

# Community-Based Recovery Supports

Bi-Monthly Teleconference

September 27, 2018 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm



**Facilitators:** **NYC:** Stephanie Campbell      **Albany:** Allison Weingarten      **Rochester:** Jonathan Westfall  
**Ogdensburg:** Larry Calkins

**Welcome:** Stephanie Campbell – 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      4. Ogdensburg

## OASAS Updates:

- **Steve Hanson**, Associate Commissioner
  - o US Senate approved funding, getting ready to announce new funding, SOR grant will go towards Recovery Programming, enhancing peer work, will have some exciting things.
- **Susan Brandau and Marialice Ryan:** Recovery Support Services      **1:15 pm**
  - o **COTI** has expanded upstate, NYC, downstate, tribal territories;
  - o **Lureen McNeil** has created a [toolkit](#) with policy committee- stages of change how organizations can integrate peers. William White is using it.
  - o We are starting to document how many people are referred from treatment to recovery support services
- **Julia Fesko:** Peer Updates: Coming Soon! ASAP, NYCB that does CRPA are awarding scholarship for exam, application and renewal.
- **Samantha Koalla:** St Regis Mohawk Tribe- opened youth club house

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

- NYS Recovery Conference Wrap Up
- Highlights from Overdose Awareness Day and Recovery Month
- [Upcoming Trainings/Webinars](#)
- Youth Voices Matter- New York: Overview of [Rock and Ride!](#) Carlee Hulsizer: @YVMNY
- Stand Up for Recovery Day \*\*Wednesday March 20, 2018\*\*
- Next NYS Alumni Association Meeting: October 25, 2018 Contact Willie Townes [Willie.townes@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:Willie.townes@oasas.ny.gov)

## Group Break-out Session: 2019 Policy Agenda      **1:40 pm**

Reviewing the 2018 FOR-NY Policy Statement, each group spokesperson will facilitate a discussion between regional members on community-based recovery needs that should be considered for the 2019 FOR-NY Policy Statement. How can we build off of last year's policy agenda? Are there additions or subtractions that we should be implementing moving forward?

*(Each location appoints a spokesperson)*

**Each Site Reports Out** (6 Minutes each)      **2:10 pm**  
1. New York City      2. Albany and Ogdensburg      3. Rochester

**Major Issues that came up** include need for adequate and safe supportive housing; Transportation needs; Incarceration transition to care; Advocate for standard of care in treatment; People should not be prematurely discharged AMA from

treatment without outpatient appointments should they not accept primary recommendations; If you wish to add to the conversation, take our [survey!](#)

**Presentation: Rob Kent – Chief Counsel**

**2:30 pm – 2:55 pm**

Chief Counsel of OASAS, Rob Kent will discuss insurance rights for those seeking help for a substance use disorder. Included will be information on what can be and cannot be shared by treatment providers as well as a review of insurance parity laws. Attendees will be provided with information on insurance coverage or obtaining treatment, and what to do if they or a loved one has been wrongly denied or discharged from treatment.

What NYS has accomplished:

- Most legislation passed eliminating prior authorization for (5 day supply of) Medication Assisted Treatment, and no less than 14 days of treatment through inpatient and outpatient services was through Medicaid managed care; if one is not approved for care [APPEAL APPEAL APPEAL](#)
- OASAS created Tools to make level of care decisions- A person no longer has to fail 5-6 times before a high level of care
- Created Locator- required to be used by all of Medicaid/managed care
- Provider now must notify insurer that person came into program, created form to notify insurer;
- Medicaid (NYS) Private Insurance (NYS); Private Insurance (Federal); There is still work to do on the federal level!

Other things we have accomplished in NYS-

- NYS Hospital level detox- [Rob Kent ER Letter](#)- Every Hospital now can detox in any beds; so far 6 known hospitals have taken advantage.

**Closing and Next Steps**

**2:55 pm**

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 29, 2018

1:00-3:00 pm