

COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS

BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

November 19, 2020 from 1:00-3:00pm



Facilitators: Angelia Smith- Wilson and Allison Weingarten

OASAS Updates:

Trisha Schell-Guy - OASAS General Counsel

- Public Health Emergency ends 1/24/21. Can be extended and likely will be, but it can only be declared in 90-day intervals by HHS. This is what allows flexibility, i.e. relaxed tele-health regulations
- Telephonic tele practice can continue due to state law. However, despite trying to pursue this at the federal level, there are federal statutory limitations that do not allow it after the public health emergency.
- When the pandemic ends, you won't be able to do buprenorphine induction via telehealth it will need to be face to face (DEA rules were issued and they did not make the changes we were hoping for)
- Continuing to push for peers to be added as an allowable telepractice provider under NYS law
- OASAS to make sure that all programs and those that need it have access to Naloxone
- Will be re-issuing guidance on how to set an emergency contact per the newly enacted Stephen's Law
- Working to change how services are accessed for HARP
- Question- "It is my understanding that crpa services can only be Medicaid reimbursed in an oasas licensed clinic. In one county they are opening a clinic licensed by omh that provides therapy and prescriber services including mat however since it is licensed by omh....crpa is not reimbursed although crpa services could be helpful. Is there any way that this "oversight" could be addressed."
 - OMH and OASAS are different, Working with OMH to resolve this issue
- Question- are OMH and OASAS merging?
 - Looking at it as creating a new agency instead of a merger. Hosted listening sessions. It is real news, but nothing has been decided yet. It could happen this year or next year in the budget but it would take a long time to implement.

Susan Brandau - Peer Integration Team

- New RFA is due January 4th people will be able to identify their own regions
<https://oasas.ny.gov/funding/network-approach-to-sud-services>
- Recovery Centers, COTIs, prevention funded for a year
- Just because you are getting funding from OASAS doesn't mean you can't receive other funding
- Contracting out with FOR-NY to offer limited funding for CRPA training, certification, and testing fee scholarships. Veterans, bilingual, LBGTQ+, and those with lived MAT experience are to be prioritized
- OMH/OASAS survey- titled "What if NYS was the center of healing?" survey will close 12/11, hasn't been sent out yet but will be soon
- Working to include and prepare CRPAs to help those with gambling addiction
- Alumni meeting tonight 6-8PM, contact Willie Townes for more information
- Training in a box: <https://oasas.ny.gov/training/clinical-support>

Stephanie Campbell

- Have been having ongoing calls with OMH, DOH, and DFS to address some of the parity issues that have been ongoing issues on the state level
- OMH is looking at medical necessity criteria

NARR- Van Smith Announced new brochure for NYS Alliance of Recovery Residences

ASAP/NYCB - Ruth Riddick, ASAP/NYCB

1. ASAP Peer Recovery Exam Prep Workshop- December 11, 9AM-12PM
 - Only take this exam if you have your exam scheduled already and it is soon, within ~1 month
 - Will be offering this exam again in March 2021
2. Approved Training: I advised the meeting that training approval is required if completion certs are to be accepted for professional certification. Applying for this approval is the trainer's responsibility. I confirmed the training requirements for both initial certifications (CARC and CRPA), as posted on our website.

3. Veteran Supported Recovery (VSR): I spoke to the 3-step certification development process (Role Delineation; Role Certification Standards; Role Training), and confirmed that ASAP has completed the first two (Mar-Sep 2020) and is at an advanced stage of developing the specialized VSR role training. This standalone specialty certification will be launched in early 2021 - i.e. is a specialty requiring initial certification but is not a CRPA-parental (unlike CRPA-Family and CRPA-Youth).

John Coppola, ASAP

- Advocacy is so important
- Make sure that those that need to be included in meetings and discussions are included

LIRA

Richard Buckman

- Good news- Our federal partners are hoping to quickly engage with the incoming administration.

FOR-NY 2021 Policy Statement Point in Time Survey - Overview

On October 20, 2020 at the Virtual NYS Recovery Conference, Conference Participants participated in a point in time survey to help inform our 2021 Policy Statement. We will utilize this time to go over the results and seek feedback.

- 77 survey responses, less than last year but comparable with the size from last year
- Reconfirmed FOR-NYTs top 4 priorities- Housing, Treatment, Recovery Services and Transportation as well as new priorities- Transforming to Anti-Racist Movement and importance of focusing on recovery community as essential group during COVID-19 Pandemic

Legislative Updates /Advocacy Needs Discussion

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

- Whatever you need, we are here for you
- Over \$14 billion deficit
- Stephen's Law was passed this year due to collaboration, cooperation and communication
<https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/robert-g-ortt/senate-passes-stephens-law>

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

- Believe that marijuana legalization will be passed, but hopeful that those affected by the drug war will benefit by the tax
- Pushing for the money from the Purdue suit to be utilized for OASAS
- Continuing to advocate for no cuts to prevention, treatment, recovery services

Therese Daley from Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousin's Office was out sick and unable to join but as always offered her support.

Gil Ruiz from US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's office was promoting important legislative action needed to combat addiction https://www.pressrepublican.com/news/local_news/rep-in-action-nov-20-2020/article_ce79287f-30f1-547c-993c-696b0ed6fe0c.html

Stand Up for Recovery Day- February 9, 2021

- Recruiting Stand Up for Recovery Day Regional Ambassadors- flyer to be sent out
- Please contact Allison at aweingarten@for-ny.org if you are interested!

Upcoming FOR-NY Trainings

- SOAR TTT: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 & December 9, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Cost: \$50 Trainers: Dr. Donna Potter, IHNO Executive Director & Timothy Bax, MS, CARC, CRPA <https://app.donorview.com/PqQZy>
- Overdose and Suicide Loss in the Behavioral Health Workplace: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday December 2-4 from 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM Cost: \$150-\$175 Trainer: Debra Rhoades, LCSW, CASAC-M, Rhoades to Recovery <https://app.donorview.com/KNbjl>
- SOAR TTT: Thursday December 3, 2020 & Friday December 4, 2020 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Cost: \$50 Trainer: Theresa M. Knorr, FOR-NY Director of Education and Training <https://app.donorview.com/8WK4b>
- Peer Professional Supervision Mon-Wed, Dec 14, 15,16, 2020 1:00 – 4:00 pm Cost \$200, inquire about "student discount" Trainers: Theresa Knorr and Ben Riker <https://app.donorview.com/kPOMz>

Wellness Check in; NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 21, 2021 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM