

# Community-Based Recovery Supports

Bi-Monthly Teleconference

November 29, 2018 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm



**Facilitators:** NYC: Elsie Demers Albany: Allison Weingarten Rochester: Van Smith

**Welcome:** Allison Weingarten – Interim Executive Director, FOR-NY **1:00 pm**

**Brief Introductions:** (name, recovery role, affiliation, updates) **1:05 pm**

Include any new Community-Based Recovery Supports projects/initiatives in your community

1. Albany
2. New York City
3. Rochester

## OASAS Updates

- **Susan Brandau and Marialice Ryan:** Recovery Support Services **1:15 pm**

1) OASAS will soon be posting information on the New and Notices section their website about an [RFA to fund five new recovery centers](#). Submissions are due 12/28. \$350,000 in annual funding, plus start-up costs will be sponsored by State Opioid Response Dollars. 2) OASAS is working with ROCoverly Fitness to replicate the model in at least two areas in the State, with an expectation to expand to five areas total. 3) Peer navigator and family engagement opportunities will be available soon. Information will be sent via e-blast from FOR-NY. \$40,000 will be available for treatment providers to hire peers. It is important to integrate these people mindfully into the workplace. Currently, there are over 120 recovery support services reporting to OASAS on a monthly basis. This information is being passed on to legislators. Therefore, it is important for OASAS to receive feedback.

- **Gia Sciocchetti-** Youth and Family Recovery Support Services

The remainder of the NYC clubhouse are almost up and running, which will total 15. Five \$20,000 mini-grants to provide recovery services in SUNY schools across the state will soon be awarded. The CRPA F parenthetic will be ready in January.

- **Stephanie Campbell and Lynn Goldberg-**NYS Ombuds Program ([ombuds@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:ombuds@oasas.ny.gov))

The Community Health Access to Addiction & Mental Health Care Project (CHAMP) was put in place to enable all to quickly access treatment in NYS. Conversations are being held around the state by the Office of Mental Health, Dept. of Financial Services, and OASAS, who are collaboratively working on this project. This free service addresses unethical and illegal barriers posed to individuals who have been denied care, provides access to treatment, and investigates and resolves complaints. It is available to everyone, regardless of what type of insurance a person has, or if they are uninsured. The helpline (**1-888-614-5400**) operates from 9 to 4 and has a confidential voicemail for after-hours calls. People can also call Stephanie Campbell (**518-788-3018**) or Lynn Goldberg (**518-281-2315**). NYC Access includes: Community Services Society and the Legal Action Center. An announcement regarding five additional organizations around the state that will provide one-on-one assistance will be forthcoming.

**Friends of Recovery NY Updates - Community-Based Recovery Supports** **1:25 pm**

- **CRPA Training Scholarships –**

FOR-NY is in the final stages of creating a comprehensive program that will provide scholarship funds for CRPA training. Applicants will participate in a rigorous application and screening process before scholarships can be awarded. Trainers from across the state will partner with FOR-NY to create a best practice training model. Information on this program will be announced by FOR-NY in January.

- **Upcoming Trainings/Webinars – Community Asset Mapping – 12/20/18**

- **Youth Voices Matter- New York**

The team will have a fresh perspective and new approach when two new team members join YVM in December. YVM has seen amazing growth this past year and will continue its outreach and partnering efforts with youth clubhouses. A strategic planning session has been scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>, which will include revamping the Advisory Committee and creating a youth policy agenda to be shared at Stand Up for Recovery Day (March 20!!!).

- Stand Up for Recovery Day \*\*Wednesday March 20, 2018\*\* - All are welcome and encouraged to attend this advocacy outreach that takes place at the Capitol.

**Special Guest 1: [End Overdose NY](#)**

**1:40 pm**

New York State is in crisis. Overdose now takes the lives of more New Yorkers than homicides, traffic accidents, and suicides combined. End Overdose NY is a diverse coalition working to end the overdose crisis throughout the state by 1) prioritizing universal access to public health tools, 2) investing in innovative strategies for an evolving epidemic, and 3) committing to public education that provides information and hope to struggling families and communities. At this meeting, coalition members will discuss the End Overdose NY platform and how the coalition uses a multitude of approaches that center on compassion, humanity and dignity and work towards ending stigma around drug use and people who use drugs.

A platform based approach and statewide advocacy effort is used. Coalition has been built across the state that is diverse and provides an “all pathways” approach. See platform attached. Here is contact information if you wish to get involved!

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**Special Guest 2: Cathy Hoehn and Hadley Fitzgerald, NYS Regional Planning Consortiums**

**2:10 pm**

The NYS Regional Planning Consortiums (RPCs) are a network of regional boards comprised of stakeholders who work closely with State agencies to guide behavioral health policy in the region, problem solve regional service delivery challenges, and recommend priorities for reinvestment of Medicaid savings. During this brief presentation you will learn about the RPCs, their scope/function and how you can become involved in providing your input.

See powerpoint attached for notes and contact information regarding this important presentation!

**Closing and Next Steps**

**2:55 pm**

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday January 31 2019, 1:00-3:00 pm