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## **OASAS Communicator**

*Dear Friends,*

New Yorkers were dealt a severe setback by Hurricane Sandy. I want to express my sincerest compassion for all those who experienced personal hardships due to the storm. While emergencies challenge us, they also bring out the best in us. In that vain, I want to thank all of our providers for the accommodations made for those in need during this time of crisis.

As I write this message, providers still face challenges in the daily delivery of vital client addiction treatment services. All of our colleagues and clients should know that OASAS is working with our state and federal partners to do everything possible to assist you in obtaining relief.

To the end, in today's newsletter we are providing information on OASAS's efforts to maximize federal relief through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) and FEMA Disaster Relief Programs.

*Sincerely,*

*Arlene González-Sánchez*  
*OASAS Commissioner*

### **1115 Waiver for Federal Relief**

In late October, Hurricane Sandy battered New York City, Long Island, and much of the Northeast coastline. As a result of Sandy, our health and behavioral health care systems sustained significant damage and interruption in services. Since that time, OASAS has been partnering with the Department of Health and the Offices of Mental Health and Persons with Developmental Disabilities to request financial support from the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

More specifically, New York has submitted an 1115 waiver seeking \$427 million in federal funding to fund the Storm Recovery Grant Program. This funding will assist providers with an immediate cash flow for a one, two, or three week period. The cash flow amounts are based on Department of Health estimates of an impacted providers' actual average weekly fee-for-service and Managed Care payments.

Eligible providers are assigned a 1, 2, or 3 week cash relief designation based on the following general criteria:

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- 1-Week Cash Relief - the facility was not damaged but received a significant volume of patients;
- 2-Week Cash Relief - the facility was temporarily damaged or lost power and its deemed services were disrupted, or the facility experienced a significant surge in patients from evacuated facilities; and
- 3-Week Cash Relief - the facility is off line and is expected to remain closed or decommissioned over the foreseeable future.

All eligible providers will be required to complete a mini-application before any funds are awarded. Providers will also be required to provide documentation certifying funds awarded through the Storm Recovery Grant Program were appropriately used for hurricane relief and recovery efforts.

OASAS will be reaching out to impacted providers as soon as the grant program has been approved by the Federal government. All information pertaining to this program will be posted on the [OASAS Hurricane Sandy Website](#).

#### FEMA Establishes Disaster Relief Programs for those Impacted by Hurricane Sandy

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established two disaster relief programs (Public Assistance and Individual Assistance) for individuals and other entities that were affected by Hurricane Sandy. A summary of each program is discussed below.

The Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides assistance to State, Tribal and local governments, and private non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities that are open to the general public and that provide services (e.g., alcohol and drug rehabilitation services) that are otherwise performed by a government agency. The PA Program provides assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged facilities. The program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

In order for the work to qualify for reimbursement, an eligible applicant (e.g., drug and alcohol treatment provider) must have run a facility that was operational at the time of the disaster and in an area that was covered by the federal disaster declaration. The work must be necessary to recover from the storm, and the costs of the work must comply with Federal, State, and local requirements for procurement. FEMA Public Assistance is only granted after a provider has utilized all insurance proceeds.

Assistance is also available for individuals and homeowners who sustained losses from Hurricane Sandy. Financial assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help recover from the effects of the disaster. Individuals with



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insurance may be eligible for help from FEMA if their insurance policy does not cover all their needs.

There are three ways to apply for Individual Assistance:

- Apply online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov)
- Apply via a smartphone at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov)
- Apply by Phone:
  - Call (800) 621-3362
  - Call TTY (800) 462-7585 for people with speech or hearing disabilities.

For more information on FEMA programs: [www.fema.gov/apply-assistance](http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance).

In addition, a fact sheet that explains the application process for Individual Assistance can be found on the [Governor's website](#).

**Briefing [Schedule](#) for FEMA:**

SOEM REG.	COUNTY	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	LOCATION
1	NYC	11/19	Session I: 10am – 12pm; Session II: 2pm – 4pm	Stacy Rosenfeld <a href="mailto:rosenfeld@oem.nyc.gov">rosenfeld@oem.nyc.gov</a>	49 – 51 Chambers Street, New York
2	Rockland	11/20	10 am	Christopher Jensen 845-364-8902	Rockland County Fire Training Center 35 Fireman's Memorial Dr Pomona
	State Agencies	11/27	10am	Tracey Drobner	NYS OEM 1220 Washington Avenue Bldg. 22

Whether or not you can attend a FEMA Applicant Briefing, you should register with FEMA as soon as possible. You can do so by completing and submitting the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form. The one-page form can be found on the [FEMA website](#). E-mail the completed form to John Grubsick at [jgrubsick3@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:jgrubsick3@dhses.ny.gov) and a FEMA representative will contact you directly.

**The deadline for submitting an RPA is currently December 2, 2012.**

**O-STARs**

*The OASAS mission is to improve the lives of all New Yorkers by leading a premier system of addiction services through prevention, treatment and recovery. If you know an exceptional individual who works or volunteers in the field of addictions and consistently performs at an outstanding level and makes a difference in the lives of New Yorkers, we want to hear from you. For consideration as an O-STAR, please e-mail no more than two to three short paragraphs about the individual with a picture (in .jpg format) along with your*

contact information to [communicator@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:communicator@oasas.ny.gov).  
Self nominations are also accepted.



Dr. Belinda Greenfield, the Director of Addiction Medicine and Self Sufficiency Services for OASAS was honored in August at the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD). Belinda, who also serves as NY State Opioid Treatment Authority and the President of the National

Opioid Treatment Network (OTN) was honored as the OTN Representative of the Year. Belinda was recognized for her dedication, service, and leadership in the treatment of Opioid Addiction. Congratulations!

### **OASAS Medical Corner**

*Dr. Steven Kipnis, OASAS Medical Director*

*The OASAS Medical Corner is an ongoing part of each edition of the Communicator newsletter. It is intended to provide timely information regarding educational events, new research and/or updates that can lead to better performance by the field. [Addiction Medicine](#) is a dynamic and relatively new specialty and this column will help to filter some of this information.*

### **Provider Guidelines**

According to the CDC, health care providers can help prevent prescription painkiller overdoses by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Screening and monitoring for substance abuse and other mental health problems
- Prescribing only the quantity needed based on the expected length of pain
- Using patient-provider agreements combined with urine drug tests for people taking methadone long term
- Using prescription drug monitoring programs to identify patients who are misusing or abusing methadone or other prescription painkillers, and
- Educating patients on how to safely use, store, and dispose of prescription painkillers and how to prevent and recognize overdoses

*MMWR. 2012; 61. Published only July 3, 2012.*

### **Tattoo-Associated Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Skin Infections**

Permanent tattoos have become increasingly common, with 21% of adults in the United States reporting having at least one tattoo. On rare occasions, outbreaks of nontuberculous mycobacterial skin infections have been reported after tattooing and in January 2012, public health officials in New York received reports of *Mycobacterium chelonae* skin infections in 14 New York residents who received tattoos during September-December 2011. All

infections were associated with use of the same nationally distributed, prediluted gray ink.

#### Treatment of Localized infections

- Clarithromycin monotherapy (500 mg PO twice daily) typically adequate. There is less clinical experience with azithromycin but response is likely similar.
- Surgical debridement is often a helpful adjunct to antibiotic treatment.
- Acquired resistance to clarithromycin has not been observed when clarithromycin has been used as monotherapy for localized disease.



#### **New Doses of Suboxone**

The manufacturer of Suboxone, Reckitt Benckiser, will be adding two new doses of Suboxone to the sublingual film already available (2mg/0.5mg and 8mg/2mg dosage strengths). The new 4mg/1mg and 12mg/3mg strengths of Suboxone sublingual film will be available later this year.

#### **Study Finds Elevated Death Rates Shortly After Hospitalization for Substance Abuse**

Previous research has shown that upon release from prison, the ex-inmates are likely to exhibit much higher death rates than the general population, with one cause being overdose. A new study finds elevated rates of suicides and overdose deaths in the month after people have been released from the hospital for substance abuse treatment. Researchers found death rates were substantially higher for those who had been out of the hospital for less than one month, compared with those who had been out for at least one year.

The study of almost 70,000 people who had been treated for some type of substance abuse found overdose deaths and suicides were most common during hospitalization. Even after discharge, the death rates remained high, the article notes. In the first month, there were 21 drug-related deaths per 1,000 people each year, compared with 4.2 per 1,000 people a year or more later.

Some drug users may start bingeing once they are released from the hospital, or may lose some of their drug tolerance in the hospital, which makes it easier to overdose. To impact this disturbing finding, substance users when they leave treatment need primary care services, social services and drug treatment services provided in an instantaneous and tight linkage.

This article: A record-linkage study of drug-related death and suicide after hospital discharge among drug-treatment clients in Scotland, 1996-2006 by Merrall et al in *Addiction*.

#### **OMH Grand Rounds**

Here is the link to the Archived Statewide Grand Rounds on the external OMH website <http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/bps/>.

