

## **Five Year Comprehensive Plan Dialogue Discussion Questions**

### Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

- What are the most significant challenges and opportunities that the addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery system will face over the next five years?
- If OASAS could take only one action to improve the delivery of services at the local level, what should it be?

### Prevention

- What data/information would be most helpful to you in planning for prevention services?
- What do you need to enhance the delivery of evidence-based programs and practices?
- What types of training and/or technical assistance should OASAS provide to promote evidence-based prevention programming?
- What more can OASAS do to enhance dialogue and collaboration with the field in developing the premier prevention system in the nation?
- How can OASAS best provide guidance to prevention providers on working with the new Regional Prevention Resource Centers and local community coalitions?

### Treatment

- What are the major challenges for the workforce over the next five years?
  - How can the treatment system better attract and retain workers?
  - How can we improve the diversity of the chemical dependence workforce?
- What strategies are you using to engage veterans in need of services into treatment? Given that many veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), is there a need for specialized training of chemical dependence and gambling treatment providers?

Other than PTSD and TBI, are there training needs that will enable providers to better serve returning veterans?

- What actions are counties taking to support the development of evidence-based practices for adolescents? What can OASAS do assist these efforts? What providers are currently using evidence-based practices for adolescent services, and what practices are being used?
- What specific steps can OASAS, in partnership with counties and providers, take to increase the numbers of successful ambulatory detoxification programs in New York State?
- One option to encourage ambulatory detoxification is to collocate services with other providers (detoxification, treatment or other community providers). Please describe the viability of collocating ambulatory detox with:
  - Crisis centers;
  - Homeless shelters;
  - Chemical dependence treatment services;
  - Other community-based providers.

### Recovery

- Selecting and initiating specific healthy lifestyle behavioral changes promotes wellness. What health enhancing resources would you take advantage of, if they were made available to you?
- What can OASAS do to help support the development of more recovery community centers across the state when there will only be limited state funds to start these services under the initiative?
- What will be needed for outpatient clinics to be able to maintain an ongoing relationship that will support recovery for people who have been in treatment for chemical dependence and gambling problems?
- Families in New York State seem to have a significant need for support that is not being met. How can we more successfully reach those individuals and families who are isolated and what are the resources that need to be in place?
- Do you have any suggestions on how OASAS can assist other systems working with people and families with addiction problems to integrate a recovery focus, as we move toward a Recovery System of Care in New York State (i.e., Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, Mental Health)?