

# COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS

BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

May 21, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm



**Facilitators:** Angelia Smith- Wilson and Allison Weingarten

**Welcome:** Angelia Smith-Wilson, Executive Director – FOR-NY

**1:00 pm**

**OASAS Updates:**

**1:15 pm**

Trisha Schell-Guy - OASAS Deputy Counsel

- 7 out of 10 economic region groups can begin reopening
- 822 regulation has been published in the state register- trying to make it more akin to a medical model. There is a 60-day comment period comments due July 17th. After this comment period they make changes if necessary and hopefully adopted by fall.
- 830 regulation- acupuncture, telepractice, add endorsements. LGBTQ+ endorsement, identify programs that meet certain markers and can have this endorsement. Modifying regulation to remove the restriction that peers cannot deliver telepractice services. Seeking to get telepractice services approved telephonically. Hopefully this will be published in summer.
- It is important to keep an eye on Executive Orders as we move into the 4 phases of re-opening.
- FEMA offering funding for PPE supplies. It looks as though RCOs do not qualify.

Susan Brandau - Peer Integration Team

- 5 Trauma Office Hours, 30 sessions were completed with thousands in attendance. Follow-up: Would like to have a peer participatory process and create a learning collaborative for those that joined.
- Encouraging providers to apply for permanent telepractice certification.
- Alumni Association Meetings 6-8:00 PM every Friday and participation has been increasing. Contact [willie.townes@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:willie.townes@oasas.ny.gov) for more information.
- Recoveryanswers.org content is affiliated with Harvard Med. School and Massachusetts General Hospital. Access a weekly research bulletin and research articles
- Rensselaer County started Narcan delivery, text Narcan to 21000 to have Narcan delivered to homes in Rensselaer County.
- They have been hearing anecdotally about an increase in overdoses. Survey was sent to county mental hygiene directors inquiring about this to collect data.

Lureen McNeil – Bureau of Recovery Services

- Have been working with Larry Davidson to look at new measures to bring into recovery centers and ensure that they have sustainability.
- Recovery Summit- decided to do a virtual recovery summit with weekly sessions. This Tuesday will have Phillip Rutherford from Faces and Voices and take research discussed from last week and how to market your services based off that. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-oasas-virtual-recovery-summit-registration-104352041766>
- Working with recovery centers on plans to return. Most recovery centers will be keeping virtual meetings in order to reach those that cannot make it to their centers.
- Question- Was anyone in recovery included in the recovery summit discussion and not just administrators? Answer- We only have 100 seats available, and asked RCOs to send two representatives.

**RCO Survey Results/Recommendations and Action Needed:**

**1:45 pm**

<https://for-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/5.21.20-CBRS-Presentation.pdf>

Richard Buckman, LIRA

- Recovery Hotline is not just an idea, but it is happening elsewhere. Hearing on LI that people need more support. LIRA decided to put out a call to peers and had 42 respond to be part of a volunteer effort. Has had ~150 contacts, provide support, and coaching.

### **Legislative Updates /Advocacy Needs Discussion**

**2:30 pm**

Senator Peter Harckham, Chair of Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse; Joelle Foskett, Legislative Director

- Lobbying federally for \$38.5 billion to be included for mental health and substance use disorder
- Providers have said that county health departments told them they aren't an essential service to receive PPE, working to ensure that this doesn't continue to happen

Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal, Chair of Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

- Governor Cuomo is waiting on Congress to pass the budget
- In terms of the survey results, a lot of the needs identified have always been there, they are just intensified now
- Looking at revenue raises- taxes on very wealthy
- DOH in NYC coordinating effort for those that cannot go out, a methadone delivery system. **Is it occurring upstate?** In Rochester yes, delivered by private carriers likely contracted.

Therese Daly, Director of Correspondence, Office of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

- Wrote down notes presented and will provide the data to the Senate Majority Leader
- If anything wasn't included in the presentation that you think should be, please let Therese know to include in her notes and summary Therese Daly [tdaly@nysenate.gov](mailto:tdaly@nysenate.gov)

### **Comments**

John Coppola, ASAP

- Kyle Plaske put together an advocacy toolkit with a sample letter to send to legislators, it's important for the behavioral health money to stay included in the proposed legislation <http://www.asapnys.org/policy-center/>

Angela Robertson, Western NY

- One doctor in Western NY recently has not been able to provide clients with recovery coaches because of COVID, has a waiver to provide MAT. Also, one patient was dismissed early from detox and inpatient to make room for COVID patients.
- Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal requested that Angela contacts her about this matter

### **FOR-NY Trainings**

- VIRTUAL Overdose and Suicide Loss in the Behavioral Health Workplace
  - Schedule: Thursday & Friday, 6/11 & 6/12, Thursday & Friday, 6/18 & 6/19
  - Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sessions, \$150, \$175
  - Register here- <https://app.donorview.com/DRGRr>

### **Closing and Next Steps**

**2:55 pm**

- Project: Face-Off! Record a video of yourself discussing the needs for recovery services, post it to social media tagging your legislators and 3 friends with the hashtag #fundrecovery

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 18, 2020 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**