

**Administrative/Regulatory Relief Provider Work Group Meeting
September 5, 2007**

John Coppola, Alexis Gadsden and Charles Monson mentioned during their opening remarks that the focus of the September 5th Administrative/Regulatory Relief Work Group meeting was on brainstorming ideas to decrease paperwork, while increasing care to patients. Commissioner Carpenter-Palumbo and Executive Deputy Commissioner Caggiano-Siino reiterated these themes in their remarks. OASAS is committed to developing a genuine partnership with the field to address issues like these.

The primary goal of the Work Group meeting was to come up with several key areas in which concrete steps toward administrative relief could be taken. Participant comments and feedback were invaluable in this regard. Breaking out into smaller groups and brainstorming for “top 5” ideas was an important first step in this process. Based on that feedback, five subcommittees, each co-chaired by one OASAS staff person and one provider representative, were developed. The five subcommittees are:

- Patient Centered Regulatory Reform
- Reporting Requirements (OASAS)
- Unified Reporting (other reporting requirements)
- Patient Centered Care and Documentation
- Electronic Records

It was agreed that each subcommittee would report back in 60 days (11/05/07) relative to their progress and that the entire Work Group would meet again in 90 days (12/05/07) in Albany.