



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
4/16/21 @ 12:00 pm**

Present: Matt Smith, Bill Penman, Jody Altman, Jennifer Seib, Robin Mann, Rachel Linderman, Jackie West, Ed Cichon, Bruce Nisbet, and Melanie Witkowski

Absent: Tye Pope, Beth Anzalone, Sherri Bensley

1. Motion to approve March 2021 meeting minutes. Melanie made a motion, Bill second the motion.

February minutes carry over to next month – Ed made a motion, Robin second the motion.

2. Treasurer's Report – no expenses \$18,055.57, deposited over \$2400 for membership fees.
3. Membership Update – 19 agencies paid, 9 that paid last year that are outstanding including: BryLin Behavioral Health, Cazenovia Recovery System, Chautauqua County Mental Hygiene, CARES, Native American Community Services, WNY United Against Drugs and Alcohol, Wyoming County Mental Health Dept., Brooks/TLC Hospital System, Partners for Prevention. We do have a new agency Catholic Charities that has joined.
4. Reminder about the WNYCDC Web Site – www.wnycdc.com review the website if you haven't done that already, WRARC received funding for this coming year, coalitions can apply for funding to do small projects, if you have any additions, changes, or events email Kate Chudoba - kchudoba@wnyunited.org
5. 2021 Awards Luncheon – Jackie reached out to Classic V – Event reserved for October 15th, upgraded facilities, new paint, completely remodeled. Can accommodate up to 100 people, need to have proof of vaccination if more than that. They have signage for social distancing, sanitizers. Attending participants can take mask off at table, but must wear one when mingling. \$100 deposit was provided, you would not get that money back if cancelled, but could put that towards a future event. There is a buffet, but the server

grabs the portions. Lisa is the main contact at Classic V. Planning Committee: Jackie, Tye, Rachel and Jodie.

6. Truetox Trainings – Rescheduling another zoom meeting with them. Will be Fridays for 2 hours, 9:30-11:30 Virtual Training, May 7th and May 28th. Topics 2 (How People Beat Drug Tests) and 4 (Fentanyl, Cannabis, amphetamine).
7. SOR II Regional Grant Update – Awarded to the region, Scope of Work – SOR II for Prevention, working on meetings with the Treatment and Recovery Meeting. It is 6 months from April through September 2021. Opioid response focus.
8. Other Collaboratives/Agency Updates:
 - BestSelf is providing gambling treatment services
 - SAMHSA changed parameters with grants, agencies allowed to use federal dollars for fentanyl testing strips
 - Kids Escaping Drugs 21-25 year olds accepted at the Renaissance House – 90 day program
 - Chautauqua County is hosting the Hope and Healing Conference of Western New York on June 10th from 9-5. The theme is “The Art of Hope and Healing”
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1345982099120356>
 - Prevention Focus is looking to hire a person to work with adults with implementing the Team Awareness program, if you know of someone send them Matt’s way
9. **Committee Chair Reports**
 - a) Public Policy/Legislative Visits (Ed) – Marijuana Legalization Law, State Budget Information, Legislative Sessions related with potential merger, Legislative Meeting - Matt, Melanie, Rachel, and Robin, Ed – Officials
 - b) Prevention (Matt) – Marijuana Legalization, SOR II – Environmental Strategies, COVID Vaccination
 - c) Treatment (Jodie) – COVID reporting issues, Carol joined and cleared up some things, Agencies should address the vaccination about getting the client when needed, SOR II Regional Grant, Opioid Task Force coming up, Catholic Charities joined and talked about Narcan trainings, still need a chair for that committee.
10. **Treatment Chair Nomination**

Matt Smith nominated Jodie Altman for Treatment Chair for the rest of the year – Motion 2nd by Ed Cichon – motion approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm

Next meeting scheduled for May 21st @ 12:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Melanie Witkowski