

**New York State Practice Research Collaborative
Central New York Practice Research Network
Meeting Summary
Syracuse, New York
Friday -- October 5, 2001**

Introduction

This meeting was attended by 13 individuals, which included 3 researchers. Marsha Nadell Penrose was introduced as a new ASAP employee who will be taking over responsibility for the Practice Research Collaborative and Networks. The following is a summary of the discussions and outcomes of this meeting.

A copy of the sign-in sheet for the meeting is attached.

Activities

1. *Mini-Grants* – Provided a brief overview of the five mini-grants, which have been approved outside the Central Region. Within the Central Region, two have been approved. Barry Lentz then summarized the BRiDGES mini-grant and Kathryn Sowers and Elaine Wolf described the Community Alternatives mini-grant in which four types of recovering people were identified: clear sailors; late bloomers; occasional stumblers; and chronic stumblers.
2. *“Researcher-in-Residence”* – An informational sheet was provided describing the concept whereby a small group of providers would identify an area of interest they wanted to pursue. Then an expert would be found to work with them to explore the research topic.
3. *ASAP Conference 10/21-24, 2001* – Provided an overview of the concept of the Conference in general and the Practice Improvement Collaborative breakout session in particular. A person from each of the mini-grants will be in attendance to discuss each grant and its progress. It is hoped that this will stimulate interest in the PRN’s and a sense of collaboration.

What needs to be done to make the CNY PRC a more functional body?

Barry Lentz provided a history of the development of Central PRN and a discussion ensued regarding its relationship with the Central New York Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CNYADA) coalition of providers. In the hope of attracting more members to the meetings it was decided that PRN meetings would be held on the same date as the CNYADA meetings.