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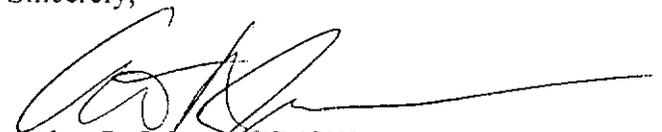
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Please contact me should you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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# **SECTION 1**

## **OPENING STATEMENT**

## **SECTION ONE: OPENING STATEMENTS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Broome County is committed to providing a comprehensive array of services and supports for the citizens of our community with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. A solid partnership has been established among parents, advocates, consumers, provider agencies, county government and state government. Together we continue our efforts to foster an atmosphere of collaboration that promotes choice, person centered planning, inclusion and independence.

There are a number of committees and groups in our County that address the needs and issues effecting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Through these venues there is ongoing dialogue and planning surrounding identification of needs, assessment of existing services and the creation of innovative services and supports designed to maximize opportunities for independence.

The Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) sub-committee of the Broome County Community Services Board meets monthly, and provides a regularly scheduled forum to address MRDD service needs in Broome County. With the attendance and input of a wide variety of stakeholders including service recipients, families, advocates, service providers, county and state government, the MRDD subcommittee is an excellent example of the partnership planning process at work.

Public forums continue to be held annually to encourage the community to come together to assess existing services, expose service gaps, identify needs, and propose services and supports that reflect the choices and preferences of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The shortage of psychiatric and psychological services in general, and more specifically the lack of these services for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, is a pressing national, state and local issue. Due to the scarcity of these services, the needs of individuals who have both developmental disabilities and mental health issues, which are often very complex, are not being adequately met.

An area of need that is particularly worthy of note pertains to the critical lack of OMRDD sponsored residential opportunities for children who receive services through both the OMRDD and mental health systems. In the past year alone, there have been numerous instances where children with developmental disabilities have been brought to psychiatric units in crisis. These children are determined to be eligible for services through OMRDD and are placed on a waiting list for residential services. They then languish in the psychiatric units for months after the precipitating crisis had been stabilized because there are no available OMRDD residential placement options for them to step down to.

An interagency Task Force on Children's Mental Health Services has been established in Broome County to address the needs of individuals, who need or receive services from both the OMRDD and mental health systems. Our community is presently in the process of doing a Needs Assessment for children with both mental health needs and developmental disabilities.

Through a wide array of committees, groups and forums, the stakeholders in Broome County will continue to work collaboratively to share ideas and information, and design creative, cost effective, individualized approaches to addressing and meeting the needs of our citizens with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. We are also committed to being responsive to the complex needs of our citizens who are dually diagnosed and require the services of both the MRDD and mental health systems.

Broome County has historically been very supportive of the development of Day, Residential and Family and Individual Support Services for our citizens with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. We recognize the need for the development of new and additional services in our community and agree that the initiatives put forth in this plan have valued outcomes.

## **SECTION 2**

### **ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS**

## SECTION 2: ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS

The following is a summary of the progress that has been made towards the initiatives identified in the Broome County Local Government Plan for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Services for the period from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

### RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE PRIORITY 1

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Handicapped Children's Association, Inc., of the Southern Tier proposed to open a 4-bed VOIRA for children on Sky Island Drive in Endicott.

This initiative was initially proposed during the 2003 – 2004 plan year but was carried over into the current plan year because the home was not opened before March 31, 2004.

**The initiative has been accomplished** in the 2004-2005 plan year. The VOIRA was opened on April 17, 2004 and 4 children from the NYS CARES Wait List moved into the house.

### RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE PRIORITY 2

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Broome DDSO proposes to relocate the individuals currently residing at the Glenwood Road SOICF to a new SOIRA on Pembroke Drive. Renovations are in progress and the goal is to complete this relocation by the summer of 2004.

The current SOICF residence may then be utilized as a transitional living environment for individuals from Broome Developmental Center.

This initiative has been carried over from the 2003-2004 plan.

**This initiative has been accomplished.** The Pembroke Drive SOIRA was certified to open on August 20, 2004. (The Broome Day Treatment Services slots were converted to Day Habilitation slots in conjunction with this development.)

### **RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE PRIORITY 3**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Broome-Tioga ARC proposes to downsize two of its large VOIRAs. They propose downsizing Riverside Drive from a 12-bed VOIRA to a 10-bed VOIRA and Helen Street from a 10-bed VOIRA to an 8-bed VOIRA.

In conjunction with the downsizing, BT ARC will be developing two new 6-bed VOIRAs. Two individuals from Riverside Drive and two individuals from Helen Street would move into the new VOIRAs. In addition, four individuals from the NYS CARES Wait List would move into each of the new VOIRAs. Ten individuals will remain at the Riverside Drive VOIRA and 8 people will remain at the Helen Street VOIRA.

This initiative represents an expansion of 12 residential slots and will positively impact 30 individuals.

This initiative was carried over from the 2003 – 2004 plan.

**This initiative is in progress.** The house on Rose Lane in the village of Johnson City was certified on 3/31/05. This VOIRA will serve 6 adults with MRDD. The house on Sunset Lane in the Town of Dickinson is under construction with an anticipated completion date of late spring/early summer 2005. This VOIRA will also serve 6 adults with MRDD.

### **RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE PRIORITY 4**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Handicapped Children's Association, Inc., of the Southern Tier proposes to develop a new 6-bed VOIRA during the 2004-2005 plan year. The six individuals are currently on the NYS CARES Wait List

**This initiative is in progress.** The HCA is conducting a site search for property in the Windsor area to develop a VOIRA for young adult men.

### **RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE PRIORITY 5**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

Broome-Tioga ARC will be converting their current Supportive Apartment Program to VOIRAs. The goal will be to improve the program's ability to meet the needs of individuals residing in apartments within the community.

**This initiative has been accomplished.** This conversion was completed on 12/31/04.

## DAY INITIATIVES

### **DAY INITIATIVES PRIORITY 1**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Broome-Tioga ARC will be converting their current Day Treatment Program to a Day Habilitation program. The goal is to provide consumers with additional opportunities for community integration and foster greater community independence.

**This initiative has been accomplished.** The ARC converted their 75 slot Day Treatment Program on Cutler Pond Road to a Day Habilitation program effective 12/31/04.

### **DAY INITIATIVES PRIORITY 2**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

In conjunction with the existing sheltered employment and pre-vocational programs, The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc., proposes to establish an 18 slot Day Habilitation program. It is anticipated that participation in this option will lead to enhanced skill levels, greater confidence, more independence, and a higher degree of community inclusion for consumers who participate in the program. This proposal is under consideration to be submitted as a pilot proposal under NYS-OPTS.

**This initiative is in progress.** Consumers were surveyed as to their wants and needs in reference to this service. The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc. has begun to draft an OPTS (Options for People Through Services) proposal. They are presently gathering data for the budget section of this proposal.

## FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT INITIATIVES

### **FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE PRIORITY 1**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Handicapped Children's Association, Inc. of the Southern Tier proposes to develop a 6-8 bed free standing respite services for children and adults with MRDD during the 2004-2005 plan year. It is anticipated that 40 individuals will participate in the Free Standing Respite Program during the 2004-2005 plan year.

**This initiative is in progress.** HCA (Handicapped Children's Association) has purchased a property on Front Street in Binghamton and renovations are underway. This program will be available to both children and adults during the week and on weekends. The projected opening date for this service will be summer 2005.

## **FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE PRIORITY 2**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc., would like to employ a licensed psychologist to address consumers' family, personal, and employment issues. The addition of a licensed psychologist will allow potential consumers to obtain the necessary evaluations that may document their eligibility for services thus hastening the delivery of needed support. Diagnostic and counseling services would also be made available to the current developmentally disabled consumers in SWS, Inc. programs who need mental health counseling.

This proposal is under consideration to be submitted as a pilot proposal under NYS-OPTS.

**This initiative is in progress.** Consumers were surveyed as to their wants and needs in reference to this service. The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc. has begun to draft an OPTS (Options for People Through Services) proposal. They are presently gathering data for the budget section of this proposal.

## **FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT INITIATIVE PRIORITY 3**

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc. proposes to develop a day care program for the children of consumers enrolled in their vocational and/or Day Habilitation programs. Presently there are no day care programs that target the unique needs of the disabled population for flexible scheduling, clear communication, and convenience in regard to childcare needs. This initiative will augment consumers' vocational and habilitation experiences by improving consumers access to prevocational training, employment opportunities, and avenues to independence. It will also support consumers' efforts as parents and as providers for their children. As a result, better and more regular attendance in programs, and therefore, more progress toward consumers' valued outcomes is anticipated. This proposal is under consideration to be submitted as a pilot proposal under NYS-OPTS.

**This initiative is in progress.** Consumers were surveyed as to their wants and needs in reference to this service. The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc. has begun to draft an OPTS (Options for People Through Services) proposal. They are presently gathering data for the budget section of this proposal

## ADDENDUMS TO PLAN

### RESIDENTIAL ADDENDUM #1

Catholic Charities submitted a letter of intent to develop a 5-bed VOIRA for young adult women.

**This initiative is in progress.** Catholic Charities is presently conducting a site search.

## **SECTION 3**

# **ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING SUPPORTS & SERVICES**

Year: **2005 - 2007****SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

COMMUNITY HOUSING	Enrollment & Age			Regional Annual Cost Per Person	Elements of Funding	Total Public Funding (\$1,000s)
	0-21	22+	Total			
Community Residence Supervised	0	0	0	\$25,470	CR Res Hab, State Supplement	0
Community Residence Supportive	0	0	0	\$14,436	CR Res Hab, State Supplement	0
Individual Residential Alternative	30	234	264	\$74,054	Res Hab price, IRA Supp, SSI and Clothing	19,550,000
Intermediate Care Facility	0	12	12	\$125,038	ICF Rate	1,501,000
Family Care	5	76	81	\$15,511	SSI, Res Hab, annual respite and travel service	1,256,000
Community Housing Sub-Total	35	322	357			
<b>CAMPUS</b>						
Developmental Center	11	136	147			-
Autism Unit	0	6	6			-
Multiple Disabilities Unit (MDU)	0	16	16		See page 3-4 for updated information regarding	-
Center for Intensive Treatment Unit (CIT)	0	0	0		Broome County	-
Regional Behavioral Intensive Treatment Unit	0	0	0		Campus Programs	-
Local Intensive Treatment Unit	26	72	98			-
Regional Intensive Treatment Unit	0	0	0			-
Small Residential Unit	0	0	0			-
Specialty Hospital	0	0	0			-
Campus Housing Sub-Total	37	230	267			-
<b>DAY</b>						
Day Treatment Program	0	1	1	\$22,151	DTX fee including transportation	22,000
Sheltered Workshop	6	135	141	\$10,823	OMRDD LTSE, State Aid and Direct Contract, CMCM	1,526,000
Day Training	0	0	0	\$4,134	100% direct state funded programs only	0
Day Habilitation	1	237	238	\$15,721	Price including transportation	3,742,000
Seniors Day Training	0	4	4	\$3,255	OMRDD contracts	13,000
Supported Employment	3	85	88	\$4,676	OMRDD contracts	412,000
Affirmative Business	-----	-----	-----			-
Prevocational	5	119	124	\$7,636		947,000
DAY Sub-Totals	15	581	596	-		

County: **Broome****TABLE 1**

Data as of: 1/13/05

Year: **2005 – 2007****SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL SERVICES	Enrollment & Age			Regional Annual Average Funded Amount Per Person	Elements of Funding	Total Public Funding (\$1,000s)
	0-21	22+	Total			
Family Support Services (including Home Care)	163	295	458	\$1,000.	OMRDD Contracts	458,000
Crisis Intervention	0	0	0	-----		-
Individual Support Services	0	14	14	\$5,047	OMRDD Contracts	71,000
Residential Habilitation at Home	16	12	28	\$11,021	HCBS Prices	309,000
Waiver Respite (Hourly)	127	28	155	\$2,943	HCBS Prices	456,000
Environmental Modifications & Adaptive Equipment	-----	-----	-----	-----	ISS Contracts, HCBS prices	-
Medicaid Service Coordination	287	499	786		Monthly fee schedule: Supervised CRs \$143.45; Supportive CRs & IRAs \$184.40; Willowbrook Class \$256; All others \$219.25.	1,887,000
Plan of Care Support Services (PCSS)	12	2	14		\$214/unit of service	
Family Education and Training (FET)	28	31	59	min. \$50/family for 1 UOS annually max. \$200/family for 2 UOS annually	\$100/unit for individual Support; \$50/unit group (2-8 families); max. 2u/s per waiver enrollee annually to enrollee's family	8,000
Care At Home	10	0	10	\$4,800	CAH Waiver Services Only	480,000
Pre-School Programs	138	1	139	-		-
<b>Family and Individual Supports Sub-Total</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,663</b>			
<b>CLINICS</b>						
Article 16 (Free Standing)	287	529	816	\$88.36	Medicaid Fee for Service	72,000
Article 16 (Joint Venture)	----	-----	----		Medicaid Fee for Service	0
Mental Health Clinic (MR/DD capacity)	----	-----	----	-----	Medicaid Fee for Service	-----
<b>Clinic Sub-Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>816</b>			

County: **Broome**

**TABLE 1**

Data as of: 1/13/05

Year: **2005 – 2007**

**SUMMARY OF RESOURCES**

RESPITE	Enrollment & Age			Regional Annual Average Funded Amount Per Person	Elements of Funding	Total Public Funding (\$1,000s)
	0-21	22+	Total			
At Community Residence						
At Individual Residential Alternative						
At Intermediate Care Facility Temporary Use Beds						
Waiver Respite						
Free Standing Respite						
At Family Care						
<b>Respite Sub-Total</b>						
<b>OTHER</b>						
<b>Other Sub-Total</b>	0	0	0			0

## **SECTION 4**

### **NEEDS FOR SUPPORTS & SERVICES**

County: **Broome**  
 Year: 2005 - 2007

TABLE 2

Data as of: 1/10/03

**SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED NEEDS  
 FOR PEOPLE KNOWN BUT NOT YET SERVED WITHIN CATEGORY**

SERVICE	NO. OF PEOPLE BY AGE			
	0-5	6-21	22+	Total
<b>RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT NEEDS</b>				
Residential – Out of Home				
With 24 – hour support				
With part – time assistance/support				
Residential – In Home				
Services/supports at home instead of an alternative residence				
Subtotal:				
Residential – Out of Home				
Residential - In Home				
<b>Residential Support Needs</b>				
<b>INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY NEEDS</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>6-21</b>	<b>22+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>SUPPORTS</b>				
In-home residential habilitation services	19	143	70	232
Home care/homemaker	4	19	49	72
Recreation	6	124	143	273
Services coordination	5	61	69	135
Transportation	3	70	117	190
Behavior management	8	96	34	138
Parent training	222	63	26	111
Advocacy	21	138	144	303
Sexuality counseling	0	13	5	18
Future planning (e.g., guardianship, trusts)	11	29	6	46
Substance abuse services	0	0	0	0
Rent subsidy	2	22	48	72
<b>RESPIRE</b>				
Adult/child care (during work hours, after school)	9	61	19	89
Respite (day/evening)	16	78	49	143
Respite (Overnight)	7	95	79	181
<b>ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Adaptive equipment	24	104	46	174
Environmental modification	9	74	37	120
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				
Supports	101	778	711	1590
Respite	32	234	147	413
Assistive technology	33	178	83	294
<b>Individual and Family Needs</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2,297</b>

<b>CLINICAL SERVICE NEEDS</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>6-21</b>	<b>22+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>REHABILITATION/HABILITATION SERVICES</b>				
Occupational therapy/assessment	2	55	38	95
Physical therapy/assessment	1	41	36	78
Psychology	0	17	6	23
Psychiatry	1	22	30	53
Rehabilitation (vocational) counseling	0	10	33	43
Speech Pathology	1	50	27	78
Audiology	3	4	1	8
Social work	1	32	70	103
<b>MEDICAL/DENTAL</b>				
Medical (primary care and specialties)	3	30	110	143
Dentistry	10	81	135	226
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>				
Nursing	1	17	45	63
Dietetics and nutrition	0	14	72	86
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				
Rehabilitation/habilitation	9	231	241	481
Medical/dental	13	111	245	369
Health care	1	31	117	149
<b>Clinical Service Needs</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>ADULT DAILY ACTIVITY NEEDS</b>				
	<b>0-5</b>	<b>6-21</b>	<b>22+</b>	<b>Total</b>
Supported employment	0	10	100	110
Day habilitation services	0	22	17	39
Prevocational or vocational training services	0	4	4	8
Day treatment services	0	1	3	4
Senior citizen/geriatric services	0	0	28	28
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				
<b>Adult Daily Activity Needs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>TABLE CONTINUES</b>				
<b>Non-duplicated Consumers with Needs</b>				
			Ages 0-5 years	44
			Ages 6-21 years	305
			Ages 22+ years	454
<b>TOTAL: NON-DUPLICATED CONSUMERS WITH NEEDS</b>				<b>803</b>



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January 6, 2005

To All Interested Parties:

Please accept this invitation to participate in Broome County's Community Forum on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Broome County Mental Health Department sponsors a Community Forum each year to get input regarding the service needs of the citizens of our community with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Your participation in this event would be greatly appreciated.

This year the **Community Forum** will be held on **Wednesday, February 23, 2005 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM** (Snow Date - March 2, 2005). The Forum will be held at the Sheltered Workshop, Inc., 200 Court Street in Binghamton. You will be entering the building through the door with the blue awning above it. Parking is available directly across the Street at 203 Court Street, and in the Sheltered Workshop, Inc.'s parking lots on both sides of Stuyvesant Street.

**Please RSVP by calling 778-1364 by Monday February 21, 2005.**

I would also like to request your assistance in getting information out to individuals in your organization regarding the Community Forum. **Please post the enclosed announcement and share copies** of it with the individuals who receive your services and with anyone else you think might be interested in participating in the forum.

I'm looking forward to this opportunity to bring all stakeholders together to share ideas and plan for the future.

I hope to see you on **Wednesday, February 23, 2005!**

Arthur R. Johnson, Commissioner  
Broome County Mental Health Department

Enclosure

**PLEASE JOIN US...**  
**For Broome County's Annual**  
**Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**  
**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Please join county, state and agency representatives, customers of MRDD services, their families and advocates for an afternoon of **idea sharing and networking**.

The Broome County Mental Health Department will be hosting a **Community Forum** to get **your ideas regarding what services and supports are needed** to better serve Broome County's citizens with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities.

This is an opportunity for customers of MRDD services, parents, advocates and service providers to **have a voice in letting Albany know what services we want and need in Broome County**. This is the first - and a very crucial step - in getting the approval and the funding needed to develop new services and/or expand existing ones.

DAY: **WEDNESDAY**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 23, 2005 (SNOW DATE - MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

TIME: **1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

PLACE: **Sheltered Workshop, Inc.**  
200 Court Street (door with blue awning)  
Binghamton, NY 13902

Parking is available across the street from the Sheltered Workshop at 203 Court Street and in the Sheltered Workshop's parking lots on both sides of Stuyvesant Street

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by calling 778-1364 by Monday, 2/21/05

If you are unable to attend but would like to give input, please call or send your comments to:  
Brenda Zeoli

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**I hope that you will join us. Your voice can make a difference!**

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BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY FORUM  
 MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005 1:00 -- 3:00 PM

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SIGN-IN SHEET

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### SUMMARY OF THE MRDD FORUM ON FEBRUARY 23, 2005

The following is a summary of the needs and issues expressed at the Community Forum in reference to MRDD Services in Broome County. The issues identified have been separated in to four different categories to correspond with the three major focus areas contained in the Local Government Plan for MRDD Services (Residential Services, Day Services, and Family and Individual Support Services) and to address Systems Issues.

### BREAK-OUT GROUP DISCUSSION

#### I. RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND NYS-CARES

**A. Children's Services Question:** Is there a need for residential services for children with MR/DD in Broome County? If so, what particular types of residential services are needed?

**B. Adult Services Question:** Is there a need for residential services for adults with MR/DD in Broome County? If so, what particular types of residential services are needed?

#### **Residential Services needs identified included the following:**

- More spending money for residents
- More supportive opportunities for older adults
- Trained staff in residences for individuals who have MR/DD and MH needs – specific residences – especially youth
- Residences for people who don't need a lot of support
- Respite homes
- Homes for older adults and those with end-of-life issues
- Emergency placement
- Shorten process for residential development
- Supervised apartment complex
- More money for staffing
- Residences for people with medical needs
- Residences for children with serious emotional/mental health needs
- Retirement homes: specialized in home services
- Improving choice of housemates
- Home for adults with forensic issues
- Smaller homes (2 – 4 beds)
- Incentive for providers to downsize
- Improvement in rate setting process for smaller residence development

## **II. DAY SERVICES**

**A. Children's Services Question:** What types of day programs and services are needed for children with MR/DD and their families?

**Needs and issues identified pertaining to children's Day Services included the following:**

- Intervention sliding scale fees
- Lack of day care - preschoolers - medically challenged
- More Before-school and After-school services, especially in areas outside of Binghamton
- Transportation
  - Coordination/survey of local area services' availability for joint provision
- Flexibility
- Day Care – affordable medical issues
- Counseling/Info/Help for behaviorally challenged
- Program capacities full
- Emergency Services Respite
- What to do when everyone is full?
- Integrated settings preschool; summer programs
- Summer programs – integrated
- Point of Entry to gain information about what is out there
- Brochures/Checklist; need family input to ID programs
- Grid of Acronyms
- County should ask agencies for RFP's for after-school programs
- List of families interested
- Integrated summer programs
- School age kids with high needs for vacation (school), spring breaks, long weekends, - integrated activities

**B. Adult Services Question:** What types of day programs and services are needed for adults with MR/DD and their families?

**Needs and issues identified pertaining to Day Services for adults included the following:**

- Groups aging out (ages 19-21) – working more on pre-vocational skills – need transitional vocational training opportunities
- Current Adult Day Services reaching (or at) capacity
- Planning for transitions
- Under 21 not involved in Medicaid Services Coordination (MSC) system
- Plans should start earlier (14 yrs.)
- Being able to identify/collect data on future population needs
- Programs full – no availability
- Jobs in community – matching skills
- Lack of being able to match jobs to interests
- Need advocates to assist student transition
- VESID limiting acceptance of referrals
- Need programs/supports for people not getting VESID services
- Outreach – getting info to people
- One Entry System
- Socialization opportunities
- Transportation needs!! Rural needs exceptionally difficult
- Safety protections from cons/scams
- Retirement Programs
- Focus on quality of living

- Health changes – flexibility
- Coordination of end-of-life
- More Day Habilitation without Walls
- More community employment options
- More person-centered planning
- People do not know about possibilities for planning
- Better incentives for employers to hire people with DD
- More supports needed with personal needs – those with jobs
- Breaking down others' attitudes toward people with special needs
- Educating the public

### **III. FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

**A. Children's Services Question:** What types of support services would be helpful for children with MR/DD and their families?

**Needs and issues identified pertaining to Family and Individual Support Services for children included:**

- Finding and keeping affordable child care
- Transitional support (early intervention to pre-school - to Kindergarten)
- Challenges parents face in getting information, services, evaluations, and services through the Department of Social Services
- Inform schools about OMRDD eligibility requirements. School/OMRDD/OMH conference to explain eligibility guidelines
- Respite
- Transitional services from young adults to work/college. Schools don't do it because of lack of funding and lack of information regarding available services. Educate the schools (during in-service training days)
- Parents don't know what is available
- Public Forum
- Advertise
- Public announcements
- Pediatricians, doctors' offices, WIC sites, etc. – pamphlets
- Behavior management
- HIPPO-aquatic therapies
- Networking/cooperation among community, schools, services, school staff, CSEs, agency representatives, parents, health and mental health providers
- Support groups for parents
- Newsletter
- Community Website
- Broome County Website – list services specific to children
- Resource library in each school; brochures from each agency
- Focus on CSE, CPSE Chair, school psychologists instead of teachers
- More thorough training for parent reps. to CSE

**B. Adult Services Question:** - What types of support services would be helpful for adults with MR/DD and their families?

**Needs and issues identified pertaining to Family and Individual Support Services for adults included:**

- Social skills training
- Educate consumers/families and general public about what support services are available
- Outreach coordinator for each agency to explain services
- Transition: cooperation among schools, families, agencies
- Transportation for adults
- Need for respite, especially for adult men caregivers
- Social activities for consumers
- SSI/Employment = losing benefits
- Structured, inclusive activities
- Respite
- Encourage current community events (i.e.: Spiedie Fest, BC Open) to reach out to include disabled individuals
- Autistic individuals – need special programs for adults
- Evaluation of services after school ends – who follows up?
- Give individuals a voice
- Summer activities
- Programming in general

#### **IV. INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED SERVICES FROM BOTH THE MR/DD AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS**

**A. Children's Services Question 1:** What types of services do children who are in this category need from the MR/DD system? From the MH system?

**Children's Services Question 2:** How do you think these services might be best provided and coordinated?

**The following needs and issues were identified through this discussion:**

- Psychiatrists
- Psychiatrists able to work with children with lower IQ's
- Systems that are developed – OMH won't take OMRDD; OMH & OMRDD systems not collaborating
- Bad access; need local access – no long trips to access physicians
- Med Management
- Behavior management/counseling
- Lack of professionals
- Counseling for Children with DD
- Counselors won't take Medicaid
- Medicaid restrictions on accessing services
- Mental Health Services should be delivered at job sites for young adults – don't restrict MH services to clinics
- Local facilities and hospitals unable to meet the needs of developmentally disabled kids in crisis
- Residential facilities for kids with these needs
- Appropriate Psychological Services for Children; Psychological Assessments/Evaluations for diagnosis
- Counseling for children who have been sexually abused

- Create a third system to serve this group
- Enhance capabilities of CPEP to serve this group
- Utilize Binghamton University as a resource
- Extreme difficulty in attracting psychiatrists to this area
- Diagnosis - Lack of diagnostic services
- Psychiatrists for children under the age of 5
- Developmental Pediatricians needed
- Lack of strength-based approach
- Services that focus more on abilities
- Need a much higher rate of Medicaid reimbursements for Child Psychiatrist
- Area doesn't offer professional support
- Continuum of Services and Care
- Retention and recruitment of Psychiatrists through OMRDD
- Consultant – Mental Health Services – assessments/evaluation
- Cross training for treatment providers
- Funding for training
- Consolidate and overlap services
- Objectively look at child's needs; include school information

**B. Adult Services Question 1:** What types of services do adults who fall in this category need from the MR/DD system? From the MH system?

**Adult Services Question 2:** How do you think these services might be best provided and coordinated?

**The following needs and issues were identified through this discussion:**

- Problems with Crisis Services – CPEP
- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Counseling
- Medication Management
- Need for transitional services from school age to adult/ planning
- Community jobs – supported work
- Better preparation (support) for family and young adults
- Legal Aide Services – Guardianship
- Counseling for people who have been sexually abused
- Criminal Justice issues
- Public awareness
- Crisis intervention “beds”
- Services to prevent victimization of adults with DD
- Call people employees instead of clients
- Sexuality Counseling services
- Anger Management services
- Simplify referral process for families, consumers & providers
- Centralized access to services
- Centralized Information Center for all community members
- Respite care- for emergency situations
- If not in crisis, best served by OMRDD system
- Tough to get OMRDD services if individual does not have a diagnosis prior to age 22
- Social day environment for adults

## V. OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS

- A parent of a child with Autism (who was unable to attend the forum but wanted to give input) left a voice message stating that while her child has some good programming through out the school year, she is concerned about the lack of programs for special needs children over the summer months.
- An individual who attended the forum left a comment card stating a desire for a Union and paid vacation at his/her place of employment (a sheltered workshop).
- One individual sent an e-mail indicating that she worked at a sheltered workshop and would like to have counselors available in the work environment.
- The following represents some of the input received from a parent of a child with a disability who attended the forum and who works in the field:
  - Praise for the Home and Community Based Waiver program
  - Credits Respite services and Residential Habilitation services for providing the support needed to parent a child with Asperger's Syndrome
  - Indicated that many parents are not aware of exactly what services are available, and what services the various agencies provide, to support individuals with disabilities and their families
  - Stated that it can be confusing knowing what role each of the service providers play, what each service provides, how they work together, and how the activities they provide lead to the goals that have been established for the child
  - Recommended that a plan on how to regulate, observe and measure progress and outcomes be clearly presented to individuals and their families,
  - Suggests that a written progress report that indicates goals, services provided and the progress made would be helpful for parents
  - Noted that children with disabilities and their parents would be much better served if there was "a strong network of communication between service agencies, the medical community, and the education system". Many parents feel as though there is a gap in communication, and a lack of information sharing, among these systems which leads all parties struggling to work as a team to meet the needs of the child.

## **SECTION 5**

# **STATEMENT OF PRIORITY INITIATIVES**



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April 6, 2005

On behalf of Arthur R. Johnson, Commissioner of Mental Health Services, and the MRDD subcommittee, I want to thank all of you who participated in the Community Forum for MRDD services on February 23, 2005. Your participation and input are greatly appreciated.

The forum helped us identify the current service needs in our community for individuals with developmental disabilities. It also produced some excellent ideas and suggestions for addressing these needs. I've attached a brief summary of the needs and issues discussed at the forum for your review.

**At this time, I would like to invite service providers, and potential providers, to identify service initiatives they would be interested in developing to address the needs of the developmentally disabled members of our community. These service initiatives will be included in Broome County's 2005-2007 Local Government Plan for MRDD Services. Please submit only the initiatives you plan on developing during the two-year period between 4/1/05 and 3/31/07. Please submit a brief write up describing the initiatives no later than Friday, April 22, 2005. You can use the attached worksheet as a guide.**

For each initiative please note whether it will serve children or adults, the number of individuals who will be served and whether or not these individuals have been specifically identified. If it is a NYS CARES initiative, please state this and indicate how many of the individuals to be served are presently on the NYS-CARES waiting list for residential placement. Please also include a contact name and phone number. You can mail, fax or email your initiatives to me:

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If you have any questions or would like additional information please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your interest and participation in this process.

Sincerely,

Brenda Zeoli MS, CRC  
Broome County Mental Health Program Coordinator  
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**WORKSHEET DESCRIBING INITIATIVES  
FOR THE 2005 - 2007 Local Government Plan for MRDD SERVICES**

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Initiative:     Residential     Day     Family and Individual Support  
(Please Check One)

Specific Type of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please refer to Column A on the table on reverse side)

Level of Need:     Urgent     Urgent/Emergency Prevention     Non-Urgent  
(Please refer to Column C on the table on reverse side)

Initiative will serve:     Children     Adults  
(Please check one or both)

Number of Individuals Who Will Be Served By This Initiative: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Individuals Listed Above Who Are Registered On the DDP4 (For NYS CARES Initiatives): \_\_\_\_\_

Disability Descriptors/ Characteristics: (Please refer to Column B on the table on reverse side)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of This Priority Initiative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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If you have any questions or need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me at 778-3073.

Column A

Column B

Column C

Service Types	Disability Descriptors/ Characteristics	Level of Need
<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>DISABILITY DESCRIPTORS</b>	<b>EMERGENCY</b>
Community Residence (supervised)	Developmental Delay	Abusive or neglectful situation constituting imminent risk of harm
Community Residence (supported)	Mental Retardation	Imminent danger to self
Family Care	Autism	Imminent danger to others
IRA - Individualized Residential Alternative	Cerebral Palsy	Homeless or imminent risk of being homeless
ICF - Intermediate Care Facility	Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder	
Other	Psychiatric Disability	
	Sensory Impairment	<b>URGENT/ EMERGENCY PREVENTION</b>
<b>FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	Brain Injury (TBI)	Aging/failing health of caregiver/no alternate available
In-home Residential Habilitation	Prader-Willi Syndrome	Living situation presents significant risk of neglect/abuse
Home Care/Home Maker	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	Medical/physical condition requires care not available in present situation
Recreation	Narcolepsy	Presents increasing risk to self/others
Service Coordination	Neurofibromatosis	Affected by court or legislative mandate requiring residential placement
Transportation	Spina Bifida	
Behavior Management	Tourette Syndrome	
Parent Training	Toxic Substance Exposure	<b>NON-URGENT</b>
Advocacy		Includes all those whose need is current but there is no danger to the health/well-being of the individual or care-giver
Sexuality Counseling	<b>OTHER CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
Future Planning	Aging Out of Education	
Substance Abuse Services	Behaviorally Challenged	
Rent Subsidy	Elderly	
Respite	HIV/AIDS	
Adult/Child Care	Involved w/ Criminal justice	
Assistive Technology	Living w/Aging Parent	
Adaptive Equipment	Chronic Physical/Medical Condition	
Environmental Modification	Medically Frail	
	People in Crisis	
<b>DAY SERVICES</b>	Undetermined	
Day Habilitation		
Day Training		
Senior Day Training		
Day Treatment		
Prevocational or Vocational Skills Training		
Supported Employment		
Affirmative Business		

Section 5

Summary of Residential, Day and Family and Individual Support initiatives

I. SUMMARY OF RESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

PROVIDER	Year	# of slots that represent Conversions	# of slots that represent Expansions	# of slots that represent NYS CARES initiatives	Total # of individuals to obtain new placements as a result of the initiative	Total # of individuals impacted by the initiative
HCA, Inc.*	2005-2006	0	6	6	6	6
HCA, Inc	2005-2006	0	6	6	6	6
DDSO	2005-2006	0	6	6	6	6
DDSO	2005-2006	0	3	3	3	3
DDSO	2005-2006	0	4	4	4	4
DDSO* +	2005-2006	0	12	0	24	24
BT ARC*	2005-2006	0	6	6	6	6
BT ARC	2005-2006	0	6	2	8	24
BT ARC	2005-2006	0	6	6	6	6
BT ARC	2006-2007	0	6	6	6	6
BT ARC	2006-2007	0	6	6	6	6
Cath Char*	2005-2006	0	5	5	5	5
Cath Char.	2005-2006	0	2	2	2	2

\* Represents initiative that was continued from the 2004 – 2005 plan

+ Impacts the 12 individuals who will be moving from Farm-to-Market SOIRA into the 2 new 6-bed SOIRAs and the 12 children who will be moving from the Broome Developmental Center into the Farm-To-Market SOIRA

## II. SUMMARY OF DAY INITIATIVES

PROVIDER	Year	Type of Service	Conversion Y/N	Expansion Y/N	Total # of slots	Total # individuals to be served
BT ARC	2005-2006	Day Habilitation	N	Y	5	5
SWS, Inc.*	2005-2006	Day Habilitation	N	Y	18	18
BT ARC	2005-2006	Supported Emp	N	Y	6	6

## III. SUMMARY OF FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT INITIATIVES

PROVIDER	Year	Type of Service	Conversion Y/N	Expansion Y/N	Total # of slots	Total # individuals to be served
HCA, Inc.*	2005-2006	Free Standing Respite	N	Y	8	40
SWS, Inc.*	2005-2006	Assessment and Counseling	N	Y	N/A	75
SWS, Inc.*	2005-2006	Day Care	N	Y	15	15
BT ARC	2005-2006	Recreation	N	Y	6	6 families
FEN	2006-2007	Res Hab	N	Y	25	25
FEN	2006-2007	Recreation	N	Y	30	30
FEN	2005-2006	Transportation	N	Y	30	30
FEN	2005-2006	Service Coord	N	Y	40	40

\* Represents initiative that was continued from the 2004 – 2005 plan

- HCA, Inc – Handicapped Children's Association
- SWS, Inc – Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled
- FEN – Family Enrichment Network
- BT ARC Broome Tioga ARC

• The individuals to be served through the FEN proposals were based on information contained in the Data Pack and do not represent specific individuals who have been identified

# Table 3: RESIDENTIAL Initiatives

Residential Priority Number:

(Not to be confused with "OMRDD Statewide Criteria for Selecting Individuals for Services from the Wait List" – Appendix D.)

