

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**July 16, 2021**

**Start Time:** 12:00

**End time:** 12:40

**Attendees:** Matt Smith X                      Bill Penman                      Sherri Bensley  
                         Beth Anzalone X                      Jackie West                      Jennifer Seib X  
                         Melanie Witkowski X                      Rachel Linderman                      Ed Cichon X  
                         Robin Mann                      Bruce Nisbet                      Tye Pope X  
                         Jodie Altman X

**Approval of Minutes:** We did not meet quorum so minutes were taken for information purposes

**Treasurers Report:** Bill Penman was unable to attend. Matt Smith gave the report. \$21,000 is our current balance. We have only 2 member agencies that have not paid the 2021 membership fee.

**WNYCDC website:** no new updates. Please continue to provide any updates to [KChudoba@wnyunited.org](mailto:KChudoba@wnyunited.org)

Are you OK? stickers have been distributed to all counties.

**Awards Luncheon:** October 15, 2021 to be held at Classic IV. Planning Committee will meet in August. Matt will send out the Gold Key Awards nomination forms in the coming week. They will be due by the September CDC Board meeting.

**TrueTox training:** The first training went well. Despite a small technology glitch (which was fixed quickly). The next training by Dr. Hobbs, July 30, 2021 will be coming up quickly.

The group decided that they will keep the trainings to a minimum during remainder of this calendar due to the fact that staffing issues have affected the time that staff has to attend outside training.

**SOR Update:** Most agencies have received signed contracts and approved budgets. Prevention Focus is still waiting but got verbal word that their contract is coming. No news in the treatment groups or recovery groups.

**Value Network will now be included in the OASAS SOR meetings. For the first one they were left off the list.**

**Meeting reports:**

**Public Policy:** Ed reported on the Federal Funding that was passed and the potential implications for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery potential funding. Although there will be possible funding streams it may take a while until we see the actual amounts turn into additional funding.

**Treatment:** Jody provided the report. The Administrative Relief was discussed. Telephonic will cease on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Clinics are starting to see patients in person and are still using zoom. The challenge will become getting clients to come back into the clinics in person. We have all gotten used to being home and communicating with technology. The SOR grant was discussed-no new news

Treatment Group also discussed the idea of Trainings and meetings starting in person in the Fall. The group decided that a hybrid model will still be used to meet everyone's needs.

**Prevention:** Sherri was unable to attend. Matt chaired the meeting. SOR Grant was discussed. Matt shared his agency's plan. They are waiting on final approval but have received verbal approval. Group discussed the Gold key awards for the October luncheon. They also discussed TrueTox training opportunities.

A discussion was had about the medical community still not receiving the message about over-prescribing. There needs to be more communication with this group on the dangers of this to community members.

Group discussion: Meetings will begin to be hybrid starting in the Fall. Jodie offered KED for the next meeting. It will be held **Friday Sept 17, 2021**. She has two conference rooms that can be used for Prevention and Treatment. The time frame will be 9-12.

Jen added that the ASAP conference will be held in Saratoga Springs in Person.

Meeting ended at 12:40