These programs may be accessed using any device with an internet connection. Programs are posted to this site, approximately 60 days after the original live broadcast, and each program is available there for approximately one year. Programs posted to the external site do not provide CME credit.

### OASAS ATC Spotlight

McPike ATC is a 68 bed inpatient addictions treatment program operated by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and



Substance Abuse Services. The facility is located on the grounds of The Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center in Utica, New York in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. It is a coed facility with 56 male beds and 12 female beds and the program is designed to provide information and education that is non-gender specific as well as individualized topics that are

gender specific. The facility specializes in treating those individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. At any given time, 70 to 80% of McPike patients suffer from a mental health disorder with diagnoses ranging from Depressive Disorders, to Bipolar Disorders, Schizoaffective Disorders and even various types of Schizophrenias. While technically serving a 16 county area of Northeastern, Eastern and Central New York State, patients from throughout upstate New York are referred to McPike due to our treatment of the co-occurring disorders. Along with Substance Abuse treatment, McPike ATC provides education about mental health disorders and their impact on addiction, psychological counseling, psychiatric services, and medication management. All of the counseling and nursing staff have received training in treating mental health disorders and McPike also has a PhD. Psychologist, a psychiatrist, a psychologist who serves as the Assistant Director, and the Director doubles as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. For a virtual tour of McPike ATC you can visit Inside Addiction on YouTube where you can get a brief tour of the facility and learn more about addiction from our former, now retired, director.

### Patient Advocacy FAQs

*Mike Yorio, Patient Advocacy Supervisor*

*The Patient Advocacy FAQs will be included in each edition of the newsletter. In addition to addressing patient complaints, OASAS Patient Advocacy advises provider staff on matters related to patient rights and treatment standards. For immediate assistance, patients may call 1-800-553-5790 and staff may call 646-728-4520. Here is a sample of questions addressed by PA recently.*

#### **What is meant by "Due Process" in Part 815?**

**D.C. called: "I have been in a residential program for 15 months. I was just assigned my fourth different counselor. Although Bob seems very nice, the frequent change of counselors is upsetting me. How can I make sure Bob does his**

**job and helps me with housing after I complete treatment?**

*Dear D.C.: "Congratulations on your treatment progress. IT's very important that you keep focus on achieving your goals, despite some changes in the program over which you have no control. Unfortunately, staff switching jobs is one of those changes. When that happens, patient care can be affected. Certainly, therapeutic relationships are interrupted. However, give Bob a chance. Meet with him as often as you can so that he can help give you the support you need, now and after you leave the program. In addition, you can always ask to speak with Bob's supervisor for assistance, if you want, and you can always re-contact PA, if necessary."*

**D.W. called: "I go to a methadone program twice a week. I always pick up my medication early so that I can get to work on time. How come the nurses are so slow? Sometimes, I have to wait over 15 minutes while they prepare the medicine or take care of other patients. And how come my counselor always wants to see me when I have no time to see him? Can you please call the program to fix these problems?"**

*Dear D.W.: "You are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Here you are trying to get to work on time and you can't do that because you must go to a program, must take medication, and must get counseling. Unfortunately, it often seems like treatment is more difficult than using drugs. While I sympathize, all I can say is 'welcome to the real world.' Believe it or not, everyone has to deal with inconveniences each and every day. Yours are just a bit different than most. Nevertheless, there are things you can do. First, let the little things slide. There are too many of those to get upset. Next, always do what you have to do, in spite of those inconveniences. In the long run, adapting and understanding usually works better than fighting, especially when other people are doing an important job under pressure. And lastly, try to change that which you can. Speak with your counselor when you have time and ask that you be notified in advance when he needs to see you. You and he can have pre-arranged appointments so that both of you can complete your job responsibilities. As always, you can speak with the program supervisor, or PA, if needed."*

**N.R. called: "As program director, I need help regarding a patient who came to me and accused the program doctor of sexual misconduct. The doctor denies the allegation and there were no witnesses. The patient has always been a problem in the program, and so I really don't believe the story. Nevertheless, I want to make sure I'm doing all that I should. Any advice?"**

*Dear N.R.: "Yes. First, always take all sexual-misconduct allegations seriously, no matter the source. A program's best long term response to such a report is to have in a place a policy and procedure to investigate each allegation thoroughly and objectively. And then to act accordingly, based on the investigation's finding, including preventive measures. For specific guidance in this area, refer to Local Services Bulletin 2008-03, which defines sexual misconduct in a treatment setting, and the top of page 6 in "Frequently Asked Questions About Part 815" [under "Resources" on PA's page - [www.oasas.ny.gov](http://www.oasas.ny.gov)], which gives detailed suggestions about investigating and preventing incidents of misconduct."*

*If you have a question that you would like to see addressed in the Patient Advocacy FAQs column, please send it to [MikeYorio@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:MikeYorio@oasas.ny.gov).*

### **Nora Yates of OASAS Selected As Empire State Fellow**

On September 13, 2012 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the members of the inaugural class of Empire State Fellows.

