

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday April 22, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 11:00

End time: 11:58

Members Present:

Matt Smith X	Bill Penman X	Mike Pretzman x
Beth Anzalone X	Jackie West	Jennifer Seib x
Melanie Witkowski x	Jodie Altman x	Tye Pope x
Ed Cichon x	Shannon Ford	Bruce Nisbet X
Robin Mann x		

Before the official meeting started, we had a special guest join us-Lauri Cole from NYS Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. Lauri was here to discuss the role of Prevention as it pertains to the world of Behavioral Health. The discussion involved the equity of funding and ways that could possibly provide Prevention with a seat at the table in discussions about opioid settlement funds and other resources moving forward. We discussed the 1115 waiver and how Prevention could be included in this process. Lauri offered to advocate on our behalf and continue to work with all of us moving forward. Beth, Robin, Melanie, and Matt agreed to provide her with points for her to make about including Prevention in upcoming meetings.

Approval of minutes of March Meeting:

Bruce Nisbet-first
Robin Mann-second
passed

Treasurer's report: Bill Penman shared the balance in our account is \$16,692.74.

Membership and MOU letter will be sent to all members.

Prevention Works got a gold star as the first agency to send in membership dues and signed MOU!!

Treasurer's report was approved by all present

Board news: Because of recent discussion, Bruce suggested that for next year we look to change the language of our mission statement to include Recovery and Harm Reduction.

WNYCDC Website. Things remain the same, no new information. Kate Chudoba (WNY United) will continue to add any new campaign information –Take It to the Box, DEA Take Back Day and other SOR projects will continue to be added.

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

SOR-Matt updated all on the regional "Take it to The Box" and "Take Back Day" campaigns.

Both campaigns include billboards, movie theater, and Red Box advertising. Take Back Day print ads or social media ads will also be used. Stickers and palm cards are available for use in pharmacies or other locations. National Drug Take Back day will be held April 30, 2022.

Training update: Two training events will be planned and sponsored by the WNYCDC.

Spring, April: Harm Reduction-possible Dr. Ramsey

It was mentioned that we don't want to duplicate what OASAS is providing throughout the Month of May. The idea of a roundtable discussion was brought to the group to further the harm reduction dialogue.

June: Cultural Responsiveness-Ed was looking into a presenter that was recommended. Robin added that she may have a presenter and would make the contact.

These two trainings can be held at NACS if Covid allows us to meet in person or they could be virtual.

Committee Reports

Prevention: Melanie Witkowski

Prevention discussed the new role of Harm Reduction

SOR II

Take back day-April 30th

Mentorship day for staff looking to take their CPP/CPS exam

Treatment: Jodie Altman reported

Opiate Task force-quarterly meeting to be held May 2nd

Value Network-Community Connector-out of pilot stage adding programs from partner agencies

Transportation & Barriers of Care Grant-Uber and van services

SOR Grant-next meeting June 15, 2022

OASAS-reviewed Administrative Fiscal Guidelines

Colleen will get clarification on Training of board members

Amendments to regs-more focus on harm Reduction

May 2022 series of Harm Reduction webinars start May 5th

June 2022 office hours with Dr. Ramsey will begin

Covid flexibilities grid was sent out

Agencies-RASI/BBH merger update

Horizon-5/2/22 Millennium will be new EHR-Endeavour went live with Millennium

CASA Trinity/CARES Merger 4/1/22

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Ed reviewed the state budget

Discussion of the 5.4% COLA

\$3000.00 Health care budget

Final thoughts about the Lauri Cole discussion (discussion of joining Lauri's group) and a thank you to our treatment friends for supporting our continued Prevention efforts to have equity in funding streams.

Meeting ended at 12:15

Board terms

Matt Smith 10/22
Beth Anzalone 10/23
Jodie Altman 12/22
Robin Mann 10/22
Ed Cichon 10/22

Bill Penman 10/22
Jackie West 10/24
Mike Prutsman 10/25
Jennifer Seib 10/22
Tye Pope 10/23

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