

**New York State Practice Research Collaborative  
Western New York Practice Research Network  
Meeting Summary  
Buffalo, New York  
Friday – April 19, 2002**

## **Introduction**

This meeting was attended by 20 individuals, which included 7 researchers, 10 practitioners, 2 policymakers, and 1 PIC staff member. The following is a summary of the discussions and outcomes of this meeting.

## **Activities**

- *Acupuncture Presentation and Demonstration* – Linda Robbins and Pamela Pernick, Acupuncture Detoxification Specialists from Horizon Health Services spent approximately 30 minutes on a presentation explaining the theory behind and benefits of acupuncture while at the same time performing a demonstration on 4 of the PRN members.
- *2001 Mini-grant* – Ellen Roche provided a summary of the mini-grant activities. The planning group has met four times and a new research assistant has been hired and resource library sites at Erie County Council on the Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and the Mental Health Association have been solidified. Most of the meetings have been focused on reviewing and revising trauma screening instruments and selecting three to use with the focus groups, planning the focus groups, and planning the assessment study. Questions for the focus groups (to give feedback on the screening instruments) and composition of the groups were planned. An Institutional Review Board Exemption has been obtained and the focus groups are planned for April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- *2002 Mini-Grant* – Discussion regarding the new mini-grant and the possibility of developing 2 proposals, which would force a competition. Marsha Penrose explained that PRNs were not limited to only one submission since there were 2 mini-grants granted in Central New York. The issue is the total number received and one could always be held in abeyance for the next year if each region submitted a proposal.
- *Prevention Sub-Committee Update* – Linda Riggs provided a summary of the activities. Data from 6 agencies has been received and CSAP's Decision Support System is being used to formulate pre/post surveys and assessments to evaluate prevention programming. This data will be useful in identifying gaps in programming in Western New York as well as formulating evaluations that can be sued across the board in many

different agencies. Linda stressed that they need money to get someone to analyze the data. There ensued a discussion of ways to get additional funding to help support the project.

- *IPDA Update* – Angela Warner explained the mission of the Institute for Professional Development in the Addictions. She then went on to describe the set up of the Northeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center, which represents New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania and provided information regarding a new priorities solicitation request for proposals, which could cover costs from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Submissions will be reviewed in an ongoing manner and should be based on the 15 priorities identified by the NeATTC in the solicitation. She ended her presentation by identifying training opportunities available in May and June.
- *OASAS/ASAP Update* – Marsha Nadell Penrose announced that Lynn Wilson had left the Research Foundation for Mental Health and would therefore no longer be part of the PRN meetings. She then identified a free training being given in Syracuse on May 7<sup>th</sup> by Maxine Thomas from Daytop in New York City. The topic is Women and Substance Abuse Treatment. CASAC credit is being given for the training. Lastly, the Peer Review initiative was discussed and a sign up sheet was circulated for anyone interested in participating.
- ***The next meeting is set for Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at M. A. Stutzman ATC. A coalition meeting will follow from 12 – 2 p.m.***