

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, July 15, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 11:00

End time: 12:13

Members Present:

Matt Smith X

Beth Anzalone X

Melanie Witkowski

Ed Cichon x

Robin Mann x

Bill Penman x

Jackie West x

Jodie Altman x

Shannon Ford

Mike Prutsman x

Jennifer Seib x

Tye Pope

Bruce Nisbet

Approval of minutes:

Bill Penman-first

Ed Cichon-second

passed

Treasurer's report: Bill Penman shared the bank statement via email. The balance for our account is \$20,037.20 Emma Fabian was paid for her recent training. She donated the money to the harm Reduction Society.

Bill also has two more deposits to make.

Bill also sent out the membership list for members to review. Membership is going well, only 8 agencies still need to pay. Bill will remove Brylin as they no longer have an outpatient clinic.

WNYCDC Website. Things remain the same, no new information. Kate Chudoba (WNY United) will continue to add any new campaign information. There is also money for coalitions to apply for funding for small projects. Please check out the website for details.

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

SOR Grant Update-OASAS announced there will be an extension to the funding which expires the end of September. This will go through March 2023. They will continue to support existing campaigns with these remaining dollars.

There was also discussion of SOR III funding that is set to launch after the extension April 2023.

Information should continue to flow and we will continue to follow up with information as it comes from OASAS.

Training update:

Spring: Harm Reduction-Emma Fabian did a great job with the training. We will continue to discuss Harm Reduction in Public Policy and invite her to be part of the discussion.

Goal is to reduce stigma with those who use and meet them where they are at. How do we get that message across in the work that we do...

Prevention is having discussions with staff about our role and the Philosophy of Primary Prevention.

Next training will be September 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 - Cultural Competence - Information to follow.

Updates: Annual Awards banquet. Discussion was had concerning possible dates: October 14th, 28th or November 18 was suggested. Matt will check in with Classics V and see what date they have available. He will let us know and we can agree on a date.

We also discussed inquiring if the Commissioner would be able to attend and be our Key Note Speaker.

Committee Reports

Prevention: Melanie Witkowski

Group discussed the Marijuana work group. Maura and Ann are taking over the committee. Updates from the first meeting were shared.

SOR report was given by Matt

Continued discussion on the CPP/CPS Preparation workshop

PRC shared details about the upcoming Youth Leadership Summit

Trainings opportunities were discussed.

Treatment: Jodie Altman

The group discussed the upcoming Harm Reduction Conference 8/11,12th. Registration is open Workforce is still an issue for all. Hiring and retaining staff will continue to part of discussions

Value Network:

- a. Community Connector added 6 new Partners
- b. Transportation Grant-contracts are going out

OASAS: 1. Housing "Safety Units"-transitional housing 6-12 mos. Clients can come from treatment or the criminal justice system

2. Social distancing requirements-no new updates
3. Masking requirements remain in place

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

No Public Policy because of harm Reduction Training

*****Prevention will not meet in August, Public Policy and Treatment as well as the Board meeting will go on as planned. Matt will find someone to take care of the Board minutes, as Beth will not be in attendance.**

Meeting ended at 11:38

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

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