

# COMMUNITY-BASED RECOVERY SUPPORTS



## BI-MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE

### Special Recovery Month Edition

“What does recovery mean to you and how does your work impact recovery?”

September 23, 2021 from 1:00-3:00pm

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

#### **FOR-NY Social Justice Recovery Policy**

Recovery is the little black girls surrounded by adults under the influence, being in a family that devoted their lives to recovery. Social justice conversation will extend to the conference, interrupting racism, intersection of race and recovery, looking forward to growing Alumni Association.

#### **OASAS Updates:**

- Trisha Schell-Guy –OASAS Deputy Counsel

Recovery is an opportunity to spread the word that folks in recovery (addiction, mental health) not a personal failure or flaw. People need to be open and listen. Block grant funding available to recovery services. SAPT1 – first part in the works, already notified if eligible. Docs on website on how to use money. Make sure in the Grants Gateway, SFS, minimum amounts \$8,000. Max \$620,000. First award. Funds must be spent by March 2023. About 16 different awards from SAPT dollars. Some might be specific areas/initiatives. SAPT2 hasn't begun, opportunity to continue initiatives. 380 contracts. \$2.48 million to distribute for vaccination. No money for Recovery High Schools yet. Gambling is not eligible. If there is a sphere that is missing, Trisha is willing to discuss those gaps. Will look into collegiate programs. Those who were emailed need to answer survey by October 1, set up in Grants Gateway and Statewide Financial System to accept grant payment, set up/update vendor responsibility profile. If you did not get the email, reach out to [COVIDfunds@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:COVIDfunds@oasas.ny.gov). Will advance first 25% then voucher the rest. Eligible services:

<https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/attachment-c.pdf>

- Fred Hodges - Bureau of Recovery Services

Recovery is any move toward improving quality of life, putting back together what person needs to be successful, contribute to family and community. Meet people where they're at, but don't leave them there. Recovery Bureau – recognizing the loss of Dan Creazzo from Seaway Valley from COVID. Family Children's Association ribbon cutting. Research on commission institute website with recovery information and videos. 30 individuals sharing their recovery stories, launching next month.

- Stephanie Campbell- Ombuds Office

Recovery means one day at a time, we're saving lives, destigmatizing ourselves and policies. Recovery is hope. CHAMP in 3rd year. Request for peer services is growing. Helped over 5,000 families find and access recovery supports. Collecting data to share with statewide partners to enhance and enforce these issues. Parity at 10 – productive meeting

- Luis Laboy, the Alumni Association

Recovery is getting to keep recovery by giving it away. Officially announcing that Alumni Association is joining FOR-NY. Facilitated by peers for peers, providing resources for peers: employment, engagement. Open mic at meeting tonight.

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

Theresa Knorr – recovery is a journey, very individual and different for each person. It's also discovery and peeling away the layers. FOR-NY Conference is approved for up to 15.25 peer professional credits for recertification from NYCB and OASAS. Town Hall that details conference and credits questions. Will try to recreate an in-person experience virtually. Families of Loss meeting – beyond just conference attendees, please join the Zoom call October 17th.

Youth Voices Matter - Ashton Daley – Recovery is getting to a place where I can better know myself, becoming the person my higher power wants me to be. Journey that never ends, will never have to finish learning who I am. working with 4 partners, ROcovery Fitness, TCCC, FOR-Westchester, Hope & Healing, meeting community needs as defined by the community, Youth Recovery Institute going well.

Allison Weingarten – Recovery is committing to treating myself how I would treat others. 2 MSW Interns, Shelia will be working with Allison, Tanaesha will work with Theresa and Angelia. Recovery ambassador training, 13 legislators last Wednesday. Doing it again with Allies (and some legislators) next Wednesday.

## **ASAP/NYCB Updates**

Ruth Riddick – Recovery is hope that SAMHSA definition is collectively embraced, a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential. ASAP-NYCB website for exam prep. Issuing new newsletter focused on NYCB. Members of the public do not schedule the exam, must be CRPAs to access exam.

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

- Therese Daly, Director of Correspondence for Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
Any priorities for legislative session, please reach out. Working with Allison on advocacy training

- Senator Pete Harckham, Chair of Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse  
Toured Second Chance Opportunities, discussed recovery residences, October 20th next hearing on opioids addiction and overdose prevention, special taskforce with Alcohol and Substance Use, Health, and Mental Health. Toured Central and Western NY in June, will travel to Queens, Long Island, and Hudson Valley. New legislation and more in the works. Spacing requirements with OASAS on facilities. ATC that are OASAS run – require to accept regardless of ability to pay. Insurance companies use “medical necessity” to discharge, change to clinical necessity to continue services. Co-prescribing Narcan bill, MAT-Medicaid bill, likely more movement with new governor. Send suggestions for legislative session.

Settlement dollars – unrestricted on how the money can be spent or who will represent on the decision making at the county level. Lockbox money does have guidance. Advisory board will have people in recovery and family members.

## **Community Updates**

New York Problem Gambling Institute - Rachel Lauria – raising awareness of problem gambling and there is hope of recovery, gambling addiction has the highest rate of suicide attempts and completions, increasing awareness of problem gambling screening, scholarships for anyone in recovery to attend Problem Gambling conference

LIRA - Suzanne Loevner – Rockin' Recovery tomorrow night, register through Zoom, 2 hours 8-10pm

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