

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, March 15, 2024  
Virtual Meeting**

**Time start: 11:00**

**End time: 12:05**

**Members Present:**

Matt Smith X	Bill Penman	Jodie Altman x	Gulsum Suluzzio x
Beth Anzalone X	Jackie West x	Jennifer Seib	Melanie Witkowski
Ed Cichon x	Shannon Ford x	Erica Zych x	
Robin Mann x	Erica Sebastian x	Shelia Harding x	

**Approval of Minutes:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Jodie Altman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ed Cihon

**Treasurer's report:** Bill Penman was unable to attend. The balance on purr account is \$1,404.53. we also have \$10,000.00 in a CD.

**WNYCDC Website.** Things remain the same, no new information. Kate Chudoba (WNY United) will continue to add any new campaign information There is also money for coalitions to apply for funding for small projects. Please check out the website for details.

Please remember to send any information to [Kchudoba@wnyunited.org](mailto:Kchudoba@wnyunited.org) at WNY United

**SOR-**

"Take It to The Box" campaign will continue for SOR 3 Please continue to share info with Dave Mussen at Prevention Focus

**Training update:**

\* Dark side of the Web was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. 30 people attended. Feedback from attendee was it was informative and everything went well. Robin requested a list of participants so she can secure the training certificates. It was also mentioned there is a backlog at OASAS in getting approval. But Robin has everything in and will send as soon as she gets approval.

The sub- committee continues to explore topics for an upcoming training that may take place sometime the end of summer. Ideas include: "What's happening around the Field" and "A day in the life" of a SUD employee.

It would also include break outs for each county to share what's going on in each of their individual counties.

The group needs to keep working on securing a date,(possibly August 21<sup>st</sup>) finding the right person from each "leg" of the continuum.

Prevention: Prevention Staff member for "A day in the life"

Recovery: Best Self

Treatment-Gulsum & Ed

Harm Reduction: Emma Fabian from Evergreen

Summer Prevention retreat: Wednesday, August 22 is the suggested date

Marketing discussion:

The group spent some time discussing last month's presentation. Matt suggested we think about the "Who, What, Where and Why".

Need to decide the best way to move forward and the format we want to use.

College campuses were suggested to use as our target audience.

Robin shared she thought it best for each "leg" of the continuum to what they need as far as putting together information. Each entity needs to think about a message that gets people to think about "choosing this field-Why?"

This discussion will have to continue until we come up with a clear message and ideas for

Committee reports:

**Treatment: Jodie Altman**

- 1) Reporting requirement update-3/25@2pm
- 2) Survey sent out, Re: cyber attack
- 3) Prevention Training:5/29,30-6/4,5,6.
- 4) Opiate settlement Webinar,3/27 @12
- 5) CPS-schedule C –no longer accepted-Go to OASAS website
- 6) Announcements:
  - CAS opened Turning Point
  - Workforce-still struggling with counselors and peers, background check issues
  - CASAC provisional status –takes a long time to hear back from OASAS

**Public Policy: Ed Cichon**

1. Discussion of the State budget
- 2 Discussion of Current COLA
- 3 Cyber attack
- 4 Credentialing

**Prevention: Sheila Harding:**

1. SOR discussion/update
2. Upcoming trainings-SAPTS, Ethics
3. Drug Fact week-Alcohol Awareness Month
4. Discussion next month about staff data collection

**Meeting ended at 12:00**

**Board Terms:**

Matt Smith 10/23  
Beth Anzalone 10/23  
Shannon Ford 10/25  
Robin Mann 10/23  
Ed Cichon 10/23

Bill Penman 10/23  
Jackie West 10/24  
Jodie Altman 10/23  
Jennifer Seib 10/23

Erica Sebastian 2/26  
Erica Zyck 2/26