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  
Michelle Berry  
Cherry Bowhall  
Mary Caram  
Eleanor Canning  
Lisa Clark  
Anna Colello  
Lynn Cortella  
Lou Czynski  
Kelly Donohue  
Phyllis Erlbaum  
Leah Farrell  
Margaret Gorman  
Deborah Greenfield  
Marge Jordan  
Maire Kavanagh  
Darius Kirstein  
Allison Kochman  
Andrew Koski  
Roz Larrabee  
Patricia Madia  
Kathleen Minucci  
Kelly Mussi  
Paula Reichel  
Cindy Riecker  
Denise Rosemond  
Kathy Salvaterra  
Michael Schaeffer  
Terese Seastrum  
Lynn Shannon  
Indi Shelby  
Gerald Stenson  
Roxanne Tena-Nelson  
Patty Willsey  
Danny Yuricic

VNACNY  
CASA-Broome County  
St. Joseph’s Homecare  
Harlem Hospital Center  
VNSNY  
OMH  
DOH  
NYSDOCS  
Bronx-Lebanon Highbridge-Woodycrest Ctr  
GNYHA  
Jewish Home Life Care  
Center for Disability Rights  
NYSHCP  
Bureau of Adult Services – OCFS  
DOH-Home Care/WRO  
Consultant  
NYAHSA  
GNYHCFA  
Home Care Assoc.of NYS  
Ingersoll Place Assisted Living  
DOH-ACF Program/Div of Res Services  
DOH-SNF Program/Div of Res Services  
VNA of CNY  
Community Health Center  
Home Instead  
Bronx-Lebanon Highbridge Woodycrest Ctr  
VNA of CNY  
Albany Medical Center  
NE Health  
DOH-Home Care/Syracuse  
VNA of CNY  
DOH-Certification and Surveillance  
CCLC  
Albany Co. Dept of Social Services  
IPRO
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<th>Welcome Members, Anna Colello</th>
<th>Anna welcomed all conference participants from each of the three video conferencing locations</th>
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<td>Deborah Greenfield OCFS</td>
<td>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. 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.</td>
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<td>Gail Koser Office for the Aging</td>
<td>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, though an ADRC grant, is developing a Navigator Program to</td>
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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.

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<td>IPRO Complex Discharge Planning Subcommittee</td>
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<td>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. 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.</td>
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<td>NSHS 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</td>
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<td>Wrap Up</td>
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<td>Planners, and CHHA's, was key to successful discharges and ultimately avoiding institutionalization.</td>
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