Service Type (from Appendix B):

IRA

County: Broome

DDSO: Broome

Plan Year:  2005-2006  2006-2007

Wait List:  Emergency  Urgent/Emergency Prevention  Non-Urgent

Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

**Disability Descriptors**

- 1 Mental-Retardation \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Developmental-Disability \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Characteristics**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of this Priority Initiative:**

The following initiatives represent continuations of initiatives that were initially proposed during the 2004-2005 plan year. They are presently **in progress**:

- Broome-Tioga ARC – one 6-bed VOIRA for adults
- Handicapped Children's Association – one 6-bed VOIRA for young adult men. This was initially proposed as a 4-bed VOIRA.
- Catholic Charities – one 5-bed VOIRA for young adult females.

These are all NYS CARES initiatives and all of the individuals identified for placement are on the NYS-Cares Wait List.

### Table 3: RESIDENTIAL Initiatives

Residential Priority Number:

(Not to be confused with "OMRDD Statewide Criteria for Selecting Individuals for Services from the Wait List" – Appendix D.)

Service Type (from Appendix B):

**IRA Conversion**

County: Broome

DDSO: Broome

Plan Year:  2005-2006  2006-2007

Wait List:  Emergency  Urgent/Emergency Prevention  Non-Urgent

Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

**Disability Descriptors**

- 1 Mental Retardation
- 2 Developmental Disabilities

**Other Characteristics**

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Description of this Priority Initiative:

This proposal was carried over from the 2004 – 2005 plan year. It is currently in progress.

The Broome DDSO proposes to relocate the 12 individuals currently residing in the Farm-to-Market SOIRA and create two 6-bed SOIRAs. The 12 bed Farm-to-Market SOIRA would then be utilized to transfer 12 children from the Broome Developmental Center into a community residential program.

This initiative represents an expansion of 12 residential slots and directly impacts 24 individuals.

# Table 3: RESIDENTIAL Initiatives

Residential Priority Number:

(Not to be confused with "OMRDD Statewide Criteria for Selecting Individuals for Services from the Wait List" - Appendix D.)

Service Type (from Appendix B):

IRA

County: Broome

DDSO: Broome

Plan Year:  2005-2006  2006-2007

Wait List:  Emergency  Urgent/Emergency Prevention  Non-Urgent

Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:     \*45 including individuals in the homes that are being downsized

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

**Disability Descriptors**

- 1 Mental Retardation
- 2 Developmental Disability

**Other Characteristics**

- 1 Medically frail (ARC's proposal)
- 2 Autism, CP (HCA's proposal)

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The following agencies have proposed to develop the following IRAs:

Catholic Charities – one 2-bed VOIRA for 2 adult women - the two women and their families are requesting placement in a home with sufficient supports to live independently as housemates (NYS- CARES)

Handicapped Children's Association – one 6-bed VOIRA for children (NYS-CARES)

Broome-Tioga ARC – one 6-bed VOIRA for medically frail adults presently living in other ARC homes but in need of a residence to better meet their increasing medical needs - this would open 2 slots for NYS-CARES placements to backfill, and they propose leaving the other 4 slots vacant in an effort to downsize to of their larger VOIRAs. This is being submitted as a NYS OPTS proposal

Broome Tioga ARC – one 6-bed VOIRA for adults (NYS-CARES)

Broome DDSO – one 6-bed SOIRA for adults and one 3-bed SOIRA for adults and one 4-bed SOIRA (all three are NYS-CARES proposals)

### Table 3: RESIDENTIAL Initiatives

Residential Priority Number:

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Service Type (from Appendix B):

IRA

County:

Broome

DDSO:

Broome

Plan Year:

2005-2006

2006-2007

Wait List:

Emergency

Urgent/Emergency Prevention

Non-Urgent

Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

**Disability Descriptors**

1 Mental Retardation

2 Seizure Disorder

**Other Characteristics**

1 Living with aging parents

2 \_\_\_\_\_

Description of this Priority Initiative:

Broome-Tioga ARC proposes to develop two 6-bed VOIRAs for adults. (NYS-CARES)

**Table 3: DAY Initiatives**

<b>Day Priority Number:</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; font-weight: bold;">1</span>	<b>County:</b> <b>Broome</b> <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/>
<b>Service Type</b> <i>(from Appendix B):</i>  <b>Supported Employment, Prevocational and Vocational Training</b> <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/>	<b>DDSO:</b> <b>Broome</b> <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/>
	<b>Plan Year:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007

**Total Number** of consumers served by this initiative:

**Of these consumers**, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder</u>	2 _____

**Description of this Priority Initiative:**

The Broome-Tioga ARC proposes to develop a program that would serve individuals who have transitioned from high school, and individuals who are awaiting job placement, and have a goal of obtaining Supported Employment but need further skill development. Individuals would be required to report for training five days-per week to develop work related skills i.e. developing problem solving skills, increased knowledge of the job market and the needed skills to perform various jobs, developing resumes, filling out applications, social skill development etc. The training would be provided by a variety of programs working together in collaboration with the individuals and their advocates. This would be submitted as a NYS OPTS proposal.

**Table 3: DAY Initiatives**

<p>Day Priority Number: <input style="width: 40px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="2"/></p> <p>Service Type (from Appendix B):  <u>Day Habilitation</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

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Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>Developmental Disabilities</u>	2 _____

**Description of this Priority Initiative:**

The Broome-Tioga ARC 's current Day Habilitation programs are operating at certified capacities. Presently there are five individuals on the waiting list to receive Day Habilitation services. This coupled with the fact that additional referrals can be anticipated from the BOCES graduating class, necessitates a request to expand the certified capacity.

Broome-Tioga ARC is requesting to expand the certified capacity of their Day Habilitation program at Cutler Pond Road by five slots.

**Table 3: DAY Initiatives**

<p><b>Day Priority Number:</b> <input style="width: 40px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="3"/></p> <p><b>Service Type</b> <i>(from Appendix B):</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day Habilitation</u></p>	<p><b>County:</b> <u>Broome</u></p> <p><b>DDSO:</b> <u>Broome</u></p> <p><b>Plan Year:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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**Total Number** of consumers served by this initiative:     \*refers to number of slots

**Of these consumers,** the number who are registered on the DDP4:     Not yet identified

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>Developmental Disabilities</u>	2 _____

**Description of this Priority Initiative:**

This initiative was first proposed during the 2004-2005 plan year.

