

COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS

Summer Edition

MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

July 23, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm



Facilitators: Angelia Smith- Wilson and Allison Weingarten

OASAS Updates:

1:15 pm

Pat Lincourt - Associate Commissioner

- On the 31% Withholding
 - 31% is a withholding to the county directly, there is a potential for some or all of that to eventually become a cut but it is **not that yet**
 - If I were an RCO, I would talk with the regional office and the county to determine the impact to the program.
- On upcoming RFA: Question- Will the RFA be one of those 10 Economic zone initiatives? Answer- no. The application will be regional but not necessarily based on economic development zones NYC zone will be broken into the 5 boroughs. Planning to release more information in the next couple weeks.
- Question- any word on re-funding RCOs? Answer- it's possible that there will be a no cost extension to run through a period. Centers would be included in regional approach.

Susan Brandau - Peer Integration Team

- Interested in learning provider and peer experience with telepractice. Possibly doing a survey in October.
- Peers- if you would like to opt in to getting OASAS information contact Susan or Willie
- Looking to increase outpatient provider response rate to survey
- CRPA Curriculum- 46 hours of CRPA training may not be enough to prepare people to work in ER's. Working with Queensborough college to develop a new curriculum testing on August 23rd morning, 24th afternoon, 30th and 31st. If you are an experienced trainer and would like to become involved, we encourage you to participate.
- New overdose prevention campaign <https://oasas.ny.gov/>
- Training in a box- looking to model one on peer engagement, peer supervision
- Question- any feedback from people regarding pushback from Emergency Departments? Some people have said that ERs aren't sure what to do with these people. Answer- absolutely. Peers weren't being effectively prepared, and ER setting wasn't prepared.

Lureen McNeil - Bureau of Recovery Services

- We are engaging Dr. Larry Davidson of Yale University to analyze for the purpose of understanding issues relating to family functioning and dynamics.
- Related to the issue of sustainability, the Bureau is hold 3 Recovery Summit TA sessions, to look at the creation of the agency sustainability plan and how Recovery Centers can utilize Home and Community Based Services to increase sustainability.
- The Recovery Implementation Team will hold a virtual meeting focused on Pathways to Recovery--Treatment, Harm Reduction and Faith. A Save-the Date will follow. This segment will be helpful to the general public and persons in or seeking recovery in understanding the many pathways to recovery and their unique characteristics.
- The Bureau in its focus on increasing the outcomes for individuals in or seeking recovery will collaborate with Prevention services to identify and support evidence-based and promising prevention programs for youth, individuals and families that can be utilized at the community level.

Willie Townes

- Alumni Association meetings. Contact Willie for more information at willie.townes@oasas.ny.gov
- Virtual talent management during recovery month 9/24, please help promote it

FOR-NY Social Justice Recovery Policy

1:45 pm

Laura Elliott-Engel Award is now accepting nominations. <https://app.donorview.com/9ZWg8>

- Please send us information on what you, your organization, community, is doing in regards to cultural competency

Legislative Updates /Advocacy Needs Discussion

2:05 pm

Nick Guile, Legislative Aide, Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal, Chair of Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

- Working on making telehealth reimbursable for peers. Told by chair of health committee that OASAS could do it through regulation and that's why there was a hold-up, if we did it by regulation and not a bill the process would be longer.
- Working on public accommodations that can carry and use naloxone without penalty. This would include bars, restaurants, retail accommodations etc.
- Working on bill to prevent life insurance companies from discriminating based on people that have naloxone.
- A bill up to vote tonight to put together council on problem gambling in state, what resources are available and what's needed
- 31% cut- put out a statement with Harckham condemning cuts to these programs.
<https://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/ny-state-of-politics/2020/07/16/lawmakers-warn-against-cuts-to-addiction-programs>

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

- Have had a busy couple of days working on passing legislation

Gil Ruiz, Legislative Assistant, Office of United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

- Working on \$4.5 billion to SAMSHA, mental health, suicide prevention

Ruth Riddick, ASAP-NYCB

- Veteran Supported Recovery survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ASAP-NYCB>
 - Trainer Registry & Training Approval: <http://www.asapnys.org/trainers-training/>
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Recovery Community Wellness check- participants posted what they are doing for wellness

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM