

COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS

BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

September 26, 2019 from 1:00-3:00pm



Facilitators: NYC: Rachelle Brown
Rochester: Van Smith

Nanuet: Caren Schwartz
Long Island: Elsie Demers

Albany: Allison Weingarten
Buffalo: Tim Bax

Welcome: Angelia Smith-Wilson, 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; Highlights from Recovery Month!

1. Albany

- Second Chance Opportunities RCOC Grand Opening October 23

2. New York City 3. Long Island 4. Nanuet 5. Rochester 6. Buffalo

OASAS Updates:

1:15 pm

- **Pat Lincourt: Associate Commissioner, NYS OASAS**
 - o Bringing together treatment and recovery.
 - o Understands need for change in Medicaid policy to increase peer reimbursement rate, no date is set yet.
- **Julia Fesko- Peer Employment:** OASAS is Forming a recovery tax credit RFA work group to help get the information out. Only for businesses that pay corporate tax. Anyone that wants to help get the word out and market please contact Julia.fesko@oasas.ny.gov Visit here: <https://www.oasas.ny.gov/procurements/documents/rfa-recovery-tax-credit.pdf>
- **Susan Brandau and Marialice Ryan – Recovery Support Services**
 - o New MAT guidance has been released
 - o Working on peer FAQ, it is in development, will be released soon
 - o Developing new CRPA curriculum for Fall 2020 modelled after the 80hr curriculum in the 3 CUNY Skills. Looking at readiness, have the requisite skills before they begin training.
 - o Next Alumni Meeting October 24, 6:00- 9:00 PM
 - o Looking at longer term outcomes, specifically social determinates of health, Recovery Data Platform administered by Faces & Voices of Recovery. Peers can utilize info from this on how are they doing with social connectedness, with reaching their recovery goals, etc.
 - o Pre-Conference institute October 20, close to maximum capacity. Pre-conference is free. If you are interested in track 2 there are limited seats available, registration link is now closed, but email Marialice.ryan@oasas.ny.gov if you would like to attend.

Friends of Recovery-NY Updates – Community-Based Recovery Supports:

1:30 pm

- CRPA Training Scholarships
 - o Please contact us if you know of anyone that is interested to become a CRPA. These scholarships are still available! Theresa Knorr tknorr@for-ny.org
- Recovery Conference October 20-22, 2019
 - o Registration is at 409! Registration deadline is October 13, 2019.

§ REGISTER HERE TODAY:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eg0x4svdbbbfab84&llr=wt7xirrab&showPage=true>

- Workshop grid has been released <https://for-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Conference-Program-Grid.pdf>
- Still looking for sponsorships, please let us know if you have any ideas.
- Best Practice Supervision networking event information and registration here- <https://app.donorview.com/mmeg>
- Daphne Willis Concert at the NYS Recovery Conference October 21st
 - Find more information and flyer here: <https://for-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Daphne-Willis-Special-Concert-Flyer.pdf>
 - Free if you attend the conference, but if you only want to attend the concert you can buy a ticket for \$15- <https://app.donorview.com/NpEe>
- Stand Up for Recovery Day is February 11, 2020
 - Will be gearing up for SURD after the NYS Recovery conference... let's make it bigger than ever!
 - Want to partner with housing coalitions, legal coalitions, unions and other advocacy organizations
 - Planning Federal Day of Action- hoping to go to Washington, D.C. to take our advocacy day to the federal scale.
- Youth Voices Matter-New York
 - Priority planning meeting coming up October 5
 - Daphne Willis Concert is free with conference registration, \$15 if you do not attend the full conference. <https://app.donorview.com/NpEe>
 - Youth Power! is partnering with YVM to offer a workshop at the NYS Recovery Conference
 - YVM-NY is currently planning their first Recovery Music Festival in Rochester with a tentative date of September 12, 2020. Looking for artists- singers, dancers, poets, as well as exhibitors, and vendors, and artists. Please reach out to Carlee Hulsizer at chulsizer@for-ny.org for more information and to send ideas!
 - Created Youth Recovery Community Organization Toolkit
 - § YVM-Columbia County reviewed the toolkit and sent feedback so that there was youth involvement. This group started in March, they meet bi-weekly, and have about 20 consistent members, they also have developed a mission and vision!

New York Certification Board Update – Ruth Riddick 1:50 pm

- Tomorrow, 9/27, is the Brooklyn Recovery Conference
- NYS ASAP and NYCB are co-presenting the NYS Recovery Conference with FOR-NY
 - Ruth is co-facilitating workshop on Peer Supervision as well as giving a workshop on Peer Ethics
- Upcoming peer fair in Rochester, November 20th. Details are to be determined. Opportunity for peers and potential employers to connect. Peers can bring resumes and network with potential employers.
- 1 October 2018- 1 August 2019, we added 450 Certified Recovery Peer Advocate professionals to the field!!
- July 1st CRPA-Family was introduced. The first requirement is that you are a full CRPA is good standing. There are 37 trainers approved to train on CRPA-F. This training is good for 20 hours towards renewal of CRPA and CARC. Find more information on NYCB's website- <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>
- January 1- CRPA-Youth. Sub-specialization of full CRPA that focuses on youth. In process of developing this certification. Age range for people trained to be CRPA-F is 18-30

Nick Guile- legislative aide for NYS Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal. guilen@nyassembly.gov

- Passed 4 pieces of recovery legislation in the last legislative session, one has been signed by the Governor which renames NYS OASAS to be the Office of Addiction Services and Supports!
- 3 more will be going to the governor before the end of the year. These legislations regard:
 - A.7277 Naloxone kits and good Samaritan protection. Some people are afraid to administer Naloxone because they are unsure about consequences.
 - § This legislation hopes to add the good Samaritan rules onto the back of the blue cards
 - § Comments- Blue cards aren't being included in Naloxone kits anymore.

- A.7246 Medication Assisted Treatment for people on Medicaid. Now, people on Medicaid might be restricted with MAT access, as well as issues with prior authorization, delays time when they should be treated on demand
 - § People under Medicaid, you would be open to whatever MAT drugs are necessary, between the patient and the doctor. Prohibit prior authorization for MAT to get people started right away. If your organization is in support of this, please email aweingarten@for-ny.org to be added to FOR-NY's letter of support
- A.1068: Quarterly reports from OASAS that look into the outcomes of initiatives created in response to Opioid epidemic. Report how the programs are going, age, sex, regional data so that we understand what populations are being assisted.
- Looking to have a meeting before next session with regards to Recovery Housing

2020 Planning/Breakout Session/Report Out:

2:00 pm

Friends of Recovery New York is Planning our 2020 Agenda and we need your input! This information will help us inform our goals for next year based on what the Recovery Community (You!) Need!

1. Appoint a facilitator, note taker and reporter
2. Discussion Points:
 - How does Friends of Recovery – New York help support your organization?
 - § Trainings- training of trainers, trainings in regards to science of addiction, our stories have power
 - § Networking & Keeping us all connected
 - § Advertising and connections to all trainings
 - § CRPA Scholarships
 - § Exposure for other organizations
 - § Celebration of multiple pathways
 - § Creating partnerships has been very valuable
 - § Support professional growth
 - § Resources- especially on website
 - § Advocacy in the capitol
 - § RCO Toolkit
 - What do you see as FOR-NY's role in building recovery capital in NYS? For example, Supporting Peer Professionals; promoting multiple pathways of recovery, providing resources; advocating for systems changes and resources; ending stigma; putting recovery on the map; other ways?
 - § Advocate to break down barriers between counties
 - § Get more connected with RCOs, get back to basics
 - § Linking all of us together
 - § NYS Recovery Conference
 - § Helping to change stigma and put a professional face to recovery
 - § Continuing advocacy, trainings, and education
 - § Multiple pathways and harm reduction
 - § More partnerships and collaborations
 - § Continuing CRPA Scholarships
 - § Peer employment growth
 - Start as entry level, how do they move higher i.e. management?
 - § Trainings page on the website is a great resource
 - What is your vision for FOR-NY in the next year to help build recovery capital in NYS?
 - § Continuing to be positive- positive staff and demeanor makes a difference!

- § Expansion of staff since FOR-NY is a small staff
- § Need more trainings
 - Especially training on sober vs. recovery
 - Boundary training
 - Trainings for peer workforce
 - Technical assistance
 - Families in recovery!
 - CRAFT
 - Training of trainers in Western NY
 - Mental health training and support
 - Better organized trainings on website, maybe alphabetically, make it more user friendly
- § More events and trainings downstate and across the state
- § More frequent meetings with elected officials
 - Advocate for recovery housing
- § Get out in the community more
- § Targeting more of the rural counties for information and outreach
- § Outreach and connection to LGBTQ+ community
- § Increase social media exposure
- § RCO support and follow-through
 - Provide funding to local RCOs to hire staff
 - Build membership and involvement for RCOs to have more exposure, do more events, become more involved in the community
- § Look at who is not at the table- faith based organizations, continuing education for public officials
- § More supportive of RCOC in Albany and sober entertainment
- § Holding agencies accountable for same-day admission policies
- § Regulating cost of CRPA trainings- some are free, some are \$600

Closing and Next Steps

2:55 pm

Syracuse would like to join these tele-conference meetings

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 pm