



September 19, 2023

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

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**COALITION MEMBERS:** Larry Calkins, Becca Ames, Chelsea Dodd, Bill Bowman, Phillip Lucien, Anthony Maine, Jennifer Haggerty, Denis King, Eric Stranak, Traci Ploufe, Emily Marquart, Julie Mason, Lisa Sears-Bowlen, Kelly Wright, Tammy Burkenstock, Sheena Smith, Emma Brackett, Heather Rich, Emily Moore, William Coppola, Kyle Plaske, Connie Wille, Jake Coloumbe, Janet Price-Kurta, Jay Ulrich, Nichole Langley, Taylor Hansen

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**AGENCIES PRESENT:** Seaway Valley Prevention Council, Champlain Valley Family Center, Citizens Advocates, Pivot, Prevention Team, Anchor Recovery Center, Prevention Network of CNY, North Country Freedom Homes,-St. Lawrence County Addiction Services, St. Lawrence Health System, St. Lawrence ATC, SPAN, OASAS, ASAP

**1. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order by Bill Bowman at 10:05 am.

**2. A motion was made by Kelly Wright, seconded by Denis King, to approve the July 2023 minutes. Motion carried**

**3. Treasures Report**

- *Treasure Updates: Larry will get an updated total.*
- *Larry has gotten the online setup and sent the password to Bill Bowman and Chelsea Dodd.*
- *Next needs to update signature cards*

**4. Action Items:**

- *No action items*

**5. Old Business:**

- *1115 Waiver update*
  - Bill Bowman asked about any updates. Last update was that it was hopefully be adopted and passed this fall.
- *NTP as Regional Network of Care Meeting*
  - Bill Bowman suggests conducting NTP meeting as normal and then move into the Regional Network of Care Meeting
  - Add to the agenda for the November meeting at the Conference
- *ASAP Conference Recap*
  - Conference was held in Niagara Falls
  - Connie Wille asked if there would still be the ASAP Conferences. Kyle Plaske believes there still will be but unsure of dates and what they will look like.
  - [kplaske@asapnys.org](mailto:kplaske@asapnys.org) If anyone needs to reach out.

**6. New Business:**

- *AI*
  - Bill Bowman would like to have a presentation to present on AI to the Coalition. Larry Calkins suggests having presentation at May Meeting in Saranac.
- *Committee reboot at NTP Conference*
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## 7. Updates

- **North Country Regional Network of Care**
  - *Non-Medical Regional Transportation RFP that the region applied for. Got word last week that it will be funded.*
  - *Everyone should be in the process of getting their materials turned in Larry for the SORs*
- **Committee Updates:**
  - **Wellness**
    - i. *Working on continuing to work on NTP wellness for the Coalition*
    - ii. *Bill Bowman will follow up with the Commissioner on the letter sent in.*
  - **Education**
    - i. *Have not met*
  - **Advocacy**
    - i. *Have not met*
  - **Sustainability**
    - i. *Have not met*
- **Conference:**
  - *November 7-9, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY*
  - *Looking for sponsors/vendors.*  
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejr7tpyk250d6e55&llr=lhnyz4oab>
  - *Registration is open.*
- **OASAS:**
  - *Webinar on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 10 am. Will include updates to part 853, credential of Addiction Professionals. Email Anthony Maine if interested – [Anthony.Maine@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:Anthony.Maine@oasas.ny.gov)*
  - *Communications has been busy sending out surveys to providers with the hopes providers will respond.*
  - *RFP that came out last week.*
  - *Annual report is due – Prevention Providers*
  - *The CPS system has been moved to form stack. If there is an issue, reach out to your regional manager*
  - *FYI – The Commissioner will be doing their local Town Hall on November 17<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out confirming the location.*
- **ASAP Update:**
  - *Merger: The new name is The Inunity Alliance, aiming to launch January 1<sup>st</sup>.*
  - *Met with the Governor's office representatives regarding the merger, budget, and legislative priorities.*
  - *Advocates, including ASAP in the past, have urged that the COLA be tied to the CPIU (each year adjusting to the rate of inflation). Concerns with this are that the rate of inflation is going down this year. The central point of advocacy is that the field can not sustain any cuts in the budget.*
  - *The state is eyeing a budget deficit between 3-9 Billion dollars.*
  - *Will have a near-final draft of the budget agenda before October 2<sup>nd</sup>.*
  - *Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month; if interested in attending, reach out to Kyle Plaske for a link. Larry Calkins has asked Kyle to send out the link for the meetings.*
  - *Legislative meetings this week.*
  - *Developed a comprehensive survey of membership, which will be circulating survey soon.*
  - *Bill Bowman mentions the concern of cutting OASAS and depending on Opioid Settlement Funds to close the gap. Kyle Plaske states that should not happen but will be closely monitoring it.*
- **Providers:**
  - **Champlain Valley Family Center**
    - i. *In the process of admitting/accessing people in the 559 program in outpatient. Rolling out admitting people into 825 very soon*

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- Credo Community Center
  - i. Celebrating 50 years tomorrow night at the Hilton Garden Inn.
- St. Lawrence County Addiction Services
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- St. Lawrence Health System
  - i. Participating in Chalk the Walk for St. Lawrence Suicide Coalition.
  - ii. Had first introductory meetings to the low threshold buprenorphine grants. Also had a few other grants that meet the needs of patients in the inbetween, have giving closet filled with grant funding.
- North Country Freedom Homes
  - i.
- St. Joseph's
  - i.
- St. Regis Mohawk Health Services
  - i.
- Citizens Advocates
  - i. Series of Recovery Picnics held in Watertown, Massena, and Ogdensburg this week. Watertown – 9/19 11-2. Massena – 9/20 11-2, Ogdensburg – 9/22 11-2
  - ii. Completed hiring clinicians, still hiring RN's in the Watertown office.
- Prevention Team
  - i.
- Seaway Valley Prevention Council
  - i.
- Pivot
  - i. Anchor Recovery Center is hosting a community and family forum Thursday evening from 6-8 pm at Dulles State Office Building in Watertown.
- Grace House
  - i.
- Prevention Network of CNY
  - i.

### 8. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Connie Wille, seconded by Bill Bowman to adjourn the meeting. Adjourned at 10:55 am.**

#### Membership Dues Paid:

Carolyn White, Credo Community Center for Treatment of Addictions, Inc., Janet Price-Kurta, Joyce Nebush, Mountain View Prevention Services, Seaway Valley Prevention Services, St. Lawrence Health, Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex County, Inc., Pivot, St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, North Country Freedom Homes, Champlain Valley Family Center

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