Committee on Chemical Dependency
This is a four (4) year term. A term year begins and ends based on the annual House of Delegates Meeting, which is usually held in June.

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The Sixth District Dental Society appreciates you stepping up and volunteering to serve in this role, while helping to promote and improve the dental profession. In this role you are expected to attend and participate in our two annual Executive Council Meetings, that traditionally take place the day before our spring Semi-Annual Meeting and our fall Annual Meeting. You are also expected to volunteer for dental promotions throughout your term and afterwards. Thank you.

The Council on Chemical Dependency holds two meetings annually, spring and fall. Both of these meetings in-person meetings. Since NYSDA will only reimburse for one meeting, the members of this Committee have all agreed to pay for their own expenses related to their second meeting. Some of the component dental societies have chosen to pay for their chairperson to attend but that is not required. As soon as possible after each meeting, send your report the Sixth District Dental Society Executive Director.

Sometimes there may be a need for a conference call in between the spring and fall meetings to discuss an issue of importance to the council.

This committee is one of seven standing committees of The Board of Trustees. The other committees are Annual Sessions; Audit; Budget; Compensation; Information Technology; and Strategic Planning.

All chairpersons should be able to commit to attend meetings and report on relevant council activities at component meetings. They should always be aware that they represent their component. If they do not attend meetings, their component essentially has no say in important issues being discussed and are unable to vote on any proposed resolutions being brought to the House of Delegates.

The duties of the Committee on Chemical Dependency shall be:

1. This committee shall be composed of a Chairperson and at least two (2) members. Its term of office shall be three (3) years.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee:
   a. to be a district wide source of information with regard to alcohol and chemical dependency programs for the dental profession.
   b. to provide support and consultation to local Society alcohol and chemical dependency programs.
c. to develop and maintain a confidential program which is non-judgmental, non-punitive, therapeutically oriented to help members who are chemically dependent.

d. to develop and maintain a relationship with the NYSDA Council on Chemical Dependency and those private or public agencies which are interested in programs and information that assists the chemically dependent dentist toward recovery.