

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday January 15, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 12:00

End time: 12:35

Members Present:

Matt Smith X

Beth Anzalone X

Melanie Witkowski x

Rachel Linderman x

Robin Mann x

Bill Penman x

Jackie West

Jodie Altman x

Ed Cichon x

Bruce Nisbet x

Sherri Bensley x

Jennifer Seib x

Kathy Kaiser x

Approval of minutes:

Jen Seib-first

Jodi Altman- second

Treasurer's report: Bill Penman was unable to attend, Matt Smith reported
No new expenses. Change in balance due to payment of bills from the Gold Key Awards.

We have \$18,061.13 in Checking account

Should be receiving a \$3000.00 check from Truetox which will cover the cost of the platform training

Membership: Unchanged

Dues for the upcoming 2021 will be due soon. We will keep the amount the same. Look for upcoming letters to rejoin.

*** Sherri Bensley mentioned that Marsha West is no longer at the Restoration Society Club House. She will look into it and report back.

WNYCDC Website. Things remain the same, no new information. Kate Chudoba (WNY United) will be adding the new CDC campaign once it is decided on and materials completed.

Please remember to send any information to Kchudoba@wnyunited.org at WNY United

New Board member-willingness to join

Tye Pope: Jen Seib gave an overview of her qualifications in SUD and Recovery

Bruce Nesbit provided the nomination

Ed Cichon seconded

All approved. The group will welcome Tye to a 3 year term ending January 2024 at the next meeting

Matt will reach out with an official welcome

2021 Calendar:

1/15, 2/19, 3/19, /4/16, 5/21, 6/11, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17.

We moved the June meeting to 6/11 due to the Juneteenth holiday

Truetox report:

Truetox provided the \$3000.00 needed for training for attendees on January 14th. This training was on the computer platform Zoom. It was very well received!

Matt and Jen will meet with Truetox on January 25 to discuss further partnerships and possible training opportunities for 2021.

SOR Grant:

The group discussed the SOR grant and submission of two applications from the region that were submitted.

Mark O'Brien (ECDMH) wrote a letter of support for the Value Network Submission.

Waiting to hear decisions from OASAS on decisions.

Meeting reports:

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Discussion centered on the Inauguration and the concern of the Federal budget

Waiting to hear from Feds as to what the covid relief package will look like

2021 Public Policy Goal:

"To educate policy makers, payers, and the community of the issues that impact consumers of the substance use disorder field and their families by increasing visibility."

Objectives:

*Complete at least 24 legislative contacts at the local offices (it was legislative visits before).

*Host an in-person or virtual legislative event.

*Increase Public Policy information on the WNYCDC website

*Increase collaboration with ASAP

Prevention: Sherri Bensely

We started with an update from all providers. It was a great chance to catch up with everyone and how things were going for each agency!

Group discussed the SOR Grant

The vaccine clarification was also brought up and discussed

Next meeting, Goal for 2021

Treatment: Kathy Kaiser

Kathy was chairing today's meeting and has graciously agreed with support from Jodie Altman, to chair the February meeting! Thank you Kathy and Jodie.

Discussion centered on the vaccine and all the talk/information surrounding this. Discussion concerning the daily Covid reports was the majority of conversation. They discussed reporting barriers, successes as well as distribution all the while following OASAS recommendations.

Next meeting: February 19, 2021

Board terms

Matt Smith 10/22

Beth Anzalone 10/23

Rachel Linderman 10/21

Robin Mann 10/22

Ed Cichon 10/22

Bill Penman 10/22

Jackie West 10/21

Sherry Bensley 10/22

Jennifer Seib 10/22

Melanie Witkowski 10/21

Tye Pope 1/24

Bruce Nisbet 10/21

Jodi Altman 12/23