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This seminar provides a forum for the scholarly exchange of information among key representatives of the chemical dependency research, treatment, prevention, and policy development communities. It seeks to address important and complex questions relating to the root causes of chemical dependency and abuse, to examine and evaluate epidemiological studies, to determine the effectiveness of various treatment and prevention strategies, and to discuss the wisdom and value of current international, national, and local policies. Membership is comprised of prominent researchers, established leaders in the treatment and prevention fields, and government policymakers, with speakers drawn from the membership itself and by invitation from other institutions.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 16 — *Using Sudors Data to Understand Social and Epidemiologic Circumstances of Fatal Drug Poisonings*
David R. Holtgrave, Department of Health, Special Advisor to the Commissioner
Respondent: **Frank McCorry**, Independent Researcher

October 21 — *OSF in Action: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategic Pathways*
Debbie Patin, NYS Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board

November 18 — *Changing the World: Welcoming Integrated Systems for People with Co-Occurring MH/SU Conditions*
Kenneth Minkoff

December 16 — *States Helping States Improve Substance Use Service Systems*
Robert Morrison, National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors
Respondent: **Frank McCorry**, Independent Researcher

January 20 — *Cannabis Use and Cannabis Use Disorders in a Changing Cannabis Landscape*
Deborah Hasin

February 17 — *The Shock of the New: Peer Professionals Bringing Non-Clinical Value to Addiction Treatment*
Ruth Riddick, Certified Addiction Recovery Coach
Respondent: **Frank McCorry**, Independent Researcher

April 21 — *Policy is Only as Good as Your Control of the Outliers: How the Methadone Revolution and Counter Revolution Anticipated the Opioid Crisis*
David T. Courtwright, University of North Florida, Emeritus

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