

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, June 17, 2022  
Virtual Meeting**

**Time start: 11:00**

End time: 11:58

**Members Present:**

Matt Smith X

Beth Anzalone X

Melanie Witkowski x

Ed Cichon x

Robin Mann x

Bill Penman

Jackie West

Jodie Altman x

Shannon Ford x

Bruce Nisbet x

Mike Prutsman x

Jennifer Seib

Tye Pope

**Approval of minutes:**

Bruce Nisbet-first

Melanie Witkowski –second  
passed

**Treasurer's report:** Bill Penman sent out the bank statement prior to the meeting.

Current balance is \$20,039.04. \$250.00 deposit was sent for the Cultural Humility workshop scheduled for Sept.

Bill also sent out the updated membership list. We have one new member, WNY Independent Living 17 paid members to date

Elizabeth Smith had some questions about the MOU. Matt will reach out and share more information with her about the goals and mission of WNYCDC.

**SOR Grant:** During the Prevention meeting. Pat Zuber -Wilson shared the news of another round of funding. Details to follow.

**WNYCDC Website.** Things remain the same, no new information. Kate Chudoba (WNY United) will continue to add any new campaign information. Please remember to send any information to [Kchudoba@wnyunited.org](mailto:Kchudoba@wnyunited.org) at WNY United

**Training update:** Two training events will be planned sponsored by the CDC.

July 15, 2022: Harm Reduction Training with Emma Fabian. Prerequisite for training will be to review the webinar put forth by OASAS. Ed will set up the link for participants. Matt will design the email and send out to get people registered and we will look to get more information and details. Robin will handle registration. This training will be at the usual day/time for Public Policy so no Public Policy meeting in July.

September 23, 2022: Cultural Responsiveness-Robin will take care of securing credits for the training. These two trainings can be held at NACS if Covid allows us to meet in person.

October will be the annual luncheon. We will try and get the new Commissioner to be the guest speaker.

**Updates:** Bill attended the virtual meeting of the state-wide Opioid Settlement committee that will decide how funds will be used. He shared that it looks like it will be a lengthy process. For the first meeting members were unaware that OASAS would like to set up a chair for the group and put some policies and procedures in place. Next steps will be to meet again in June and then after that they will meet quarterly. The sense is, there will be some differences of opinion on how to spend this money. Also it was shared that treatment would meet with the Commissioner on June 24, 2022

**Committee Reports**

**Prevention: Melanie Witkowski**

**First topic was a check in with Buffalo.**

Prevention has a meeting with Pat Zuber-Wilson which took most of the meeting time. Topics such as Prevention's role in Harm Reduction, upcoming training and SOR III funding  
The group also touched on CPP preparation workshop, Marijuana /Cannabis updates

**Treatment:** Jodie Altman reported

**Value Network-** OASAS Grant Transportation-contracts are being sent from OASAS to partners  
Community Connector rollout-progressing-fall session accepting new agencies

**OASAS-Overdose safety planning webinar sent out**  
6/302-3-819/820 rate webinar-managed care requirements  
Discussed workforce issues unlicensed staff

**Public Policy:** Ed Cichon

Ed reviewed laws and Bills passed  
Discussion on licensed staff  
Discussion of current state of the work force

Mission Statement was tabled  
Annual luncheon Oct. 21, 2022 at Classics Five  
Gold keys to continue as in the past.  
Please encourage people to nominate.

Meeting ended at 11:39

**Board terms**

Matt Smith 10/22  
Beth Anzalone 10/23  
Jodi Altman 12/22  
Robin Mann 10/22  
Ed Cichon 10/22

Bill Penman 10/22  
Jackie West 10/24  
Mike Pretzman 10/25  
Jennifer Seib 10/22  
Tye Pope 10/23

Melanie Witkowski 10/24  
Bruce Nisbet 10/22  
Shannon Ford 10/25