

**New York State Practice Research Collaborative  
North Country Practice Research Network  
Meeting Summary  
Tuesday – March 26, 2002  
St. Joseph’s Rehabilitation Center  
Saranac Lake, New York**

**Attending:**

This meeting was attended by 14 individuals – 10 practitioners, 1 researchers, 2 policy makers, and 1 staff.

**Mini-Grant Updates:**

*2002 Grant:* Marsha Penrose discussed the 2nd round of mini-grants for which proposals are due April 30<sup>th</sup> at ASAP. She said that they would like to see each region have a mini-grant since there was a lot more lead time this year and most regions have a structure in place to receive a grant. Some regions will combine a Researcher-in-Residence project with the mini-grant and others will continue to do what they started this year. The idea of the mini-grants is for the PRN itself to support a mini-grant idea that everyone agrees on rather than competing among the members for the grant. She said that a 3rd round of mini-grants is planned for next year.

**Researcher-in-Residence Proposals:**

A proposal centering on the identification and assessment of traumatic brain injury in North Country clients was submitted in February. During this meeting there was significant discussion regarding this proposal and clarifying various aspects. Eventually it was decided that a conference call between OASAS, ASAP, and some PRN members should take place.

**Northeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NeATTC) Grant Incentive**

**Awards:**

Marsha Nadell Penrose provided a hand out announcing a continuing round of grant incentive awards of from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The purpose is to advance the field of research, education, policy, prevention or treatment of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Submissions will be reviewed on an ongoing basis based on the date of receipt and will be responded to within 30 days of receipt.

**Report on the February 27<sup>th</sup> State-Wide Practice Research Collaborative Meeting:**

The PRC meeting discussed the upcoming “Blending Conference” sponsored by NIDA and the relationship of NIDA with New York State. Marsha will look into whether the minutes of the meeting can be posted on the web.

- Those who want to know more about that meeting or obtain materials from that meeting can contact Marsha Penrose at [MNPenrose@asapnys.org](mailto:MNPenrose@asapnys.org) .
- The next PRC meeting is in Albany on Wednesday, May 22, 2002.

**Report on the March 14-15 NIDA Blending Conference in NYC:**

Marsha Penrose briefly reported that this was an excellent event with a lot of people attending. One issue was the question of how all the networks and activities that are going on will fit together. She said that there is a commitment from CSAT to institutionalize the PRNs. They are intent on this collaboration continuing and they want to bring other researcher and provider networks together under one organizing head. Someone suggested that there be a full-time staff person for each PRN in the state, since development of the PRNs is a resource issue in terms of the time it takes to organize all those who are interested in this activity. Marsha said that they recognize the need for more staff support but fiscal constraints are a reality.

**ASAP Updates:**

Marsha Penrose provided a description of the Peer Review initiative and its benefits. Several providers indicated their willingness to participate. Marsha will follow up with them to get them on the schedule. Marsha also discussed the importance of ASAP membership and handed out blank membership forms to providers who requested them.

**Announcements:**

- On May 7, 2002, there will be a Women in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Training at SBH, sponsored by ASAP. The training is free and gives credit for CASAC credentialing. Call Jackie at 473-5506 or Marsha Penrose at 518-426-3122.
- There will be a memorial for Eileen Pencer in New York City, April 20, 2002, at the New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 W. 64<sup>th</sup> St. and Central Park West. 212-874-5210. Checks for donations can be made out to "Friends of Lower East Side Prevention Center" with a memo saying "Eileen Pencer Memorial Fund."

**Next Meetings:**

- The next North Country PRN meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 12 to 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, Saranac Lake, NY. Lunch will be provided by ASAP. The regular monthly North Country Coalition meeting will precede this PRN meeting.
- The next Statewide PRC meeting is in Albany on Wednesday, May 22, 2002.