Friends of Recovery-NY and Siena College updates:

* + Siena students coming back in the next few weeks
  + For the next team thinking about having them work on spreading the word about the coalition; spotlighting folks through public podcasts
* Ask participants to introduce themselves in chat box

Symposium

* April 3-4, May 8-9, possibly June
* Crowne Plaza (Previously Desmond) in Albany, Hilton in downtown Albany, or the Hilton in Saratoga Springs
* Looking for it to be a Hybrid event

Model state legislation

* Working with LAPPA to create model state legislation
* <https://legislativeanalysis.org/>
* Connecticut is also interested in putting forth legislation

Opioids in the workforce training program and study

* Eric Persaud
* Utilizing his experience working construction as well as his research for his Doctoral dissertation
* Combatting stigma with education

OASAS Recovery Bureau:

* Brenda-Harris-Collins
* 75% of recovery centers need additional support in finding placements for employment
* Resources for post-employment; how to support them in their work
  + Looking for centers to promote recovery-friendly workplaces
* Peer integration in to the centers
  + Having peers work specifically on navigating the workplace while in recovery

Employee Assistance Consultant:

* John Narine
* <https://drjnarine.wordpress.com/>
* Often times employers don’t know how to support their employees in recovery
* EAP was a tool employers were using to support their employees, but it’s not necessarily being utilized by employees that are seeking/are in recovery.

Presentation from Danielle Ompad, NYU on Center for Construction Research & Training workshop on suicide and overdose in construction industry

* Workshop in DC Aug 1-2 on suicide and overdose fatalities in construction workers
* Workgroups came together across all areas of construction work to map prevention work being conducted and increase collaboration between practitioners, unions, employers, and funders
* Four breakout groups will continue conversations to develop the work
* Also looking into who is missing in these brainstorm spaces

Employer, Labor, Symposium Planning Breakouts:

Employer Outreach

* Sean Jones and Mental Health Assn. Intro
  + OPEN Program (Occupational Peer Empowerment Network)
  + Connections to services
  + Employment training and placement
  + Low barrier access
  + Peer run, embedded and Driven
  + Career as goal
  + Peer services throughout program engagement
  + Meet where at
* Peer-Specific training needs
  + Occupational Therapy Interns
  + Trauma Informed
  + Harm Reduction Focused
  + Continuing Ed Prioritized

Symposium Break-Out:

* Could model based on CPWR workshop – was very interactive, inclusive
* Start with hearts and minds and then move into policy

Labor Break-Out:

* Goal to get NYS AFL-CIO to put RFW legislation on its legislative agenda for 2023
* Want to get Stewart Applebaum, President of RWDSU to help getting NYS AFL-CIO endorsement. Richard Lanigan, President of OPEIU is already on board.
* Working with NYS Employee Assistance Program to conduct training of 260 EAP peer coordinators on opioids and the workforce.
* NYCOSH will set up outreach meetings with ALIGN NY: “ALIGN is a longstanding alliance of labor and community organizations united for a just and sustainable New York. ALIGN works at the intersection of economy, environment, and equity to make change and build movement”
* NYCOSH will set up outreach meeting with Manhattan Justice for Workers Collaborative, “Latinos make up 25% of the construction workers in New York State but represented 57% of construction fall fatalities in 2015. Latino immigrants are less likely to receive training and more likely to work off the books. Latinos are also most likely to have their wages stolen. According to the National Employment Law Project, Latinos are nearly six times more likely to be victims of minimum wage violations than white workers. Foreign born Latinos have twice the rate of wage violations as US-born Latinos.”

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