

**NEW YORK STATE PRACTICE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE  
NEW YORK CITY PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK  
MEETING SUMMARY  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK  
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**INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was attended by (17) individuals, which included (5) researchers. The following is a summary of the outcomes of the New York City PRN, third Meeting.

**STRUCTURE**

1. The New York City PRN will meet quarterly.
2. Subcommittees should be established to develop issues to a level of specificity that will allow them to be brought to the full PRN group for discussion and action.
3. The following areas were identified as being of importance for the New York City PRN to address over the next year. This list was seen as a work in progress and is expected to be added to and modified during the year:
  - An understanding of which research shows what works in terms of alcoholism and substance abuse treatment and prevention.
  - A clarification of what Providers want to know.
  - A review of the process of research to understand what about the process is positive to Providers and what is negative, and attempting to institute research into practice in a more routine manner.
  - Establishing a network for Providers through which they can easily and quickly access research and evaluation expertise and a network that makes it easier for Researchers to find appropriate and willing research partners in the Provider community.
  - Achieving cultural competency and diversity in research and representation within the New York City PRN.
  - Developing policy-oriented research.
  - How to maximize the use of the PRC Website and ListServes to increase communication among New York City PRN members and with individuals in the other Regional PRNs.
4. The following individuals were selected to be the representative and alternate of the New York City PRN:
  - Representative: Ron Brinn
  - Alternate: Lala Straussner
5. Decision Makers and Consumers need to be added to the membership of the New York City PRN. It was felt that Consumers had to be selected carefully so that they could serve meaningfully and be prepared for the opportunity. How these categories of additional members are recruited will be addressed subsequently.

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

1. Three subcommittees were established, with the subcommittees expected to make a presentation at the next New York City PRN meeting.
  - Subcommittee on Building Better Understanding Between Providers and Researchers
    - The focus of this subcommittee is to bring Researchers and Providers together regarding highlighting existing research of what works, Researchers understanding what Providers need, both Researchers and Providers becoming more sensitive regarding the process of designing and conducting research, and developing strategies for more partnerships between Researchers and Providers which lead to an effective New York City Region Research Agenda and partnerships among New York City Region Providers and Researchers to receive funding to do meaningful new treatment and prevention research.
    - The following individuals joined this subcommittee:
      - Peter Schweitzer, Co-Chair
      - Lala Straussner, Co-Chair
  - Subcommittee on Policy Research

- The function of this subcommittee is to develop a series of policy issues that should be researched, including cultural competency and diversity.
- It is the intention of this subcommittee to conduct its initial work on line
- The following individuals have joined this subcommittee:
  - Ron Brinn, Co-Chair
- Subcommittee on Research Leadership
  - The purpose of this subcommittee is to establish research leadership in the New York City PRN. Such leadership will be focused on recruiting additional diverse Researchers from the New York City area to become PRN members, and to establish a capacity in the New York City PRN whereby Providers from the Region would be able to receive quick and appropriate responses to their research and evaluation information requests.
  - The following individuals joined this subcommittee:
    - Eileen Wolkstein, (NYU)
    - Lala Straussner, (NYU)
    - Marsha Postoll
  - Eileen Wolkstein and Lala Straussner have agreed to begin the process of recruiting a core of their Research colleagues from a variety of research institutions to advance the work of this subcommittee and the New York City PRN as a whole.

#### **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. Presentation of established subcommittees
2. Presentation regarding a draft of the Research and Evaluation 101 Manual being developed as part of the PRC.
3. Discussion regarding Mini-Grants by which projects of the New York City PRN can be supported to a level of \$ 5,000 to \$ 10,000.
4. Presentations of existing research that shows “what works” in terms of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention research.
5. A presentation of how to maximize the use of the PRN Website and ListServes.
6. Updates on various Statewide Practice Research Collaborative activities.
7. Update on HIV/ AIDS Project, Ron Brinn and Edwin Lord indicated that they would be interested in working on this initiative.