



WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium

Board of Directors Meeting

August 20, 2021

Start Time: 12:00

End time: 12:33

Attendees: Matt Smith X Bill Penman X Sherri Bensley X
 Beth Anzalone Jackie West Jennifer Seib X
 Melanie Witkowski Rachel Linderman X Ed Cichon X
 Robin Mann X Bruce Nisbet Tye Pope
 Jodie Altman X

Minutes by: Ed Cichon

Approval of Minutes

- Jodie Altman was in attendance at the July meeting but wasn't included in the minutes. She needs to be added.
- Sheri made a motion to accept the July minutes as amended. Bill seconded.

Treasurers Report

- Bill Penman reported that our current balance is \$21,663.28.
- We have only two member agencies that have not paid the 2021 membership fee.
 - Bill sent out reminders to both but hasn't heard back yet.

WNYCDC website

- No new updates. Please continue to provide any updates to KChudoba@wnyunited.org

Gold Key Awards Luncheon

- Taking place on Friday, October 15.
- Discussed that we may need to be flexible with going all-virtual
- Keynote speaker
 - Matt presented two options: a magician and Matt Bellace, a comedian and motivational speaker.
 - The group decided to go with Matt Bellace. His costs are \$3,500 for in-person and \$2,000 for virtual
 - His keynote will be on endorphins, laughing, and managing emotions. We can use his hour as a CEU credit.
 - Matt Smith will reach out to Matt Bellace to book him and will see if it's possible to book him in-person but have a potential clause in the contract that would allow for virtual if needed.

TrueTox Training

- Trainings are done for the year
- Matt will check with TrueTox to see if they'd be interested in covering the cost of the keynote speaker in exchange for a logo placement on the agenda or something along those lines.

SOR Update

- No major updates
- Prevention campaigns will start in September and will go beyond
- Mobile teams as partnerships between the Allegany Council and BestSelf are getting off the ground

Meeting Reports

- Public policy:
 - Ed gave the report.
 - The group talked about federal block grant workforce funding, changes in the governor's office, OASAS regulation changes, and plans were made to hold a legislative meeting in September to focus on workforce concerns
- Treatment:
 - Jodie provided the report.
 - The group discussed the 830 regulations, vaccine mandates for bedded programs, the need to continue submitting information to OASAS on COVID numbers with staff and residents regarding positive cases and vaccinations, and potential changes to the tobacco-free regs.
- Prevention:
 - Sherri gave the report.
 - The group talked about the SOR grant and its accompanying media campaign for WNY, site reviews, MOUs and whether they fit the work scope, upcoming annual reports that

are due, and parenting programs from OASAS (whether they will work and how the trainings went)

Next Meeting Reminders

- It will be held in-person at Renaissance Campus with a hybrid option for Zoom attendance
- The board meeting will take place at 11

Meeting adjourned at 12:33