

WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors
Minutes of the Meeting

Date: May 15, 2020

Start: 11:00 am

End: 11:25 am

(Due to the Pandemic (Covid -19) there was no April meeting.

Board members felt they had other items to attend to with their agencies)

Location: Virtual

Members Present:

Matt Smith X

Beth Anzalone X

Melanie Witkowski X

Rachel Linderman x

Robin Mann X

Bill Penman X

Jackie West

Kathy Hodgins x

Scott Morton x

Bruce Nisbet

Sherri Bensely x

Jennifer Seib x

Carrie Rich x

Ed Cichon x

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Penman provided a financial update.

WNYCDC Website:

Nothing new. Please, continue to send updates and trainings to KChudoba@wnyunited.org

WNYCDC Extended learning Fridays:

Everything is on hold at this time due to the Covid -19 Virus.

It was decided that Jen Seib's presentation would be postponed to a later date TBD. Her workshop involves personal connection and the Board felt that it would make sense to wait until a later date when gathering in the same space is allowed.

Prevention Report: Sherri Bensely

The group did a recap of the Friday's ASAP meeting. We discussed the challenges that we are all facing during this pandemic.

Treatment: Scott Morton

The group discussed Covid- 19 issues especially concerning reopening, the OASAS regulatory waiver, and some routine updates.

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Ed shared the need to advocate going forward at all levels. He has provided all with a template letter that can be easily accessed. He asked everyone to email, write or call our local representatives to have them support funding for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery.

General Discussion: There is zoom burnout. We discussed ways that we can help our staff and colleagues. Suggestions were made that we spread out our meetings and possibly include other staff members to take meetings. We discussed changing our backgrounds to make them fun and playful. They did suggest that everyone try and use cameras when we are working together—it helps with connection.

Upcoming Trainings: The group decided that all training in the near future will be postponed until we have more information. We discussed trying to put some of the trainings into a virtual mode. True-tox trainings will be tabled...Matt and Scott will have a conversation to decide how we should move forward.

The last topic discussed : WNYCDC yearly membership. The annual dues remain at \$150.00. If there is a hardship at any agency, we discussed that we would consider \$100.00. Letters/emails will go out soon and we ask that everyone looks to respond accordingly.

Next meeting: June 19, 2020

Board terms:

Matt Smith 10/22

Beth Anzalone 10/20

Rachel Linderman 10/21

Robin Mann 10/22

Ed Cichon 10/22

Bill Penman 10/22

Jackie West 10/21

Kathy Hodgins 10/20

Scott Morton 10/21

Carrie Rich 10/22

Melanie Witkowski 10/21

Bruce Nisbet 10/21

Sherry Bensley 10/20

Jennifer Seib 10/22