

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, May 20, 2022
Virtual Meeting**

Time start: 11:00

End time: 12:13

Members Present:

Matt Smith X	Bill Penman x	Mike Prutsman x
Beth Anzalone X	Jackie West x	Jennifer Seib x
Melanie Witkowski x	Jodie Altman x	Tye Pope
Ed Cichon	Shannon Ford x	
Robin Mann x	Bruce Nisbet x	

Approval of minutes:

Melanie Witkowski-first

Mike Prutsman-second

Approved by all present

Treasurer's report: Bill Penman was not able to be there but shared his report via email beforehand. The balance for our account is \$16,694.88. Finances remain status quo with addition of some membership dues paid. Melanie shared the current list of paid members. Jen shared with Brylin's outpatient clinic closing there will be no member from there to participate. Also, with the Renaissance House merger with BestSelf and CARES merger with CASA Trinity we will need to modify the list.

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@wnyunitied.org at WNY United.

SOR-Matt updated everyone on the "Take it to The Box" and "Take Back Day" campaigns. Any information on any work with pharmacies or other SOR related projects please update Preventionfocus so they can record results and progress. They are gearing up for another campaign to come as there has been some mention of a "round three" of funding for SOR. National Drug Take Back Day was held April 30, 2022.

Training update:

Thank you to those who worked on getting speakers and ideas for training,
1st scheduled training-July 15, 2022 HARM REDUCTION
10:00-11:00 a.m. presented by Emma Fabian

There is a pre-requisite to attend the OASAS webinars on Harm Reduction prior to the training

2nd training-Sept 23rd, 2022

10-11:30am Cultural Humility-Competency

Details and registration will go out soon

Robin agreed to handle registration and CPP/CPS credits

A flyer with all information will go out soon

October will be our annual luncheon

Agency Updates:

Melanie shared the date for the Hope & Healing Conference-June 9th and 10th on the Fredonia College campus.

She shared there will be a panel on "What's Working" along with other great speakers and workshops. Beth asked her to send information to Kate to place on the WNYCDC website.

Matt shared Lauri Cole will be presenting a statement and addressing the 1115 Waiver on behalf of Prevention.

Bruce gave an update on SOR, SAMSHA will be providing another round of funding. Year three funding will be available 2023.

Committee Reports

Prevention: Melanie shared the discussion in the Prevention meeting

Melanie has invited Pat Zuber -Wilson to attend an upcoming Prevention Committee meeting-Want to discuss -Prevention Across the Lifespan. The group will put together a list of questions to provide for discussion

We mentioned WISE a new EBP program

Discussed the Opiate funding and the COLA increase and we talked about the CPP/CPS Mentoring Day

Treatment: Jodie Altman reported

No updates from Opiate task force

OASAS-1. Harm reduction webinars continue through the end of May

2. Dr Ramsey -monthly office hours
3. BUP xr guidance
4. LBGQT Webinar
5. Overdose safety planning-need more guidance
6. Mask guidance-no changes

Covid restrictions-no updates

Value Network

1. Community Connector-on boarding new network partners in June
2. Shared info on opiate settlement funds
3. 1115 Waiver comments due today

Catholic Charities-OASAS license got put on hold-embedded within MH program (financially not viable)
Can provide some tx if clients are also in treatment

Agency updates:

Evergreen-SUD/harm reduction-syringe exchange opened drop in for cx's already linked

HHs still struggling with staffing

Workforce issues across the board!!

Public Policy: Ed Cichon

Ed was not feeling well-this meeting was cancelled

Other Business and announcements:

The group discussed the mission statement of the CDC. We have gone through so many changes and the board feels like it needs to be updated. Ideas such as including The Social Determinants of Health, Harm Reduction, the collaboration of all 8 counties and inclusion of all funders. Matt will take a look at the suggestions and bring something to the June meeting.

Jen shared WNY Opiate Treatment 24/7 Virtual Medication Assisted Treatment Center. 716.463.6222, opened May 16, 2022.

Bruce shared there is a 24/7 operating pharmacy in Tonawanda

Group shared thoughts and ideas about the horrific shooting at Tops on the East side

Shared what agencies are doing to provide support to the community.

Pat Zuber-Wilson of OASAS wants to find roles for Prevention in response

Meeting ended at 12:12

Board terms

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