

COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS

Recovery Month Edition!

BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

January 21, 2021 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 – Trisha Schell-Guy - OASAS Deputy Counsel

- Tele-health: State of the State section on tele-health, this year a lot of collaboration is happening. Recommendations include adding peers and unlicensed professionals to be able to deliver services via telehealth and will be regulation proposed by DOH. If federal money doesn't come through, state must decide what services would the state want to pay for using state money only using telehealth.
- Comprehensive out-patient regulation: expand what they did with integrative out-patient services and make it more manageable. Directs agencies to avoid issues, come up with new regulation to deliver comprehensive out-patient services.
- Office of Addiction and Mental Health Services: create new agency April 1st, but OMH and OASAS still exist. Two agencies won't begin to integrate until January 1, 2022.
- Crisis services: changing article 9, when an individual can be brought in on emergency basis. Create crisis stabilization centers, social justice is included. Collaboration will probably be regional. State plan amendment to include this in state Medicaid.
- Article 7: ensure there is proper care, Addiction professionals/predatory practices. OASAS will have the authority to regulate patient navigators, charge fees to be on the patient navigator list.
- Question: As we move toward blending of services- who/where/what is the recommending for billable peer services. Who is advocating for a mechanism for re-imbursement for these services in community services.
 - There are groups meeting, OASAS OMH Peer groups, about if there is crossover. Conversations occurring about what authority they have over peers. There is intent to broaden core services within community centers.
- Question: online sports betting, how far along are we with increasing funding for OASAS with the probable increase in compulsive sports gambling addiction.
 - As of now, revenue will go into state education services. Will advocate for funds to be used for prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

Pat Lincourt - Associate Commissioner

- Received RFAs from across the state and OASAS is hoping that RCOCs are well integrated in the regional approach with these RFAs
- Proposal to have OMH and OASAS be one single agency in on going, input will be requested for any suggestions

Willie Townes

- Assisting people with training and employment services
- Alumni Association is meeting Thursday

Fred

- Bureau working with Larry Davidson to put out a survey to compile data and ideas to enhance the environment and quality of service

- Working on getting centers involved with core services
- Regional office is helping to get people vaccinated

Stand Up For Recovery Day Advocacy and Marketing - Overview

1:45 pm

FOR-NY Staff will review all you need to know about Stand Up For Recovery Day including information about legislative updates pertinent to the recovery community

- Check out the schedule here- <https://for-ny.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Program-At-A-Glance-1.pdf>
- Have opportunities for RCOs to market themselves even if they aren't paid
- Virtual march- send in videos stating what you #standupFOR to jwatson@for-ny.org
- The afternoon consists of legislative meetings, contact aweingarten@for-ny.org if you want assistance scheduling a meeting with your representative. There are currently 26 meetings scheduled and it will only increase!
- Please use #standupFOR on social media to spread the message
- More information and registration- <https://for-ny.org/surd-registration/>

Legislative Updates /Advocacy Needs Discussion

2:30 pm

Colleen Williams, Office of Congressman Tonko

- Advocating for access to MAT, remove outdated barriers, with bipartisan bill MAT Act

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

- Two bills do not compete or replace existing task force bills

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

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

- Currently working on the state budget

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

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Phil Steck, Chair Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

- New chair for Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Wellness Check in

2:45 pm

Closing and Next Steps

2:55 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM