lot more time! (maybe next year). Lynn Shannon's workshop presented with Lynn Bird (VNS) and Virginia Parrot (Madison Co. Public Health) also picked up on similar themes from the home care perspective and was much appreciated.</p> <p>On the second day of the Institute a roundtable addressing discharge planning issues was attended primarily by Office of the Aging/EISEP staff from local districts. Their participation drew attention to this particular service sector and their experience of being largely omitted from the discharge planning process. This despite the valuable information these workers have regarding the patient, their service needs and service availability in the community. The group discussed means of inserting themselves into this process and a commitment was made to bring this concern back to the Discharge Planning Workgroup.</p>
<p>Gail Koser Office for the Aging</p>	<p>The Nursing Home Diversion program is a three county demonstration, funded by the Administration on Aging, in Broome, Oneida and Onondaga counties designed to help individuals at risk of nursing home placement and Medicaid spend down to remain in their homes and communities through consumer directed and traditional services and supports. Due to the success of this program, it will be expanded to seven additional counties. In addition, the NYSOFA, through an ADRC grant, is developing a Navigator Program to</p>

	<p>reduce or prevent unnecessary readmission to hospitals by supporting older adults during this transition period. The types of supports that will be provided by volunteers include helping with transportation to doctors appointments, assuring that prescriptions are filled and picked up, advocating on behalf of older adults, providing assistance with grocery shopping, assisting with mail, and linking to information about supports and services provided through NY Connects.</p>
<p>Christine Stegel IPRO</p> <p>Complex Discharge Planning Subcommittee</p>	<p>The subcommittee is meeting monthly and has reviewed four complex discharge planning case studies to date. The facilities that have brought the cases to the group for discussion have found the recommendations helpful. The subcommittee provides a venue for high level coordination with NYS agencies involvement. The subcommittee has also been able to recommend facilities and contacts that have a history of coordinating a specific “special need” complex case well. There is a Case Study review document that must be completed for an organization to have a case reviewed by the committee. Representatives from the particular organization usually attend the meeting to answer questions the group has related to the case. The case study document will be distributed to the Discharge Planning Workgroup members per there request.</p> <p>The subcommittee had a presentation concerning eligibility and the eligibility determination process to access Office of Mental retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) services from a clinical psychologist with that department and is creating a flowchart for healthcare organizations to use as a reference document.</p>
<p>Mary Winters NSHS</p>	<p>Ms. Winters discussed discharge planning from the Licensed Home Care Services Agency perspective. Ms. Winters focused on two patient cases, traumatic brain injury and an acute care patient, and noted that collaboration between Licensed Agencies, Discharge</p>

	Planners, and CHHA's, was key to successful discharges and ultimately avoiding institutionalization.
Wrap Up Dates for Future Meetings	January 14, 2010