In conjunction with the existing sheltered employment and pre-vocational programs, The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc., proposes to establish an 18 slot Day Habilitation program. It is anticipated that participation in this option will lead to enhanced skill levels, greater confidence, more independence, and a higher degree of community inclusion for consumers who participate in the program. This proposal is under consideration to be submitted as a pilot proposal under NYS-OPTS.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <input type="text" value="1"/></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type (from Appendix B):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Free Standing Respite</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:     this refers to number of slots

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 Mental Retardation _____	1 Behaviorally Challenged _____
2 Developmental Disabilities _____	2 Medically Frail _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:

This initiative is a continuation from the 2004-2005 plan year. This initiative is in progress.

The Handicapped Children's Association, Inc. of the Southern Tier proposes to develop an 8-bed free standing respite services for children and adults. It is anticipated that 40 individuals will participate in the Free Standing Respite Program during the first year of operation.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <input style="width: 40px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="2"/></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type (from Appendix B):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Recreation/Respite</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>-Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006    <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:

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Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability</u>	1 _____
2 <u>Autism</u>	2 _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Broome-Tioga ARC proposes to develop a Recreation/Respite program that would serve children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. This program is being designed to provide peer support and education within a recreational context.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <input type="text" value="3"/></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type (from Appendix B):</p> <p><u>Psychological Evaluations and Counseling</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4     Not yet identified

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Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 <u>Behaviorally Challenged</u>
2 <u>Developmental Disability</u>	2 _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:

This initiative is a continuation from the 2004-2005 plan year.

The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc., would like to employ a licensed psychologist to address consumers' family, personal, and employment issues. The addition of a licensed psychologist will allow potential consumers to obtain the necessary evaluations that may document their eligibility for services thus hastening the delivery of needed support. Diagnostic and counseling services would also be made available to the current developmentally disabled consumers in SWS, Inc. programs who need mental health counseling.

This proposal is under consideration to be submitted as a pilot proposal under NYS-OPTS.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <input type="text" value="4"/></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type (from Appendix B):</p> <p><u>Child Care for Consumers' Children</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:     Not yet identified

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 <u>Behaviorally Challenged</u>
2 <u>Developmental Disabilities</u>	2 _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:  
 The Sheltered Workshop for the Disabled, Inc. proposes to develop a day care program for the children of consumers enrolled in their vocational and/or Day Habilitation programs. Presently there are no day care programs that target the unique needs of the disabled population for flexible scheduling, clear communication, and convenience in regard to childcare needs. This initiative will augment consumers' vocational and habilitation experiences by improving consumers access to prevocational training, employment opportunities, and avenues to independence. It will also support consumers' efforts as parents and as providers for their children. As a result, better and more regular attendance in programs, and therefore, more progress toward consumers' valued outcomes is anticipated. This proposal is under consideration to be submitted as a pilot proposal under NYS-OPTS.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">5</span></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type <i>(from Appendix B)</i>:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Service Coordination</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:    4  0

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:     0 Not yet identified

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>All except CP, HIV/AIDS, Medically Frail</u>	2 _____

**Description of this Priority Initiative:**  
 The Family Enrichment Network proposes to develop a Services Coordination program that would serve children and adults with mental retardation. This program would assist individuals with gaining access to necessary services and supports appropriate to each individual's needs; develop, implement and maintain an individualized services plan that is based on the concepts of choice, customer satisfaction and individualized services and supports. Among the services to be provided would be Advocacy, Future Planning, and Parent Training

### Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">6</span></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type <i>(from Appendix B)</i>:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transportation</u></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:    3  0

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:     0 Not yet identified

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Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>All except CP, HIV/AIDS, Medically Frail</u>	2 _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:  
 The Family Enrichment Network proposes to develop a Transportation program that would serve children and adults with mental retardation. This program would be designed to assist individuals with attendance at necessary appointments.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">1</span></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type <i>(from Appendix B)</i>:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Residential Habilitation</b></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:    2  5

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4:    0  0 Not yet identified

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Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>All except CP, HIV/AIDS, Medically Frail</u>	2 _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Family Enrichment Network proposes to develop a Residential Habilitation that would serve children and adults with mental retardation and would provide assistance to enhance skills in mobility, self care, safety, social behaviors, housekeeping, hygiene, health management, financial management, and other areas as appropriate for each individual served.

**Table 3: FAMILY and INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT Initiatives**

<p><b>Family &amp; Individual Support</b></p> <p>Priority Number: <input style="width: 40px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="2"/></p> <hr/> <p>Service Type (from Appendix B):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Recreation</b></p>	<p>County: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>DDSO: <u>Broome</u></p> <p>Plan Year: <input type="checkbox"/> 2005-2006 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2006-2007</p>
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Total Number of consumers served by this initiative:

Of these consumers, the number who are registered on the DDP4     Not yet identified

Please indicate below the "Disability Descriptors" for the consumers served by this initiative. Select only two descriptors; list the most prevalent as #1. Select two "Other Characteristics," listing the most prevalent as #1. (See Appendix C for a list of Disability Descriptors and Other Characteristics)

Disability Descriptors	Other Characteristics
1 <u>Mental Retardation</u>	1 _____
2 <u>All except CP, HIV/AIDS, Medically Frail</u>	2 _____

Description of this Priority Initiative:

The Family Enrichment Network proposes to develop a Recreation program to serve children and adults with mental retardation which would provide opportunities for social interaction and interpersonal skill development

**SECTION 6**

**SUPPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE  
SECTION**

## SECTION 6: SUPPLEMENTARY NARRATIVE SECTION

*Please comment for your county on the following topic:*

*In last year's (2004-2006 LGP) supplementary narrative, counties addressed the potential impact of the Options for People Through Services (OPTS) initiative. Over the past year, OMRDD has been moving steadily forward toward the goals of OPTS – to increase consumer choice, increase provider flexibility, reduce the impact of funding rules, and promote innovation and individualized services, while maintaining revenues and federal participation.*

*Use this section as an opportunity to update your narrative from last year's plan, based on the progress made over the last year. Please discuss the potential impact of this initiative from your counties perspective, describing any additional steps that have been taken and progress made.*

For the stakeholders in Broome County this past year has been a year of questioning, learning, and information sharing in reference to the OPTS initiative.

Thus far there have been no OPTS proposals that are operational, nor any approved, in Broome County. There are, however, numerous proposals that are in various stages of development. The OPTS initiative is still a relatively new, unfamiliar and abstract concept to many potential providers. During this past year we have been striving to better understand what OPTS is, and to learn about the application procedures and proposal requirements associated with it. However, there remains a certain degree of hesitancy and skepticism in reference OPTS.

Broome DDSO has made it a priority to “get the word out” to the voluntary providers, consumers, their families and advocates. There has been a concentrated effort to help people begin to look at service delivery in new ways. Consumers and providers/potential providers are being encouraged to consider innovative possibilities in reference to service provision. The hope is that OPTS will provide an avenue to develop the services and supports consumers want and need, and to provide them with a maximum degree of choice and individualization.

There is a local OPTS committee that meets regularly to discuss and develop opportunities to disseminate information regarding OPTS to consumers, families, provider agencies and potential providers.

The Broome DDSO has provided training to the voluntary agency directors and to the Medicaid. Service Coordinators regarding OPTS and the process for submitting proposals.

A committee of involved stakeholders including consumers, family members, advocates, service coordinators, voluntary and state agency representatives spearheaded by the

Broome DDSO has been meeting on a regular basis to plan and hold a number of "OPTS Dream Parties". The emphasis was placed on providing an enjoyable forum in which consumers and their families could learn about OPTS and how this new initiative could help consumers to realize their "dreams". It is hoped that consumers and families will be interested and feel empowered to direct their own future goals and services through the OPTS process. The first "OPTS Dream Party" was held on January 22, 2005 and a second party was held on April 30, 2005. A copy of the invitation is attached. Invitations were distributed through agencies and service providers. During the parties individuals were encouraged to complete "dream cards" describing their future goals and dreams and to share their dream cards with their families and service coordinators as a first step towards the development of some unique, individualized OPTS proposals. The committee will meet again following the April 30<sup>th</sup> party to discuss "where do we go from here" in terms of helping to encourage this process.

The Broome DDSO has also provided technical assistance to provider agencies regarding OPTS questions and OPTS proposal development. As stated earlier there are a number of proposals that are in the process of being developed locally.

At this point however, the application process for developing proposals appears to many to be a very lengthy and labor intensive one. With very tight budgets and personnel severely extended, many providers do not have the manpower necessary to develop the proposals. The process for individuals and families may seem even more daunting. Providers have described the application and review process as complicated, involved and cumbersome. This has been, reportedly, further complicated by the fact that the review questions and guidelines proposals are measured against have only recently been available to providers.

It remains to be seen how the OPTS will impact Broome County's services for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled citizens of our community.

If the intent of the NYS-OPTS - to increase consumer choice, increase provider flexibility, ease the impact of rigid funding rules and promote innovative and individualized services while maintaining revenues and maximizing federal Medicaid dollars - is realized, it would be a very welcomed change for MRDD consumers, their families and the MRDD service delivery system.

NYS-OPTS could effectively generate opportunities for truly creative and innovative services for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Rather than trying to force individuals to fit into an existing program structure that is ill-suited for them and does not meet their needs, NYS-OPTS could open the door for the development of truly individualized services that can be specifically designed and tailored to meet an individual's unique needs and circumstances.

Ideally, NYS-OPTS would spur the development of a wide array of individualized services and a flexible service delivery structure. Presently, however many questions remain as to the potential impact of the OPTS initiative.



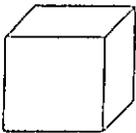
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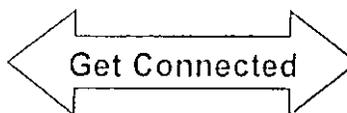
Making choices

Helping you be successful

Finding ways to make dreams happen



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**SECTION 7**

**ASSURANCES AND LISTINGS  
OF  
KEY PARTICIPANTS**

**Names and Mailing Addresses of Broome County Mental Health Department's**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
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MENTAL RETARDATION / DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

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Ms. Arlene Nannery  
Mr. William Miller  
Mr. Joseph Sanfilippo

**LIAISON TO COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Mr. Thomas Hull

**BROOME DDSO**

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Ms. Patricia McDonnell, DDSO Director  
Mr. Thomas Creagh, DDPS IV

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Ms. Brenda Franceschetti-Zeoli, Mental Health Program Coordinator  
Ms. Jennifer Lee, CCSI Financial Administrator

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Village of Endicott	Mrs. Joan Hickey Pulse, MAYOR
Town of Vestal	Ms. Anndrea Starzak, SUPERVISOR
Village of Johnson City	Mr. Harry G. Lewis, MAYOR
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Town of Dickinson	Mr. Michael Marinaccio, SUPERVISOR
County of Broome	Ms. Barbara J. Fiala, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

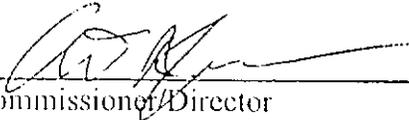
**SECTION 7**

**ASSURANCES AND LISTING OF KEY PARTICIPANTS**

**01 Assurance**

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, and as Director of the Local Government Unit, I hereby assure and certify that directors of district developmental services offices, directors of community mental health centers, voluntary agencies, other providers of services, and consumers and consumer groups have been formally invited to participate in, and provide information for, the local planning process relative to the development of the 2005 Local Services Plan.

5/26/05  
Date

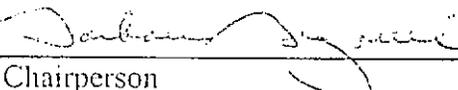
  
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Commissioner/Director  
Local Government Unit

**02 Assurance**

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, I hereby assure and certify that the Community Services Board has provided advice to the Director of Community Services and has participated in the development of the 2005 Local Government Plan. Additionally, I assure and certify that the full Board has had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the plan and has received the completed document. Any disputes which may have arisen, as part of the local planning process regarding elements of the plan, have been or will be addressed in accordance with procedures outlined in the Mental Hygiene Law Section 41.16©.

**For Policy Boards:**

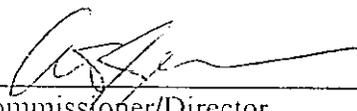
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Chairperson  
Community Services Board

Or:

**For Advisory Boards:**

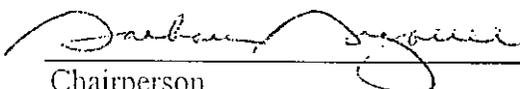
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Commissioner/Director  
Local Government Unit

**03 Assurance (For Policy Boards Only)**

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, I assure and certify that the Community Services Board meets regularly during the year, has established by-laws for its operation, has defined the number of officers and members that will comprise a quorum, and has membership which is broadly representative of the age, sex, race and ethnic characteristics of the area served. Additionally, I assure and certify that the Board has established procedures to insure that all meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, which requires that meetings of public bodies shall be open to the general public, that advance notice of meetings shall be given, and that minutes shall be taken of all meetings and be available to the public.

6/3/05  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Community Services Board

**04 Assurance**

Pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, I, as Chairperson of the Subcommittee for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, assure and certify that the Subcommittee for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities has provided advice and input to the Community Services Board and to the Director of Community Services relative to the development of the 2005 Local Services Plan as such plan relates to the field of services for those individuals represented by this subcommittee.

Additionally, I assure and certify that the Subcommittee has had an opportunity to review and comment on the contents of the plan and has received the completed document. Any disputes which may have arisen, as part of the local planning process regarding elements of the plan, have been or will be addressed in accordance with procedures outlined in Mental Hygiene Law Section 41.16©.

5/25/05  
Date

Nicki French  
Chairperson  
Subcommittee of MR/DD

**05 Assurance**

I assure and certify acknowledgement and compliance with the following: The information made available for the development of the Local Government Plan and its constructs includes confidential information concerning individuals served or proposed to be served by OMRDD or approved providers. Confidentiality is required by Mental Hygiene Law Section 33.13. The law prohibits one from making any further disclosure of confidential information unless disclosure is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 33.13.

5/26/05  
Date

[Signature]  
Commissioner/Director  
Local Government Unit

**06 Assurance**

On behalf of the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, I, as director of the DDSO assure and certify that the development process and content of the 2005 Local Government Plan for Broome County are in compliance with the requirements of Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, and that they indicate that reasonable and appropriate efforts are being made to extend or improve local mental retardation and developmental disabilities services in accordance with Statewide priorities and goals.

6/3/05  
Date

[Signature]  
DDSO Director for:

Broome DDSO