

**NEW YORK STATE PRACTICE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE
FINGER LAKES PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK
MEETING SUMMARY
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 20, 2001**

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was attended by 14 individuals, which included 2 researchers. The following is a summary of the individuals of the Finger Lakes PRN, Third Meeting.

STRUCTURE

1. The Finger Lakes New York PRN should meet quarterly.
2. Subcommittees should be established to pursue specific issues which the Finger Lakes PRN is interested in advancing during the next year.
3. The Finger Lakes New York PRN meetings will continue to coordinate its meetings with the Consortium of Finger Lakes Providers.
4. The following issues were identified and discussed at the Finger Lakes PRN at its third meeting. There was a consensus that additional time would be required to further develop the full list of issues that should be considered for this year's Finger Lakes PRN agenda, and to establish a prioritization of those issues. It was felt that it was most productive to establish a subcommittee to address this effort. (See Subcommittees below).
 - How can providers learn what approaches improve "engagement and retention" of clients, especially regarding: dually addicted clients; patients who have increased problems of debilitation; mandated clients; and younger clients who have not yet hit bottom.
 - How can the Finger Lakes PRN identify and engage a core of researchers who can provide the research leadership needed for an effective balance between providers and researchers in the Research to Practice initiatives in the Finger Lakes PRN.
 - What is the most effective means for researchers and providers to learn more about each others' needs and sensitivities, even a better understanding of each others' language.
 - The Research Institute on Addiction located at the SUNY, University at Buffalo, but which has a statewide mandate, should play an active role in the research leadership of the Finger Lakes PRN. RIA has already established some ongoing initiatives with individual providers in the Buffalo and Rochester areas, and these initiatives need to be expanded and made more routine.
 - How can the engagement and retention of deaf and hard of hearing patients at the special service of the Rochester Institute of Technology and the Norris Alcohol Treatment Center be enhanced?
 - What can be learned about the different treatment needs of adolescents in order to achieve higher levels of engagement and retention? What are differences in philosophy between approaches to adolescent treatment and adult treatment and what is the connection of those different philosophies and the outcomes?
 - What is the different efficacy of family versus group therapy for various client populations?
 - Why is the population of adolescents being tested for HIV in the Finger Lakes area showing a lower level of positive results than would be expected and is found in other geographic areas, without the presence of other favorable indicators such as higher use of condoms?
 - What are the outcomes of methadone maintenance or other opiate maintenance treatments?
 - What are the benefits of the various models of case management?
 - More evaluation and research is needed on community-based prevention programs. The goal is to move more programs from CSAP Levels 1,2,3 to Levels 4 and 5.

SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Two subcommittees were established at the meeting, with the intention that these subcommittees will report at the next Finger Lakes PRN meeting.
 - Issues Subcommittee

- There was a decision of the Finger Lakes PRN at its Third meeting that the issues identified above should be the starting point for a more detailed review by a subcommittee of providers and researchers of issues from which the agenda for the PRN for the upcoming year can be set. It was felt that it would be helpful for the subcommittee to bring to the next Finger Lakes PRN meeting a prioritized list of issues for discussion and decision at the larger meeting. It was determined to be a good idea to use the Practice Research Collaborative and the PRN Website and Listservs to make more of the Finger Lakes PRN members aware of the establishment and purpose of this subcommittee in order that members who did not attend the 2/20/01 PRN meeting will be aware of this effort and able to join the subcommittee if they are interested.
- The following individuals joined the subcommittee:
 - Jennifer Faringer- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
 - Jennifer Baer- Delphi Drug and Alcohol Council Inc.
 - Barb Christensen- Prevention Partners
 - Jeffrey L. Rubin- Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf
 - Cheryl Martin- United Health System
- Research Leadership Subcommittee
 - This subcommittee was established for the purpose of identifying additional research members, as well as to develop a network of research experts which individual providers can contact to get short-term assistance on questions related to research and evaluation. It was felt that many provider agencies, especially smaller ones, do not have resident research and evaluation expertise and no easily accessible source that can provide assistance to specific questions or for problem resolution on research related matters.
 - The following individuals joined the subcommittee:
 - Gloria J. Baciewicz, M.D.- Strong Health
 - Brenda Wright- SUNY @ Buffalo

DATE, TIME, PLACE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. The next meeting should coordinate with the Finger Lakes Consortium to continue to have the PRN meetings on the same date, and in the same place, Norris. On the last two occasions of PRN and Consortium meetings being on the same day, it has worked well for the PRN meeting to start after the Consortium meeting, at 11:30, and to include lunch.
2. Presentation of established subcommittees
3. Presentation of the draft of the Research and Evaluation 101 Manual being developed as part of the PRC.
4. Discussion of Mini-Grants by which projects of the Finger Lakes PRN can be advanced, to a level of \$ 5,000- \$ 10,000.
5. Discussion of how to make more effective use of the WebSite and ListServe.
6. Discussion of attracting new members, providers, researchers, consumers and Decision-makers