

**WNY Chemical Dependency Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Friday, September 16, 2022  
Virtual Meeting**

**Time start: 11:00**

**End time: 12:13**

**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

Mike Prutsman

Jennifer Seib x

Tye Pope

**Approval of minutes:**

August minutes were tabled until the October meeting

**Treasurer's report:** Bill Penman was not able to attend. He will update at the next meeting

**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@wny united.org](mailto:Kchudoba@wny united.org) at WNY United

**SOR Update**-the grant officially ends Sept 30. A No Cost Extension will continue with half the original amount of money to continue programming we have implemented.

Any information please update Preventionfocus so they can record results and progress.

There was notification that there will be another round of funding. SOR3 should begin in April 2023.

**Training update:**

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cultural Competency Training will be virtual. Matt will introduce the presenters.

Robin has received 44 registrations so far. Another email will go out as a reminder. Ed will reach out to Bill to get the check sent to the presenters.

**Annual Awards Luncheon**

**Gold Key - Friday, November 18 at Classics V**

Nominations are coming in and will be discussed at the October meeting.

Jackie West has made a formal request for the Commissioner of OASAS to be our keynote speaker. Matt has been handling the details with Classics V.

**ASAP Discussion-** A conversation was had about the possible merger of ASAP with the Coalition for Behavioral Health. October 27<sup>th</sup> will be the final vote. Some are worried about how agencies will be represented. There are concerns of the large size of this new organization and the transition that it will take to bring everyone together. The belief is that the merger will happen, though. John Copolla believes this is a good idea. Good news, dues will decrease for most agencies. The general consensus was to trust ASAP and vote yes on the merger at the special vote on 10/27/22. Matt gets one vote on behalf of the WNYCDC and will vote yes.

ASAP Conference; The focus was on equity and inclusion. There were separate tracks for Prevention, Treatment, and Harm Reduction. Overall it was a good conference. Good keynote speakers and good breakout sessions. One down side was not a lot of co-mingling between entities. In case the commissioner is not able to attend out annual luncheon, Matt and Robin made some suggestions for presenters from the conference.

**Treatment:** Jodie Altman reported

There was small attendance

1. OASAS focused on budget
2. SAPTs funding discussion
3. Workforce-especially needing nurses in the field
4. County Job Fair
5. DEI Cultural Competency training Sept 23rd

**Public Policy:** Ed Cichon

Presentation on the importance of Advocacy

Discussion on Opiate Settlement funding

**Prevention:** Melanie Witkowski

Tobacco, Reality Check presentation

Discussed ASAP merger

SOR update

**Other Business and announcements:**

**Beth asked about the Value Network meeting-**it was in person and it conflicted with another meeting.

Matt also asked about the slate of officers for the next year to brought to vote at the annual luncheon

Matt agreed to remain chair

Beth agreed to remain secretary

Melanie will look for someone to step in as chair of Prevention

Others need to email Matt and let him know their decision.

Meeting ended at 12:04 pm

**Board terms**

Matt Smith 10/22  
Beth Anzalone 10/23  
Mike Prutsman 10/25  
Robin Mann 10/22  
Ed Cichon 10/22

Bill Penman 10/22  
Jackie West 10/24  
Shannon Ford 10/25  
Jennifer Seib 10/22  
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