

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, October 20, 2023  
Virtual Meeting**

**Time start: 11:00**

**End time: 11:45**

**Members Present:**

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| Matt Smith X    | Bill Penman x     | Jodie Altman x   | Jodie Altman x    |
| Beth Anzalone X | Jackie West x     | Jennifer Seib    | Gulsum Sulozzio x |
| Ed Cichon x     | Shannon Ford      | Erin Zych x      |                   |
| Robin Mann      | Erica Sebastian x | Shelia Harding x |                   |

**Approval of minutes:**

Motion to approve first: Ed Cichon

Seconded: Jody Altman

Motion to approve by all

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Penman reported the treasury has \$20,422.32. No expenditures this month.

**Membership:** Bill reported we received two new members for Restoration Society and Stutzman.

Discussion about moving some money to a CD: Bill inquired at Community Bank (where we have our money currently) there is a current rate of 4.6 %... Suggestion was made to deposit \$10,000.00.

All approved.

The group also agreed on Ruth Reddick as our guest speaker and the consortium will be paying her travel, hotel and incidental expenses as she comes to speak at the Luncheon on November 17, 2023.

**Board Terms:** New terms for members whose term has expired in Oct 2023. All were approved

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| Matt Smith-Motion made-Jackie West<br>Seconded-Erica Sebastian   | Abstain- Matt Smith                             |
| Beth Anzalone-Motion made –Jodie Altman<br>three years due to possible retirement)<br>Seconded-Bill Penman   | Abstain-Beth Anzalone *(might not make the full |
| Robin Mann-Motion made – Beth Anzalone<br>Seconded-Jodie Altman  |   |
| Ed Cichon-Motion Made-Jodie Altman<br>Seconded-Jackie West   | Abstain-Ed Cichon                               |
| Jody Altman-Motion made –Beth Anzalone<br>Seconded –Ed Cichon  | Abstain-Jodie Altman                            |
| Jennifer Seib-Motion Made-Jodie Altman<br>Seconded-Bill Penman   |   |
| Bill Penman-Motion made-Jackie West *(addition was made to take a 1 year term (2024)for now due to<br>his upcoming retirement.<br>Seconded-Erica Sebastian | Abstain-Bill Penman                             |

**Slate of officers to be presented at The Annual Luncheon on November 17, 2023**

Chair: Matt Smith

Vice chair-Jennifer Seib

Secretary-Beth Anzalone

Treasurer-Bill Penman

**Committee Chairs:**

Prevention: Sheila Harding

Treatment-Jodie Altman

Public Policy-Ed Chichon

**WNYCDC Website.** Drug Take Back Day was added to the website: October 28,2023 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](mailto:Kchudoba@wnyunited.org) at WNY United

**Marketing discussion** was tabled until January as we get through the rest of the year.

**SOR-** SOR contracts have been distributed. A few questions had to be answered but everyone should be set moving forward.

Billboards are all set for all 5 counties. Partners are working with pharmacies to distribute bags and stickers and information.

“Take It to The Box” billboards and print advertisements will continue.

Please continue to send any up-dates Prevention Focus so they can record results and progress.

**Training Update: Dark Side of Social Media will be re-scheduled.** The date of Friday January 12, 2023 is suggested. People will need to re-register for the event. Jodie will reach out to the Council to get this all set.

Holiday Luncheon: Friday November 17, 2023 Classic V. Jackie West offered Beacon House to handle the Reservations.

Brochure will be sent out in the next week or so. Matt will check back with Classic V about the menu.

Ruth Reddick has conformed and Matt and Gulsum will work out details of her stay. They will plan to take her out to dinner the night of her arrival. If anyone would like to join, please let Matt know.

Gold Key Award-there was three submissions with the opportunity to add additional people in the next few days.

Approved Award Winners: **Douglas Bestir-Peer Advocate from Niagara County,Independent Living, Spokes person for Peers.**

**Khris Docker: VP of Evergreen-Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Daniel Galvin: Peer Award-CRPA-Director of Peer Services Integration**

We will extend the deadline to October 24, 2023 @5:00 pm

Update, Erin Zych will be joining the Prevention Group as a new staff member will be joining the treatment group.

**Treatment:** Jody Altman –Chair

25 people on attendance

OASAS: 1. Harm reduction RFA was discussed.

2. Xylazine updates to practice

3. New learning Thursdays

4. Harm reduction office hours-10/26,2-3:30pm

5. SOAR funding due 12/14 extension

HHS public listening session for opiate settlement -55 Dodge Rd.

**Workforce**-still hiring issues

**Agency Updates:**

**CAZ-11/2024-Opening Turning Point**-(New) 30 beds Sundance Village –New kitchen

**N-Pointe**-Methadone clinic open for screenings ,820 Program, no waitlist, Out- patient-Walk ins

**Promessa**- Erie county medication unit, in the works

Expanding clinic through a peer grant in Alba.

**WNYIL**-Recovery Conference presentations

**Public Policy** : Ed Chichon

Ed shared some updates and shared the plan for meeting and working with our legislators. Anyone interested please let Ed know and you can work together to come up with meetings for each person. We would like to keep the group small enough for a meaningful conversation.

Ed would also like some help in all counties with elected officials and get staffers to attend. Please reach out if you can help.

John Capolla joined the group with updates and information about the merger and new agency INUNITY.

**Prevention:** Sheila Harding - Chair

Luke Meyer was in attendance from OASAS. No major updates from him. OASAS is reviewing budgets

Sheila asked the group to think about new goals for the 2024 year. Please email any ideas and these will be discussed in December.

Group discussed the paying of annual dues to ASAP. Its \$600.00 The group agreed to pay at least for this year.

**Meeting ended at 12:05**

**Board Terms:**

Matt Smith 10/26

Beth Anzalone 10/26

Shannon Ford 10/25

Robin Mann 10/26

Bill Penman 10/24

Jackie West 10/24

Jodie Altman 10/26

Jennifer Seib 10/26

Erica Sebastian 2/26

Erin Zuck 2/26

Ed Chichon 10/26

Gulsum Sullazzio

Sheila Harding 10/26

