

**NEW YORK STATE PRACTICE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE  
NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK  
MEETING SUMMARY  
ALBANY, NEW YORK  
DECEMBER 12, 2000**

**INTRODUCTION**

The meeting was attended by (14) individuals, which included (7) researchers. The following is a summary of the outcomes of the Northeastern New York PRN, third meeting.

**STRUCTURE**

1. The Northeastern New York PRN should meet quarterly.
2. Northeastern New York PRN meetings should tie in whenever possible to meetings of the Coalition of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers in Northeastern New York.
3. Subcommittees should be established to address the issues which the Northeastern New York PRN sets as priority agenda items, so that they can be pursued between quarterly meetings and presented to the full PRN for discussion and follow up action.
4. The following themes were identified for future Northeastern New York PRN meetings:
  - Welfare Reform Response
  - Special PRNs with topics of interest to a number, or all of, the 7 PRNs which can be held with representation from multiple PRNs
  - School prevention and State Education Department standards for Schools
  - County Legislative initiatives
5. More extensive use of the Practice Research Collaborative Web Site and Listservs specific to the Northeastern New York PRN should be made to facilitate communications and stimulate interest among both current and potential members.
  - The following individuals were selected to be the representative and alternate of the Northeastern New York PRN to the Statewide PRC:
    - Representative: Pat Lincourt
    - Alternate: Lori Thornton
  - In addition to Providers and Researchers, the Northeastern, New York PRN decided to add Decision-Makers and Consumers to the representation of the PRN. It was felt that the preparedness of Consumers who might participate in the Northeastern New York PRN is critical for them to be meaningful participants, and that careful selection and training would be key to a successful experience for the individual consumers and for the Northeastern PRN as a recipient of their efforts. It was noted that there are a number of groups and individuals who could be helpful in developing a systematic and successful approach to recruiting and preparing appropriate consumer representatives. In addition to Tom Hill in New York City who was identified as having some expertise in this area, Michael Ballester and Lori Thornton indicated that they had some potential contacts who might be able to lend assistance for this purpose.
  - Serious consideration is being given to establishing a Northern Tier PRN. Chip Bomyea is taking the lead in exploring this possibility, and if established, it is intended to maximize coordination with the Northern Tier Providers Coalition.

**SUBCOMMITTEES**

1. The following two Subcommittees were established at the meeting, with the intent that the two subcommittees would begin meeting prior to the next quarterly meeting and make presentations at the next meeting:
  - Data Subcommittee
    - The focus of this subcommittee would be to explore ways to increase the quality and quantity of Community Based Provider Data that would be useful to both Researchers and Providers to increase

- the quality of research and the usefulness of that research in improving the effectiveness of alcoholism and substance abuse treatment and prevention
- The following individuals joined this subcommittee:
    - Lloyd Lininger, Chair
    - Ed Waltz
    - Michael Roona
    - Cheryl Bachus
    - Dawn Oliver
  - What Providers Need And Want From Researchers Subcommittee
    - The focus of this subcommittee would be to determine how by better understanding the needs and wants of Providers, Researchers can be more effective at advancing individual research and a collective Regional Research Agenda which is specifically useful to Providers to deliver more efficient and effective prevention and treatment services to their clients.
    - The following individuals joined this subcommittee:
      - Pat Lincourt, Chair
      - Doug Terbeck
      - Lori Thornton
      - Michael Roona

### **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. The following were identified as potential agenda items for the next meeting of the Northeastern New York PRN:
  - Presentation by the established subcommittees.
  - Presentation regarding a basic manual on research and evaluation for providers being developed by the Practice Research Collaborative for the use by all PRNs.
  - Further information regarding the Robert Wood Johnson “Reclaiming Futures” RFP, the 10 site, 5 year grant cycle focusing system wide on therapeutic communities, courts etc. which was brought to the Northeastern PRN members attention by Michael Roona.
  - How to construct a mini-grant procedure for identifying appropriate potential activities and participants for use of the \$ 5,000- \$ 10,000 available to each of the Regional PRNs.
  - How the Northeastern New York PRN should attract additional members from the various constituencies it has expressed consensus about pursuing.
  - Updates on various Statewide Practice Research Collaborative activities, including specifically interesting and relevant activities of other PRNs.
  - John Eadie of the Health Department will be prepared to update the status of the United States Federal Drug Administration approval of Opiate Dependence Treatment New Drug Application for individual physician dispensing of Buprenorphine. At the December 12th meeting, John indicated that at present he is unaware of a research protocol and brought to the members attention that such research might be a candidate for an appropriate project of the Northeastern New York PRN, or a collaborative effort among a number of Regional PRNs.