The nine fellows, selected from a pool of more than 900 applicants, hail from diverse backgrounds and varied professions and were selected on the basis of their academic and professional experience, leadership potential, commitment to public service, as well as creativity.



Nora Yates most recently served as the Executive Director of the Pride Center of the Capital Region, where she revitalized and expanded the 42 year old organization. Nora previously worked at the Empire State Pride Agenda managing staff statewide. Nora developed and taught various courses as an adjunct professor at the State University of New York at Albany for six years, and served as a project manager at Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group. Nora earned a Bachelor of Arts in French and Women's Studies, and a Master of Arts in Women's Studies at the State University of New York at Albany. Nora also earned a Master in Public Administration from the Sage Graduate School.

To read the full [press release](#), visit the governor's website.

### **HOPEline News**

Melissa Chounet has joined the Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC) as the new Crisis Contact Center Director of Operations. Melissa will oversee our team of leading crisis counselors answering calls from 1-800-LIFENET, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Veterans Crisis Line, the anti-bullying BRAVEline, the OASAS HOPEline, the National Disaster Distress HELpline, and other crisis contact center networks. Call center staff also NYC's Crisis Contact Center mission to employ the latest technologies to link people to the care they need, when they need it the most.

Chounet brings 10 years of experience running large scale, high volume nonprofit and corporate call centers. For seven years, she served as Site Manager for the Automobile Club of Southern California's Member Service Call Center. Her combination of management and technical experience will help MHA-NYC continue to innovate and advance our growing crisis and behavioral health hot line services and products.

### **Provider and LGU Use of Outcomes Management Increasing**

For the past three years, OASAS has surveyed providers and Local Governmental Units (LGUs) to gather information regarding the extent to which outcomes management (i.e. the use of

performance data to improve results) is being utilized. These surveys coincide with an on-going effort by OASAS to integrate outcome management into the operation of the agency and the substance abuse service system in New York State.

A recent analysis of survey results revealed that efforts to support the integration of outcomes management practices among county and provider agencies is having the desired effect. From 2011 to 2012, there was nearly a 20 percent increase in the number of providers and a 28 percent increase in the number of LGUs that reported having an active outcomes management program. The survey results also revealed an increase in the length of time providers and LGUs have been using outcomes management. As an example, there was a 22 percent increase in the number of providers and a 15 percent increase in the number of LGUs from 2011 to 2012 that reported using outcomes management for at least five years.

In addition, the sources of data being used to track performance has increase significantly. In particular, survey results indicate a significant increase in the number of providers and LGUs that use a treatment program scorecard to track progress toward performance targets (an increase of 42 percent from 2011 to 2012). During the same period, the number of LGUs using the scorecard increased by 60 percent. The 2012 treatment program scorecards were released in late July, representing the second year that OASAS has issued scorecards.

Survey respondents reported greater utilization of program performance data to support management decision making in 2012. Results also showed an increase in the frequency in which performance data was reviewed and used for program improvement. Providers and LGUs reviewed progress toward established performance targets on a quarterly basis to a greater extent in 2012, with over a 6 percent increase in the number of providers and a 50 percent increase in the number of LGUs. The results demonstrate tangible progress on one of the key OASAS 2012 dashboard metrics regarding increasing the use of outcomes management across the addictions field by increasing the percentage of providers and local government units that report reviewing and acting on outcome focused data on a quarterly basis.

In general, the NYS addiction field appears to be headed in the right direction in the key areas associated with increased outcome management implementation. In light of the amount of change being experienced by the field, continued efforts will be needed to ensure that momentum is maintained.

### **350-Hour CASAC Curriculum Standardization**

A subcommittee of the Talent Management Committee known as the Curriculum Standardization Committee worked to develop a more defined breakdown of the 350-Hour certificate program to serve as the basis for a standardized, comprehensive CASAC curriculum. This new breakdown was developed to assure that all CASAC applicants have adequate exposure to the full range of counselor competencies, knowledge in physical and pharmacological effects, diversity in different treatment

approaches (including medication-supported recovery), and emphasize professional and ethical responsibilities. All currently certified Education and Training Providers have received notification of the standardized curriculum by both email and letter and 350 takes place in September 2013. All OASAS Certified Education and Training Providers currently approved to offer the CASAC 350-hour Certificate program must submit an Education and Training Provider Certification packet for OASAS review and approval by August 1, 2013 in order to continue certification and approval to offer the CASAC 350-hour Certificate Program. Upon OASAS review and approval of your application, you may begin implementation of this standardized curriculum. The CASAC 350-Hour Standardized Curriculum and Application Forms may be requested from OASAS' Learning and Development Unit staff at 518-485-2027 or [training@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:training@oasas.ny.gov).

