

WELCOME Orange Steering Committee Meeting 2-23-21

Attendance:

Please Note: This list may be incomplete due to the virtual format of this meeting.

- Nolly Climes (Co-Chair) - RSS
- Michele Iannuzzi Sucich (Co-Chair) - SUNY Orange
- Tammy Rhein, Angela, Lacey - DMH
- Maureen Sailor - DSS
- Shannon Kelly - Catholic Charities
- Dhanu Sannesy - NAMI
- Angela Jo Henze - MHA
- Inaudy Esposito - OC Human Rights Commission
- Jeanie Montano – United Way Dutchess-Orange Region
- Rachel Wilson - OC Youth Bureau

Minutes:

- Goal of Steering Committee: To further the work of integration of the principles advanced by Dr. Minkoff
- Should the Steering Committee meet more frequently?
 - Why meet more often? What are the objectives of the meetings?
 - RPC work
 - Westchester has developed a form of WELCOME Orange
 - Ulster has a version of a WELCOME Orange orientation
 - Per Dr. Minkoff, don't worry about who is not here; focus on who is here to advance the mission of WELCOME Orange
- Tammy
 - 16 Hours of time with Dr. Minkoff available
 - \$10,000 grant
 - Money through Stephanie from Westchester
 - Need to outline next steps with Dr. Minkoff
 - Dr. Minkoff requested and scheduled a meeting with Darcie and Lacey
 - This meeting is scheduled next week
- Suggestions
 - What would we work on if we met monthly?
 - How do we avoid having the same conversations each time we meet?
 - There are members who are on many of the same committees
 - Helpful to map out when all of these committees meet and think about overlap
 - WELCOME Orange could be a standing item on the agendas at these meetings
 - Request for meeting notes to help advance conversations
- Michele submits meeting notes to Lacey after each meeting.
- What agencies signed the charter after the County Executive participated in the virtual charter signing?
 - RSS

- NAMI
- NOTE: Need to follow-up with agencies to ask for a commitment to the WELCOME Orange principles and objectives outlined in the Charter
- Some agencies were in Transition at the time of the virtual Charter signing
 - Shannon from Catholic Charities - In attendance today and would like the opportunity to sign the Charter and commit to Steering Committee participation
- Question for Dr. Minkoff
 - What does this work look like for non-clinical providers?
- Need examples of what WELCOME Orange looks like, in practice, so that members have a sense of what they are committing to and what the expectations are.
 - A visual representation of what WELCOME Orange looks like at each level (Reception, manager, etc.)
 - Is there video of the County Executive virtual Charter signing? No
 - Per Tammy, the Annual Reports could be used for marketing WELCOME Orange
- What are the goals of the Steering Committee?
 - Per Tammy, the Charter has Steering Committee goals
- Lacey Re: The Steering Committee
 - Need DD representation on this committee
 - Otherwise, the committee has reasonable representation, keeping in mind that a Steering Committee is typically a smaller committee, with larger representation expected on the Change Agent Committee.
- Annual Report
 - Lacey created a fillable report
 - How and when was this report distributed?
 - Consider posting the form on the DMH website
 - Please make note that, if there is a question that is not applicable to a specific agency, then please leave that question blank.
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - Tammy, Nolly, and Michele will follow-up with agencies regarding Charter signing
 - Darcie and Lacey are meeting with Dr. Minkoff next week
 - Agenda for next meeting:
 - Update on Darcie and Lacey's meeting with Dr. Minkoff
 - Share Annual Reports
 - Update on progress made by Change Agent committee
 - Can there be a training component?
 - How can these meetings be useful
 - Regarding meeting frequency moving forward?
 - Continue meetings routinely scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the following months:
 - February, May, September, and November
 - **ALSO:** Schedule additional meetings, as needed, to accomplish concrete tasks agreed upon by the Steering Committee

- **NEXT MEETING:**

- Agree to meet in one month
- Tuesday, March 23, from 9:30 to 10:30 am.
- Request that Regina to send out a Zoom link