

Community-Based Recovery Supports

Bi-Monthly Teleconference



March 28, 2019 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Facilitators: NYC/Rachelle Brown **Middletown/Caren Schwartz Albany/Allison Weingarten Rochester/Van Smith Buffalo/Tim Bax**

INTRODUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thrive Recovery Center celebrating 2nd year anniversary
- Second Chance Opportunities awarded funding to open a Recovery Community Outreach Center in Albany County
- Greater Monroe Community Meeting either April 17th or the 24th- Date still TBD
- Carol Hulsizer completed partnerships with Child Protective Services
- FOR-Rockland Reach for Recovery Yoga and Meditation Event April 7th
- Rockland also awarded funding to open a Recovery Community Outreach Center
- Brothers in Recovery 31st spiritual retreat June 22-23

OASAS Updates:

- Orientation meeting for 14 awardees of the ROCOC funding is April 10th
- 5 hospitals are being notified about being awarded for buprenorphine induction combined with peer support from outpatient providers
- FOR-NY providing scholarships for CRPA Training and OASAS helps cover exam costs via NYCB
- Funded 60 outpatient providers to hire and recruit CRPAs
- ROCoverly Replication- expansion of at least 2 additional locations
- OASAS Regulations are being modified to require all outpatient providers to have peer services
- Modifications will be made to the clinical advisory panel document on peer services
 - Pre-admission engagement and outreach, limits on number of peer services combined with 25% increase reimbursement will be announced any day.
- CRPA-F Train the Trainer pilot is taking place on April 10th and 11th in Albany; invitations have been sent. Hopefully will be offered to everyone late summer/September.
 - CRPA-F is an additional certification and training for a family member who has had a child/adolescent in or seeking recovery.
- Learning collaboratives, Sylvia from OMH discussing Suicide Prevention. Contact Marialice for questions.
- Ombudsman (CHAMP) Program: Ombudsman is a fancy word for “advocate.”
 - Set-up a helpline 1-888-614-6400 and email ombus@oasas.ny.gov or stephanie.campbell@oasas.ny.gov
 - 485 cases have been opened, 250 have been closed.
 - Helping people with appeals; if you are denied access the first thing to do is **appeal**.
- Questions:
 1. When will CRPAs be state and/or federal employees? People don't want to enter the CRPA field because they only get paid \$15 per hour. Susan Brandau will address this question with OASAS administration. When the reimbursement percentage goes through hopefully that can increase wages for CRPAs.
 2. When can CRPAs go through private insurance? Up to organizations to negotiate with them. Also something we need to advocate for.
 3. Why are CRPAs being let go in Saratoga because of a grant ending? April 12th is these CRPAs last day. COTIs are the ones losing funding. Susan Brandau will look into this.
 4. Is there currently a template for people to use to approach their legislators? FOR-NY Resources on our website at www.for-ny.org under advocacy.

SAVE THE DATE: Recovery Gems Auction & Appetizer Event on May 30th, 2019

- [Find More Information Here!](#)
- NYS Recovery Conference “*Working Our Recovery*” October 21 -22, Albany Marriott
 - Pre-Conference free activities with OASAS Sunday October 20th.
 - Registration is important. You have the option to pay later.
 - [Register Here!](#)
 - Early Bird rate \$175.00 for two days
 - If you are interested in presenting, [please submit a Call For Proposals Here!](#)
- Upcoming FOR-NY Trainings
 - Essential Skills for Peer Professionals TTT 4/26 & 4/27 in Albany
 - Register Here: <https://app.donorview.com/eqzY>
 - Our Stories Have Power TTT in Oneonta 4/24 and Brooklyn 5/22 (3 credits)
 - Register Here for Oneonta: <https://app.donorview.com/eqwM>
 - Register Here for Brooklyn: <https://app.donorview.com/QowQ>
 - Peer Professional Supervision in Auburn 5/21 & 22 (12 credits)
 - Register Here: <https://app.donorview.com/p0bb>
 - Science of Addiction and Recovery TTT in Albany 5/24 (6 credits)
 - Register Here: <https://app.donorview.com/4R5k>
- Stand Up for Recovery Day March 20th, 2019
 - 1200-1500 People Attended!

YOUTH VOICES MATTER NEW YORK

- YVM- Schenectady and Columbia County are forming and hosting events.
- YVM-Rensselaer is targeting Hudson Valley Community College to recruit members
- Pop-Up event was hosted in Yonkers and has a great turnout
- There was a good turnout for Stand Up for Recovery Day
- Collegiate Recovery Programs Cortland reached out to Carlee Hulsizer
- Working with Youth Power! for The University of Youth Power on June 22nd, 2019
 - Will be awarding scholarships to people aged 18-30 that would like to attend.

SPECIAL GUEST 1: REGGIE JAMES AND HENRY PORCHER WITH BROTHERS IN RECOVERY

- Brothers in Recovery is open to all Men regardless of race or ethnicity. It is open to anyone that has been affected by a traumatic situation and/or environment.
- First spiritual retreat was held in 1989 had 44 attendees and 2 facilitators. In 1999 Downsized and they needed a new location. Hamsa found a Christian Retreat Center.
- Objective is to promote a positive, drug-free lifestyle to strengthen communities.
- They bring as many services as they can, have given free HIV Testing, have workshops for substance use disorder. Conduct an annual Thanksgiving feeding, a free post-Labor Day feeding, collaborate with other organizations.
- For the first time this year they will have a female speaker. Theme is “Striving for Moral Consistency.”
- Contact Reggie James for more information reggie.james@nujapple.com

SPECIAL GUEST 2: LEAH KAUFMAN, SHATTERPROOF

- Founded in 2012, Founder and CEO Gary Mendel lost his son. He discovered a lot of programs weren't using the best evidence-based treatment. Pulled together health experts in the broader community and experts in the addiction treatment field.
- How do consumers locate high quality evidence-based treatment?

- Goal: A platform that provides reliable and transparent information on treatment quality
- Which programs are being measured? Residential, outpatient, and intensive outpatient providers. Approximately 900 providers in NYS. See PowerPoint attached

NEXT CBRS MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019, 1:00- 3:00 PM