

**New York State Practice Research Collaborative
Central New York Practice Research Network
December 13, 2002
Prevention Network Offices, Syracuse, New York**

MEETING SUMMARY

ATTENDING

This meeting was attended by 9 individuals – 3 who identified themselves as practitioners, 3 who identified as both practitioner & researcher, 1 who identified as a researcher, and 2 staff. Susan Adair facilitated and wrote up these notes.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, February 14, 10 am to noon, at Prevention Network, 1050 W. Genesee, Syracuse.

Tentative agenda is to clarify goals and desired outcomes; review priorities of funding systems (SAMHSA, NIDA, NIMH, NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services); and discuss the qualities of a winning proposal.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The list of suggestions from the conference plenary session were reviewed (see attachment below) and identified as an outreach plan to build involvement in the PRN through focused topics. Everyone agreed that regular meetings should have a substantive component for professional development and action. Knowledge transfer can create excitement, so Susan agreed to get a summary of the conference and this meeting out to Adam and Jim right away to be included in the PRC meeting notes and CNYADA's newsletter.

Suggestions were made about who should be invited to attend meetings. NYS OASAS should formally invite a representative of the OASAS Regional Office in Syracuse to attend these meetings. Also, invite a representative from the Office of Education to help reduce barriers to implementation of best practices in educational settings.

Discussion included the need to bring researchers to the table to see what providers need researchers to study, including adaptation and fidelity issues in long-term implementation of evidence-based practices.

Suggestions to attract more researchers included:

- bringing in researchers to speak at the meetings
- presenting case studies on how partnerships develop and how they affect services
- getting their interest for when they are between projects
- specific names were mentioned and the people who suggested them should invite them
- inviting researchers from the Southern Tier (Ithaca, Binghamton) (they don't have an active PRN yet)

As part of the agenda for this meeting, Susan passed out copies of requests for applications (RFAs) from NIDA (and one from NIMH) that were mentioned by Suman Rao at the conference. People were unclear as to the purpose of this segment of the meeting. It was intended to be a substantive discussion of funding opportunities and the application process. The discussion included suggestions that the PRN could support an agency to approach a grant by offering guidance through the process and the PRN could provide resources such as letters of collaboration. While the members of the PRN can pursue a funding opportunity with other members or within their own agency, people agreed that this PRN would not be submitting a

proposal for a group project. It was also suggested that people pursue related interests and possible topics for future meetings in a sub-group format that meets outside of regular bi-monthly meetings either as a small “committee” or independently and then share the results at the general PRN meetings.

People agreed that this PRN needs to clarify its goals and the outcomes it is looking to achieve. Is increased attendance at meetings the measure of success? Are we talking about bringing researchers and practitioners together or integrating research into the process of direct practice? Will researchers and practitioners be attracted to spend time at meetings if there is no mandate from OASAS to incorporate best practices or funding opportunities for research to identify best practices?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 11, 2003 is ASAP’s Legislative Lobby Day (reception on March 10) and asked people to mark it in their calendars and either show up or contact their local legislator.

ATTACHEMENT

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS: CHANGING SYSTEMS THROUGH RESEARCH & PRACTICE

NEXT STEPS

Notes from 11/21/02 Conference Plenary Wrap Up

- Create linkages to 3rd party payers (both funding agencies and insurance companies) to involve them in discussions to increase support for research-based practices
- Translating research into user-friendly language
 - for 3rd party payers
 - to support practical application by providers
- Present case examples for illustration and discussion about:
 - collaboration process
 - research possibilities
 - problem formulation
 - best practice approaches
 - how to link with other people dealing with similar situations
- Matching researchers to providers –
 - how do people find each other?
 - consider designing and administering survey to researchers and providers to assess:
 - availability
 - specific interests/topics
 - current status regarding engagement in research
 - research opportunities in their local communities
 - funding availability