

WELCOME Orange Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 3-23-21

Note: Meeting conducted via Zoom

Attendance:

- Nolly Climes, RSS, WELCOME Orange Co-chair
- Michele Iannuzzi Sucich, SUNY Orange, WELCOME Orange Co-Chair
- Lacey Trimble - OCDMH
- Tammy Rhein, OCDMH
- Angela Turk OCDMH
- Angela Jo Henze, Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc.
- Jeff Spitz - Restorative Management
- Jeannie Montano UWDOR
- Rachel Simons, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
- Tiffany Niles - Orange County Youth Bureau
- Tim Davidian - Probation
- Terry Reynolds, Orange-Ulster BOCES
- Maureen Sailer, DSS
- Shannon Kelly, Catholic Charities
- Michele McKeon, Chief Operating Officer at Regional Economic Community Action Program

Minutes:

- Charter - Nolly Climes
 - Answered questions about the charter
 - Invitation to sign charter
 - Requested Copies
 - Tim Davidian
 - Jeff Spitz
 - Shannon Kelly
 - Rachel Simons
 - Will re-send charter to those in attendance today
- WELCOME Orange
 - Incorporate Steering Committee meeting in the beginning of the monthly Joint Providers meetings
 - Dr. Minkoff has stated that participants do not necessarily need to be upper management level.
 - Change agent meetings have also shown waning attendance.
 - Could consider incorporating Change Agent meetings into Joint Provider meetings, rather than the Steering Committee.
 - Other Counties have worked to replicate WELCOME Orange
 - “Integrate Ulster”
 - Westchester Initiative
 - Question from Shannon Kelly
 - What is the plan for how broad the involvement should be, currently, in WELCOME Orange?
 - Tammy - Open invitation
 - NOTE: Agreement to incorporate WELCOME Orange Change Agent meeting into the monthly Joint Provider meetings

- Informal vote by show of hands agreed to this plan
 - Joint Provider Meetings - Fourth Friday of every month at 9:30 AM
- Dr. Minkoff - 16 Hours of Consultation Time
 - How to use this time?
 - Need to move past “Welcoming” and move deeper into the work of co-occurring
 - DMH will assist in Identifying a date when Dr. Minkoff is available for a 4-Hour block of time.
 - Then circulate Doodle Poll to agencies to sign up for one or two-hour window to meet with Dr. Minkoff on that date.
- WELCOME Orange Annual Report
 - Need some form of update/report from member agencies
 - This helps to inform OCDMH Annual Report to OASAS
 - Helps to address gaps
 - Nolly and Michele will work with DMH/Regina to redistribute annual reporting form.
 - NOTE: Agencies are asked to highlight how their agencies went above and beyond to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - ADDENDUM: Immediately following today’s meeting, Lacey distributed the 2020 Annual Report template to the Steering Committee email list.
- Discussed frequency of Steering Committee meetings moving forward.
 - NOTE: Those present agreed to meet every other month (6 times per year).
 - Michele and Nolly will submit a proposed meeting schedule for 2021, and beyond.
- Standing Agenda Items for meetings moving forward
 - Standing Agenda Items:
 - Virtual Orientations
 - WELCOME Orange successes and challenges.
 - Each agency can report
 - Data tracking
 - Example: Learn from experiences such as WELCOME Orange Geriatric Initiative
- The Zoom meeting concluded at 10:35 AM.