

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday June 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 12:00

End time: 12:40

Members Present:

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

Approval of February minutes:

Bill Penman-first

Bruce Nisbet- second

Approval of May minutes

Jody Altman-first

Ed Cichon-second

Treasurer's report: Bill Penman reported we have a total of \$21,466.92 deposit to Classic V for the Annual Luncheon to be held in October.

No other expenses

Membership Report: Remains the same status from last month. We have 4 agencies that still need to be contacted.

Bill requested if anyone has contacts or email addresses for:

Chaut. Cty, Brooks, Brylin and Native American Community Services.

Member we asked to forward information so we could contact remaining members.

WNYCDC: No new updates. Meetings are still being held monthly and looking for grassroots coalition to submit proposals for small coalition projects. As always, please forward any new information to Kchudoba@wnyunited.org

Awards Luncheon: to be held in October this year. Subcommittee; Matt, Jackie, Rachel and Jodi. Beth volunteered if more help was needed.

We are in need of a Key note speaker. If anyone knows someone who is interested, please let the committee know.

Ed Suggested Mark Polancarz as a possible speaker

It was suggested to touch base with Melanie W. to see if she could recommend someone from her Hope & healing conference.

Gold key Awards: Matt will circulate the nomination form for members to nominate candidates.

TruTox report: Thank you to Robin for her work on getting OASAS credentials for all participants. It has not been an easy task

Robin then shared that the day of the training there was a technical glitch and Robin quickly worked with TruTox to get fixed before the start of the training.

Approval of credits will be forthcoming. Robin will send an email containing the certificate to the one used in registration.

We are planning for the next one and hoping for a smoother start. The topic will be Marijuana & how to defeat drug tests.

Robin also brought up the point that with all these free trainings will TruTox expect providers to switch to using their services. Matt reassured the group that would be no expectation to do that.

Agency Updates: Beth shared the upcoming summer Leaders In Training Program to be held virtually again this year. Agency worked hard to recruit students from our partner schools and will be partnering with 8 new vendors this year with delivery of LIT Kits each week to the students homes. Looking forward to a fun summer! She also shared our annual golf Tournament DAD (Drive Against Drugs) will be held on August 2 at the Orchard Park Country Club.

Matt shared Prevention Focus will be at the Erie County Fair this year and they will be in full force. They will also be holding their 10 K walk/race this summer.

Jody shared KEDS will be hosting their annual Golf tournament and also will have a presence at the Erie County Fair.

Meeting reports:

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Ed shared that attendance has been low and asked the group to send their group email list to him so he can do a broader invite.

Ed will send an email out to all with the update and bills passed

Prevention: Sherri Bensely was unable to attend. Matt Smith took over as chair.

The group discussed the upcoming Prevention retreat on Friday August 27th at Chestnut Ridge. Matt shared some of the details of the day!

We also discussed the TruTox training and got feedback from the group about the topic.

The PRC shared information about some of the upcoming trainings that will be available for all prevention providers. More details to follow

Treatment: Jody Altman shared the treatment report.

Topics discussed –No report from the Opiate Task Force

Administrative Relief committee-Jody attends these meetings. Next meeting June 22nd.

Value network and the SOR Grant project –Agencies were contacted by OASAS and will be working on individual proposals and figuring out changes that might need to be made.

Part 830 telehealth/telephonic regs-Insurance companies will be going back to co-pays this week.

822 regs –discussion on the new regs-Any guidance coming soon?

Agency updates: Group discussed Staffing issues across the field.

GCASA shared they are recruiting interns.

Orleans county reported they will be providing a 25 bed facility for women and kids coming in 2022.

Group would like to start holding in person trainings. Jody volunteered to host. They have the capability of in person space and zoom accommodations.

Next meeting: July 16, 2021

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

Board terms

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Beth Anzalone 10/23

Rachel Linderman 10/21

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