## **2012 National Recovery Month Recap of New York State Events**

### **OASAS Commissioner Rings The Closing Bell ®**

On Wednesday, September 5, 2012, New York State Commissioner Arlene González-Sánchez of the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) was joined by people in recovery and representatives from the substance use disorder field to visit the New York Stock Exchange and ring The Closing Bell ® to launch National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.



To read the full [press release](#), visit the New York Stock Exchange website. To [watch](#) the Commissioner ring The Closing Bell ®, visit the OASAS YouTube page.

## Eleven Addictions Professionals Honored For Saving Lives

*September 20 is Addictions Professionals Day*

On September 20, 2012, New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) Commissioner Arlene



González-Sánchez announced the recipients of New York's annual Addictions Professionals' Awards.

Governor Cuomo issued a [proclamation](#) declaring September 20 as Addictions

Professionals Day throughout New York State. This designation is an integral part of celebrating September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. It also provides us an opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated professionals who are saving lives through Prevention, Treatment and Recovery.

In applauding the Governor's leadership, Commissioner González-Sánchez stated; "Through the hard work of our addictions professionals, we are able to provide the best possible quality care for those we serve each and every day. Their compassion and commitment to the addiction field offers hope for long-term recovery to countless individuals and their families."

To read the [press release](#), visit the OASAS website.

### OASAS Commissioner Honors Champlain Valley Family Center

State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services Commissioner Arlene González-Sánchez honored the Champlain Valley Family Center for reaching the milestone of 30 years of service to the Clinton County and the North Country, commending its commitment to providing substance-abuse treatment, prevention and education services.



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"Though your dedication and compassion, you have made a positive impact on the lives of the individuals that you serve and their family members," she said.

"As a parent, I am grateful to know that there are programs like this where a young person, or anyone for that matter, who needs help can receive the full support necessary to achieve long-term recovery."

To read the [full article](#), visit the Press Republican website.

### **Odyssey House 7th Annual Recovery Run for Your Life**

September 29 marked the Odyssey House 7th Annual Recovery Run for Your Life event held at Icahn Stadium at Randall's Island. Approximately 1,000 people participated in the event in support of men and women in recovery



from substance use disorders. Participants included individuals in treatment, their families and friends, and supporters of recovery services from all the major NYC treatment programs including: Odyssey House, Daytop, Samaritan Village, Educational Alliance, Palladia and many more.

One of their themes is *"Run for Your Life -- Turning Addicts into Athletes."* The Commissioner extended her gratitude to Peter Provet, President and CEO of Odyssey House, Members of the Board and all of the staff for their hard work and dedication to the recovery community.

### **7th Annual BRiDGES and Maxwell House Recovery Walk**

September marked the 23rd annual observance of Recovery Month, which celebrates people and their families in recovery from substance use disorders. In addition to celebrating those who have found recovery, it was also a time to highlight the effectiveness of treatment and the realistic possibility of recovery for everyone. The Recovery Month theme for 2012 was *"Rally for Recovery: Recovery Voices Count."*

All too often we hear the tragic stories of those still suffering from addiction. What we know is that, for many, recovery is possible. Recovery from substance use disorders saves families, saves jobs, and, most importantly, saves lives. The person who begins a program of recovery and follows it will never be the same and neither will the people around them. Recovery empowers, inspires and gives everyone a renewed outlook on life. Each and every one of us has benefited from another's recovery. Those in recovery are running our businesses, teaching our children, sitting on Boards, and greeting us at church.



To celebrate recovery, BRiDGES and Maxwell House held their seventh annual Recovery Walk at ZEMS in Canastota on September 15th. The

public was invited to join the celebration for a one mile loop around the Village of Canastota, and more than 80 people attended. Children, teens and adults walked together on the beautiful late summer day. Lunch was shared after the walk. This walk was just one of hundreds of events involving tens of thousands of individuals being held across the United States to celebrate recovery in September.

BRiDGES would like to thank Rick Stevens for opening ZEMS to the crowd; Bruce Hirsch and Morrisville State College for a donation of food; and the Board, Staff, Residents and Friends of Maxwell House and BRiDGES for their donations of time, food and support.

For more information about the hope of recovery, call BRiDGES at (315)697-3947.

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