

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday December 11, 2020  
Virtual**

**Members Present:**

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

**Approval of minutes:**

Bruce Nisbet-first  
Carrie Rich- Robin Mann

**Treasurers report:** Bill Penman

No new expenses. We have \$18,498.15 in Checking account  
Expenses were from the Gold key celebration Awards and floral arrangements  
Membership: All but 7 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.

Motion to approve-Bruce  
Second- Scott Morton

**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

**Board terms:**

Sherri Bensley agreed to serve 3 year term  
Motion to approve-Beth  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Bill Penman

Welcome to Jody Altman! Jody has agreed to join the Board of Directors for a 3 year term!

Formal nomination-Bruce Nisbet

2<sup>nd</sup> –Jen Seib

Approved by all!

Jody will be joining us as we lost Carrie Rich (left her position) and Scott Morton who got a promotion and will not be able to continue in this role.

A big THANK YOU to Scott Morton for all his time energy and talent contributed to the CDC!

**Executive Committee for the 2021 year:**

Matt Smith-Chair  
Jen Seib-Vice Chair  
Bill Penman –Treasurer

Beth Anzalone-Secretary  
Ed Cichon-Public Policy

Prevention Chair-Sherri Bensley

Treatment- will be on a rotating basis asking current treatment members to host

**Gold Key for 2020 debriefs:**

Everyone agreed the event was well done and it met our needs!

Trisha Shell-Guy was a great choice for the guest speaker .Having an employee from OASAS was a great idea!

Flowers that were added to be delivered to each winner was a great touch and made it special!

**True tox Opportunity:**

Over a year ago True Tox offered to provide training at no cost for both Treatment and prevention. Plans for these events were cancelled because of Covid.

Matt and Scott has been working with them and asked if they would sponsor a Training on the use of the platforms that most staff have had to turn to to do their work.

They have agreed and will be providing this for any member possibly on January 13,2021the training will be for 2 hours with technical assistance for participants.

A survey will be sent out to all possible participants to fill out before the training to make sure needs are met!

**SOAR grant update:**

7 Agencies will be part of this round of grant funding

Dollar amounts will be determined

More will be coming as this process develops

Prevention Focus will be the pass through since the CDC is not eligible

Bruce shared that MHA and Buffalo State were not included because they are not funded by OASAS and that was included in the guidelines

**Meeting reports:**

**Public Policy:** Ed Cichon

Main focus was the discussion of the current status of the Federal Appropriations Gov Budget

The outcomes of the elections will be a factor on how things in 2021

Scott shared there was a LSB that addressed the topic of Narcan Training-every staff person needs to be trained.

**Prevention:** Sherri Bensley

Discussion centered on the SOR application

**Treatment:** Scott Morton

Discussion: check-In with covid and working remotely

OASAS will now be conducting virtual Site reviews

Discussion on Part 80-30 Regs

**Agency Updates: None**

**Committee Discussion:**

Each group need to begin to design and think about goals for 2021

**Meeting ended at 12:47**

**Next meeting: January 15, 2021**

**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

Sherri Bensley 10/20

Scott Morton 10/21

Melanie Witkowski 10/21

Bruce Nisbet 10/21

Jodi Altman 12/23

Jennifer Seib 10/22