

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 11:00

End time: 11:53

Members Present:

Matt Smith X

Beth Anzalone X

Melanie Witkowski X

Rachel Linderman X

Robin Mann X

Bill Penman X

Jackie West

Tye Pope

Ed Cichon x

Jodie Altman X

Jennifer Seib X

Bruce Nisbet X

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Ed Cichon- 1st

Jodie Altman-2nd

Approved by all present

Treasurer's report: Bill Penman reported we have \$16,698.33 as our year-end balance
We have 27 Agencies who have paid their 2021 dues!
Expenses were the annual luncheon and our ASASP dues
Membership: Bill was able to secure all members to pay last year's membership dues!
Dues for the 2022 year will be increased to \$200.00 per agency
Bill will send out letters for 2022 dues in March/April
Treasurer's report accepted by members

WNYCDC Website. Things remain the same, no new information

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

Announcements: Rachel Linderman announced the merger between CARES and CASA Trinity.
Rachel will be taking on the full time HR position for the new agency and therefore will be leaving her position in Prevention. Mike Prutsman will oversee the Prevention Dept.
Rachel will have to resign her position on the Board. She will be truly missed by the board of the CDC.
Discussion was had about bringing Mike on the board (he has agreed to be a member). A nomination was made and the group voted to have Mike join the Board.

Jodie announced the merger between RASI and Best Self. She will be working with Jen Sieb to make all the necessary transitions for all employees as they become Best Self employees.
They are excited about this merger and look forward to the resources that Best Self can bring to the organization. This brought up the discussion about having three board members that are from Best Self. All members agreed that this will be fine.

Matt will reach out to GCASA to get a representative from the counties they serve. Bruce mentioned that Spectrum covers Niagara and Wyoming counties.

Jen mentioned we should reach out to Elizabeth Smith for Casa Di Vita to join the board.

We also discussed reaching out to NACS.

Evergreen was also brought up to approach about having a staff member on the Board.

Jen will also reach out to Northpoint.

Training Events: Matt reported he has not heard back from TruTox with information on the state wide training.

Discussion on what training should/could look like in 2022?

1. Harm Reduction-case scenarios would be helpful
2. Diversity and Cultural Responsiveness
3. Meet the new Commissioner-Bruce suggested she might be a great keynote for the October luncheon

The group decided two trainings would work for the upcoming year. A sub-committee was formed- Bruce, Jen and Ed will look into possible presenters. They would be virtual based on the current climate Ed suggested reaching out to Jeremy Klemanski from ASAP to ask for suggestions.

OASAS is also creating an office of harm reduction so it would be a good idea to get some training on that subject.

Agency updates: Matt shared that Prevention Focus is having a virtual Zoom Olympics on February 10, 5-7 pm.

Bruce asked the question if there were any prevention providers who are on the Laurie Cole calls. Need someone to advocate for prevention. There will be (suggested in the new budget) a \$3,000 bonus for health care providers. Bruce volunteered to speak to Laurie and advocate for prevention.

Committee Reports: Prevention

Melanie gave the report as the new Chair of the Prevention committee

Rachel announced her new position and her leaving her prevention position

Discussion of OCM and marijuana legislation

SOR II regional update –Red Box, movie theater advertisement, billboards

OASAS grants: Workforce & Stabilization-discussion on who has had any correspondence with OASAS?

New training dates for SAPTS

Public policy-Ed

- State Budget discussion

Treatment: Jodie

1. Value Network-SOR grant will continue Partners have shared services and referrals
Waiting for OASAS guidance for data collection
2. Transportation grant received for partners-Barriers to care
3. DOH-Community Connector project/pilot-6 hours of training on the system
4. OASAS-a) Continue to report cases of positive covid to field office (staff & patients)
b) Continuing to have supplemental funding meetings

Board Meeting Dates for 2022:

**Jan 21, Feb 18, March 18, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21 (luncheon),
November 18, December 16.**

Meeting Ended :11:53

Next meeting: February 18.2022

Board terms

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