

OMHSAS Adult Advisory Committee PA Peer Support Coalition (PPSC) Summary Report

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Coalition Activities

Recovery Partnership technical assistance: a team from PMHCA (collaboration with Coalition, CSP/LIR, and Advocacy) provided a technical assistance and training session for peer mentors at Recovery Partnership in April 2010. Recovery Partnership is providing peer support for the closure of Allentown State Hospital. Topics covered included recovery, peer support, and community integration.

Southeast Regional Coalition Meeting: occurred April 16, 2010 in West Chester. Individuals from the five southeast counties (Bucks, Delaware, Chester, Philadelphia, Montgomery) attended. There was time for sharing regional announcements, networking, and discussion about some of the issues facing people who return to work after being out of the workforce for a time.

CPS Continuing Education Training Day: May 21, 2010 at Philhaven's Training Center on the Mt. Gretna campus. Three workshops and one panel discussion. Training is free; lunch is not provided. Some seats still available. It is not necessary to be a CPS to attend. (To register, send name, email address, and phone number to nicole@pmhca.org)

Website: We've contracted with a web designer and purchased a domain name: PAPERSupportCoalition.org . Content is being created. Comments about what to include on the site are welcome and can be directed to nicole@pmhca.org

WRAP Facilitator Training: We're coordinating a WRAP Facilitator Training to take place in Harrisburg September 6-10. Training will be open statewide, but seats will be limited. Cost will be low.

We have also been working with Recovery Innovations, one of the CPS training vendors, providing some technical assistance to facilitate more CPS trainings open statewide. A statewide training has now been scheduled for November 2010 in Harrisburg, and tentative plans are underway for additional trainings. (More info to come.)

Coalition Steering Committee

We currently have a (nearly) full Steering Committee, with 2 representatives from each of our 6 regions and alternates from each region. We do, however, have an opening for an alternate representative for the North Central region (Centre, CMSU, Northumberland, Clinton, Lycoming, Potter, Tioga). Alternates are now invited to join Steering Committee teleconferences, but they do not vote unless a regular representative is absent.

We also need individuals to serve on two time-limited Coalition subcommittees (Representative Election Process Subcommittee, and a Mission and Vision subcommittee).

Anyone interested in being an alternate for North Central, or serving on a subcommittee: contact Nicole Darr at nicole@pmhca.org or (717) 564-4930 for more info.

Other

PMHCA conference is June 14-17, 2010. One of the caucuses will be on Peer Support.

Also, the Support Team for the conference is still accepting volunteers. Support Team offers peer support to anyone in attendance at the conference. Contact Tom Newman at tom@pmhca.org .