

**Greene County  
OASAS Sub Committee  
November 3, 2008**

**Present:** Susan Owens, Jane Doris, Rev. Anne Curtin, Cathy Start,

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**Twin County Update:**

- TCRS has a full time adolescent counselor and will be expanding their adolescent program and groups at TCRS.
- The MATS program is up and running well, though because of the funding issues around the state, it is unclear whether or not this service will continue to be funded by OASAS.
- TCRS would like to implement the Family and Friends Program, which provides services to family members and other loved ones of those receiving TCRS services. They currently offer a co-dependency group for loved ones and family members. An open House was advertised and scheduled, though it was cancelled due to inclement weather. This will be rescheduled in the spring.
- TCRS is operating special substance abuse groups for senior citizens as they have seen a need for this service to be provided in our community.
- Currently, a TCRS clinician is working on becoming certified to work with gambling addictions.
- Jane reported that OASAS has notified them that they will be conducting program audits, using a more structured approach. The residential program has already received the new type of audit.

**Committee Discussion:**

- A discussion concerning the treatment for those with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues. There will be trainings concerning this topic provided by the mental health center in Cairo, and TCRS has been an active partner in the process of developing a co-occurring treatment model in Columbia County, as has MHACGC. This work will translate to Greene County as well.
- Greg S of the Catskill Police Department discussed the prevalence of various drug usages in Greene County. He also reported that they have been seeing an increase in alcohol use, DWAs and DWIs in our community. Thanksgiving seems to have a high incidence of drinking and driving as well.

**The next committee meeting will be held MONDAY December 1, 2008 at 3:00 pm at TCRS in Catskill.**