

New York State Practice Research Collaborative  
**Northeastern Practice Research Network**  
Meeting Summary  
Thursday – December 6, 2001

### **Introduction**

This meeting was attended by 15 individuals, which included 4 researchers, 6 practitioners, and 5 policy makers. 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**

- *Mini-Grant* – Nancy Jones reported for Michael Roona who was unable to attend the meeting. It is unclear at the moment when the mini-grant stands. It was reported that the Volunteer Center has gone bankrupt, which leaves his organization without the money it needs to operate. General concern was raised and discussion ensued regarding the status of not-for-profit providers in the coming fiscal year. Someone new needs to take the lead and coordinate the mini-grant.
- *Researcher-in-Residence*
  - Prevention Proposal – Lori Thornton, Tim Moon, and Doug Terbeek are interested in assessing the readiness of communities to form partnerships and change. A proposal will be developed. John Ernst mentioned that Maria Morris of OASAS works on planning for adolescent services and would be interested in being consulted.
  - Motivational Interviewing – This was tabled for the next meeting.
- *NIDA Blending Conference* – NIDA is sponsoring a conference on Blending Clinical Practice and Research on March 14 & 15, 2001 in New York City at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The concept of forging partnerships to enhance chemical dependence treatment and fostering cooperation between providers and researchers is central to the work of the PRNs. All interested PRN participants are encouraged to attend. The registration fee is \$30 and covers materials and lunch. Detailed conference information and online registration can be found at the conference web site [www.mac1988.com/blendingnyc](http://www.mac1988.com/blendingnyc)
- *Northern Tier PRN* – Lynn Wilson reported that a successful initial meeting was convened. Five academic institutions expressed interest and three were in attendance at the first meeting.
- *Discussion on Impact of September 11<sup>th</sup>* – This concern piggybacked on the discussion of the status of NFPs in this fiscal climate. Nancy Campbell, social anthropologist from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) raised the question of the costs of destroying the infrastructure. What do we do when the need for services rise and the ability to provide them goes down? This has implications for ASAP's policy platform. It

seems that public policy is contradicting research. **Could/Should PRNs develop a white paper on this issue? John Ernst will contact Ted Feinberg (899-6085 in Clifton Park) who is on the National Trauma Team to discuss. Barry Loneck suggested getting all the PRNs together to discuss** since this is not an individual PRN issue. Barry indicated that there was leadership lacking in trying to get data pulled together to develop policy. Barry volunteered to participate with providers and state academia. He was joined by Nancy Campbell, John Ernst, Susan Brandau/Frank McCorry, Angela Warner, Becky Dixon, and Kathy Martin. The PRC advisory board should be able to help in a statewide approach. Good data is the key to good research. In response to the question of what can OASAS do to help get data, **Marsha Nadell Penrose volunteered to get Vince Fenlon from OASAS to speak to the next PRN meeting.** Bob Gallati, Tim Williams, and Alan Kott are also resources at OASAS.

- *Next Meeting* – Date set for February 7, 2002 from 12 – 3 p.m. to follow Northeastern Coalition meeting.