

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday February 19, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 12:00

End time: 12:53

Members Present:

Matt Smith X	Bill Penman x	Andrea Wanat x
Beth Anzalone X	Jackie West x	Jennifer Seib
Melanie Witkowski	Sherri Bensley x	Jody Altman x
Rachel Linderman	Ed Cichon x	Kathy Kaiser x
Robin Mann	Bruce Nisbet	Tye Pope x (new member)

Approval of minutes:

Bill Penman-first

Jody Altman-second

Treasurers report: Bill Penman

No new expenses. We have \$18,059.28 in checking account

There was a slight mix up with TruTox on paying for the trainer. Both TruTox and CDC paid the trainer. Trainer will tear up the check. Bill will document this activity.

Membership update: Bill will be sending out letters to all member agencies for the upcoming membership dues. They will remain \$150.00. (If there is an agency hardship, we will address agency by agency)

We also discussed reaching out to new agencies to join our membership.

We also would like to welcome Tye Pope as a new member of our Board of Directors. She comes to us from Best Self. She is a seasoned professional in the Recovery field.

WNYCDC Website. Things remain the same- no new information

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

TruTox: They are happy to continue to collaborate with providers. They have some topics they would like us to consider. The group agreed they would look at the topics and see if they fit our needs.

The goal will be two(2) Virtual in the Spring and two (2)in the Fall (hopefully in person)

We also discussed continuing the Extended Learning Fridays through the CDC. The group decided to use the TruTox trainings as our training agenda for 2021. Matt will forward the list of trainings to members to take a look at and we will continue to discuss.

SOR Grant Update: Andrea Wanat shared there is nothing new. All applications were received and are being reviewed. More information to follow.

Collaborative updates: KEDS shared new regulations (820) have provided a more appropriate setting for these populations.

12-20 age group is the population they serve
15-25 Halfway houses
21-25 Rehab
Stabilization

*** Marcia West is now at Best Self
Yolanda Pompia is the contact at Restoration Society

Committee reports:

Public Policy: Ed Cichon Discussion centered on;

- *Federal Update-Biden's new plan for America
- *State Budget
- *Marijuana legislation

Prevention: Sherri Bensely

- *Updated the calendar for future meetings
- *2021 Goals: 1. Participate in 10-12 meetings to share best practice
 - 2. Provide and promote staff development through training and events
 - 3. Work together to coordinate media environmental strategies across the region

Treatment: Kathy Kaiser

The group added a goal: Integration of OMH/OASAS

Discussed

- 1.822 Regs
- 2. Vaccine update

The group also discussed who might be willing to take on the Leadership role for the Treatment committee. Kathy sent out a role/responsibility sheet to members. The group will continue to search for a candidate.

Next meeting: March 19, 2021

Board terms

Matt Smith 10/22	Bill Penman 10/22	Melanie Witkowski 10/21
Beth Anzalone 10/20	Jackie West 10/21	Bruce Nisbet 10/21
Rachel Linderman 10/21	Sherri Bensley 10/20	Tye Pope 10/24
Robin Mann 10/22	Jennifer Seib 10/22	Jody Altman 10/24
Ed Cichon 10/22	Kathy Kaiser 10/24	