

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday August 21, 2020
Virtual**

Members Present:

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

Approval of minutes:

Ed Cichon-first
Carrie Rich- second

Treasurers report: Bill Penman

No new expenses. We have \$18,507.00 in Checking account
Will be paying ASAP dues this month
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.

WNYCDC Website. Things remain the same no new information

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

Meeting reports:

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Main focus was the decrease of with hold from 31% to 29%
Waiting to hear from Feds as to what the covaid relief package
Next meeting: will discuss goals for the upcoming year

Prevention: Sherri Bensely

Discussed Virtual Prevention Conference coming up in October-sponsored by PRC
Work plan due Sept 1, 2020
Discussed school based programming—what will schools look like?
Virtual or Hybrid - what does that look like in our work plan?
Annual report due date is November 1

Treatment: Scott Morton

Discussion: check-In with covaid and working remotely
OASAS will now be conducting virtual Site reviews
Discussion on Part 80-30 Regs

Agency Updates:

Ed Discussed a Language change in the Treatment work. Ex. Going from Addict to a person with a substance use disorder. Matt suggested that any information Ed has could be sent out to all member so we could all get educated and be on the same page in the work that we do.

Jen announced Best self has a new CEO.

She also shared she received a promotion! (Congrats to Jen were shared)! VP of Adult Clinical Services. There is some restricting going on throughout the agency

Also shared that Best Self received dollars for a traveling mobile unit to improve services in Alleghany and Catt County

Bruce shared that Spectrum received a FEMA Grant to provide crisis support to people affected by Covaid. Services will start in late September.

They also received license for 2 new Mobile RV's, one in Erie County and one for Wyoming County

Value Network: Contract w with BC/BS looking at Best practice

Committee Discussion:

Members discussed the November annual meeting. Gold Key Awards will remain in place and will be presented virtually. A subcommittee will work in figuring out logistics. Jen volunteered Stephanie from BS to help with the virtual set up.

Subcommittee:

Matt, Rachel, Jen, Jackie, Sherri, Jackie and Beth are willing to help

Next meeting: September 18, 2020

Board terms

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