

Brief Introductions

- Rockland Recovery Center- Tentative opening 7/1, grand opening sometime in August
- Westchester/White Plains RCOC soft opening 7/1, hard opening to be determined
- Greater Monroe RCO second meeting scheduled 6/5 at CORE Center
- Rochester 6/21 BBQ to be held at Helio Health 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM, flyer will be circulated
- 9/15 Planned ROcovery Fitness 5K

OASAS Updates

Rob Kent OASAS Chief Counsel- Updates of Recovery Employment Tax Credit

- Recovery Tax Credit
 - \$2 Million initiative for the first year- a Tax credit for for-profit employers that hire people in recovery
 - At a minimum, employers must have a connection to the local recovery community
 - They want to spend all the 2 million so that they can ask for more funding next time- we must spread the word and spend the money!
 - Jamestown was working with a local Wendy's franchisee that has already been doing this, and there are others like them
- Peer Services
 - Peer services in outpatient facilities are now mandatory in NYS
 - Federal approval to increase reimbursement rate for peers approved- stay tuned

Susan Brandau and Marialice Ryan- Recovery Support Services

- Peer integration services is a new bureau at OASAS to aid outpatient providers to integrate peers
- New peer guidance was issued on May 6th, if you haven't reviewed it yet it is available on OASAS's website
- Limit was 4 services a day, new limit is 12
- Addiction Treatment and Recovery- is headed by Pat Lincort, new Associate Commissioner
- Working on a civil service title for CRPAs
- Working with 5 hospital Emergency Departments to have them do buprenorphine induction in the ED
- OASAS is modifying their webpages for a public page and provider page
- Upstate seminar on drug policy is sold out but will be held in NYC
- Working on Peer integration in unified court systems

Stephanie Campbell- new Ombuds program and helpline available 9-4 ombuds@oasas.ny.gov

Gia Sciocchetti- Youth and Family Recovery Support Services- preparing for CRPA-Y and Collegiate Recovery Policy Summit

FOR-NY Updates

- **CRPA Scholarships are still available!!** Full CRPA Scholarships, Bilingual, Partial and Renewal. All information can be found on www.for-ny.org
- **NYS Recovery Conference 10/20-22**, price is \$175 by 6/30, after that it increase to \$250, you can **REGISTER NOW AND PAY LATER** so... lock in that early bird rate!
- Send Sept. recovery month activities to sschielke@for-ny.org and
- Federal "Day" of action- locally find your federal representatives and visit them during Recovery Month and ADVOCATE
- OASAS Name change bill- is moving along, will be hearing from us on how to contact reps.

- Sober living task force- pushing to pass it

YVM

- Team is working on a Youth Recovery Community Organization Toolkit
- 6/10-12 YVM will be at Collegiate Recovery Policy Summit
- 6/22-25 University of Youth Power!
- YVM- Rochester meeting 6/18
- 6/28 open mic in Batavia
- 6/15 Hope House Open Mic

Ruth Riddick- ASAP-NYCB (See PDF attached)

- Scholarship status- FOR-NY training scholarships are still available and ongoing; ASAP-NYCB scholarships for certification and exam fees come to an end on June 30th, some funds are still available- will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. To avail of the certification/exam fee scholarships you MUST take the exam before June 30th and must already be a CRPA-Provisional **Please note that funds for certification and exam fees have been exhausted. As of June 18, there are no further funds available for certification and exam fees. FOR-NY training scholarships are still available.**
- CRPA-Family will be launched on July 1st, 2019 and full information will be available on ASAP's website at that time.
- ASAP Veterans Conference in Tarrytown takes place on June 18th, 2019 with recovery-oriented presentations from ASAP-NYCB President Roy Kearse of Samaritan Daytop, Malik Hutchinson, and Ruth Riddick. Details and Registration is available at ASAP's website

Recovery and Employment Panel

Jonathan Rosen, Consultant, National Clearinghouse for Worker Safety & Health Training and multiple labor unions (See PDF Attached)

- 22 years as Director of Health and Safety, last 6 years as consultant to federal agencies
- Works on occupational stress and mental health
- Provides "Addressing the Issues of Opioids in the Workplace" Training from National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- We need protection for workers in the workplace with Substance Use Disorder
- Every state should have a taskforce on opioid use amongst workers

Julia M. Fesko, Director, Bureau of Talent Management OASAS

- Recovery Tax credits- we must identify employers and employees to get the tax credit
- Tax credit is \$2,000 per person, so 1,000 people
- Identify employers, they MUST pay corporate taxes (nonprofits are not eligible)- vocational rehab system, manufacturing systems, nonprofit board members etc.
- She will send out parameters on what a qualified individual is and is looking for input on employers and employees
- Wants people in recovery to have a certificate or something along those lines If you hire me, you can get a \$2,000 tax credit
- There will be an RFP for employers available, they need to have a connection to Recovery community
- This tax credit begins January 1, 2020

Brian J. Williams, Commissioner, Rensselaer Co. One Stop Career Center, Dept. of Employment & Training

- Career center and workforce development- 3 different workforce development area in NYS each with 90+ career centers
- These career centers all offer a variety of services and identify recovery friendly employers and connect them to those in recovery seeking jobs
- All services are FREE in the career centers
- 12 of 33 local areas received National Emergency Grant money to respond to the opioid crisis in NYS
 - There is about \$6,000 per individual to provide these services

Jennifer Haggerty, LMSW, Rensselaer Co. Mental Health, Supervisor Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Services

- Working closely with Hudson Mohawk and Conifer Park
- Has trained 7 new CRPA-P's and are working with them to place them as well as making one of them an intern
- When hiring peers, you need to have some support for those peers such as self-care, and boundary setting

Jesse Chapman, CRPA-P, Peer Engagement Specialist, Rensselaer Co.

- Emphasized importance of supervision and support for Peers.

Benjamin Riker, Outreach Coordinator & Peer Support Specialist, FOR-DO Recovery Employment in Oneonta Video Trailer, <https://vimeo.com/329792696>

- Local pizza place in Oneonta that hires people in recovery
- The new owners had issues with employees such as arriving to work late, and Ben started working with them to provide employee services and integrate employees into a Recovery Oriented System of Care not only here but in other companies locally
- They provide a free, optional, training on peer services to the employers
- Through this work over 30 people in Recovery have been employed

Kellie Roe, Executive Director, Second Chance Opportunities

- Second Chance Opportunities was found in 2001 by people in recovery
- They are a direct employer for Janitorial services with 68 employees, 56 of those are in recovery
- Employees are paid the prevailing wage rate which is \$15.68 in Albany
- They have three houses, may be adding a fourth, and do not collect rent until the person in recovery is employed fulltime and can afford it
- This model can be replicated

Recovery and Employment Panel Q&A

- How is Renss. Co. helping its peers?
 - Emphasis on supervision, employees take supervision trainings and workforce burnout trainings, set limits and supervisors are strict on self-care and wellness

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019, 1:00- 3:00 PM