

# COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS

BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

July 22, 2021 from 1:00-3:00pm



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

## OASAS Updates:

- Trisha Schell-Guy –OASAS Chief Counsel
  - On the treatment side, providers now need to have the X waiver by the time that they start
  - Patient right regulations:
    - Consistent with human rights law in NYS
    - Language is consistent with LGBT affirming care
    - Language that there needs to be more training on boundaries
  - Designations for tele-practice, regulations changed to remove restrictions
  - Designation for LGBT rolled out
  - Funding:
    - Block grant #1 received, expires march 2023
      - No technical approval but portions authorized to be spent
      - Workforce stabilization funds coming in
        - For not-for-profits (OASAS contractors or not) but they are for providers not so much for programs
      - Media: pushing a media campaign to let people know about the recovery tax credit
      - Housing: stipends for people that are in supportive/recovery housing programs
      - Transportation: want to start seeing pilot programs (not only to treatment, but to supportive resources too)
      - IT infrastructure
    - Block grant #2
      - Similar to #1 but no workforce stabilization money
  - F-map: enhanced federal match, for community clinical programs as well as community based residential services
  - Moneys coming in
    - Money is coming in from opioid settlements
    - Opioid tax revenue conversations should start
    - Cannabis revenue
    - Problem gambling revenues
- Susan Brandau, Director of Peer Supports
  - LAC report on how denial of SUD care in the ED can violate federal law
  - New treatment planning training
  - Looking at certifications for peers
- Lureen McNeil - Bureau of Recovery Services
  - Looking at what the needs of recovery centers are (defining categories)
  - Put together a training (TTT) about the intersection of criminal justice, family, and substance use
- Stephanie Campbell- Ombuds Office
  - Had intensive training talking about access to care issues (parody)
  - Continuing educating on BIPOC communities

- Imbedding peer support services into crisis stabilization
- Lisa Babb:
  - Hosting an information gathering session on needed resources for peers to help people with MH and SUD Aug 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
    - Focused on NYC
    - If you would like to be part of that conversation, contact Allison (aweingarten@for-ny.org)

**FOR-NY Legislative Overview, Recovery Conference and other FOR-NY Updates**

**1:45 pm**

- Angelia updates
  - Racial Equity Updates: Office of National Drug Control Policy has put out a comment period for folks to comment on equity issues; FOR-NY accepting comments through the end of July
- Theresa updates: Register for recovery conference, tickets are going fast!
- Ben/YVM Updates: Excited for Sunday October 17- YVM portion of conference a lot of great programming for young people and recovery

**ASAP/NYCB Updates**

- John Coppola
  - ASAP has taken a focus towards racial equity
- Ruth Riddick
  - Check out the ASAP NYCB website for ALL information regarding professional peer certification

**Legislative Updates /Advocacy Needs Discussion**

**2:00 pm**

- Congressman Paul Tonko
  - Reauthorization of block grant is coming up, appreciate support of Recovery Community
- Therese Daly, Director of Correspondence for Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins
- Senator Pete Harckham and Joelle Foskett, Legislative Director, Senator Pete Harckham, Chair of Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
  - Called on the Governor and President to call a state of emergency to combat opioid deaths
  - Bill ending prior authorization for MAT for Medicaid
  - Treatment provider tour of Western NY
  - Making a date for public hearing for Senate task force
- Gil Ruiz with NY Senator Gillibrand's office
  - Waiting on reconciliation infrastructure bill; appreciate working relationship with Recovery Community

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**