

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday October 16, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

**Time start: 12:04**

**End time: 12:53**

**Members Present:**

Matt Smith X	Bill Penman x	Sherri Bensley
Beth Anzalone X	Jackie West	Jennifer Seib x
Melanie Witkowski X	Kathy Hodges X	Carrie Rich x
Rachel Linderman x	Scott Morton x	Ed Cichon x
Robin Mann x	Bruce Nisbet	

**Discussion:** Listening Session for OASAS & OMH

Members discussed the listening session. Matt had an opportunity to speak but was not called on. He will send a written statement to OASAS.

Jen and Ed were able to speak

OMH director spoke about the development of a whole new agency and some concerns were addressed. Point made of how recovery will fit into the plan.

**Gold Key Awards:** Matt forwarded to the group the award nominee for everyone to review.

**Nominations:** Dr. Lawrence Plumb-Jen gave a brief review of his nomination

Sally Yageric-Robin gave an overview of Sally's work and all her contributions

Alesandra Duarte

Melanie Witkowski-she declined

Dr. Moss King-Melanie gave a brief overview of the nomination

Bill made a motion to accept all nominations, Melanie second/ the motion was approved.

**Approval of minutes:**

Ed Cichon-first

Carrie Rich- second

Minutes passed

**Treasurers report:** Bill Penman

No new expenses. We have \$18,951.84 in Checking account

Will be paying ASAP dues this month

Membership: All but 5 agencies have paid membership dues at the \$150 price.

Bill will email those that have not and members volunteered to check with their own agency if they have not paid.

Scott-first

Beth-second

Treasurer's report approved

**Board Terms:** 3 member's terms are up:

Kathy Hodges-will resigns

Beth Anzalone- 3 year tem

Sherri Bensley-Matt will check as she was not present at the meeting

Positions were approved

**Discussion of Slate of Officers for 2021:**

**Chair:** Matt Smith

Prevention Chair: Will check with Sherri and see if she will remain in her chair position

Treatment Chair :Open

Scott was promoted and will have to step down from the chair position

Treasurer: Bill Penman

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Secretary: Beth Anzalone

Kathy Hodges will step down as a Board member. New job responsibilities will make it hard to attend meetings

All members were asked to reach out to potential colleges to see if there might be interest in fill in some slots

**WNYCDC Website.** Things remain the same no new information

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

**Meeting reports:**

**Public Policy:** Ed Cichon

Not a lot of movement

Nothing to update

**Prevention:** Sherri Bensely was unable to make the meeting

Matt and Beth shared most of the discussion was centered on the OASAS Listening Sessions

**Treatment:** Scott Morton

Discussion: Presentation by Value Network

Discussion on Engagement related to Covaid

Methadone & OTP Programs Listening Sessions

**Discussion:** members weighed in on the Listening session and their hopes for a new agency instead of a merger. The groups discussed using the old document as a starting point and add updated information to complete and present the committees view.

**Agency Updates and committee reports: There will be a Sub -committee meeting before the next meeting for the Gold key Awards.**

**Speaker is confirmed for the CDC Luncheon on Friday November 20**

**Next meeting: November 20, 2020**

**Board terms**

Matt Smith 10/22

Beth Anzalone 10/20

Rachel Linderman 10/21

Robin Mann 10/22

Ed Cichon 10/22

Bill Penman 10/22

Jackie West 10/21

Kathy Hodgins 10/20

Scott Morton 10/21

Carrie Rich 10/22

Melanie Witkowski 10/21

Bruce Nisbet 10/21

Sherry Bensley 10/20

Jennifer Seib 10/22