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RITF Peer Specialist Committee
Friday, January 20, 2017
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
DATCP CR 106 Board Room
Prairie Oak State Office Building
Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53718

Minutes

Attendance- Paula Verrett, LuAnn Simpson, Amy Payne, Alice Pauser, Ellie Jarvie, Laleña Lampe, William Parke-Sutherland, Kenya Bright, Shelly Monroe, Jean Diedie, Rich Machotka, Anneka Brainerd, Karen Lane, Joan Sternweis, Jen Linderud

Welcome/ announcements Submissions welcome for the annual mental health/ SUD conference in the Dells, see info on the RITF home page, including a link to submit.

B Update on Code of Ethics revision

Update on Code of Ethics revision- it's posted to the website and communicated to the CPS community. You can access it at www.wicps.org or www.ritf.wisconsin.gov Peers at the conference shared that they thought it wasn't restrictive enough. Committee members thought it might be too restrictive. The process went pretty smooth.

B Peer Specialist Report – document posted on website

C Integrated Peer Specialist training project discussion – with Kenya Bright:

There have been some concerns about process & Co-Chairs are working with Kenya Bright to create solutions. What is the role of the PS Committee? It has evolved over time so it's become a bit unfocused with its goals. The PSC is advisory & makes recommendations. The RITF as a whole & its committees are designated advisory bodies to the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR). BPTR requests input from the RITF & its committees. Using Task Force in our title might not be the best as we no longer fit the definition. This will be discussed in the full RITF. Historically, this committee did the creation & design of the CPS and its evolved in a manner that was not fully planned about each parties roles and expectations. It's now time to clarify and discuss.

Training Project discussion: There have been some concerns from trainers/participants and they are being addressed. In 2013, BPTR began exploring the role of SUD & peer support. A group of SUD people came together to discuss what this might look like? An advisory group was formed to look at designing an ideal Dual Recovery/Integrated model for peer support. The PSC supported the idea of an integrated CPS model. The national PS curricula were not integrated with SUD recovery. No curriculum was identified that met competencies of dual recovery CPS. Access to Independence's contract identified that creation of new PS models was part of their role. An integrated exam was created as well based on the new competencies. When the curriculum developer was identified, 6 peer reviewers worked on the project.

Currently, editing is complete on the curriculum and the next two years are a pilot project. Trainers/students will provide feedback to a quality improvement process in order to really finalize the curriculum. The curriculum & exam are based on the Wisconsin competencies. There was an application process to become one of the pilot trainers. Only those people can provide CPS training during the pilot phase. There has historically been a lack of consistency across the 4 previously approved trainings & this has created a significant issue in quality. This is a big reason for the creation of a WI specific training. There has been an online training for CPS trainers via UWM. The curriculum was supposed to be to trainers during this course work but it was not completed in time. The online training focused on trainer skills, not peer based which caused some challenges. There are things that would have been differently if BPTR had known how it would go. Unfortunately, by the time it was figured out a number of trainers have dropped out. Creative problem solving and brainstorming is currently taking place in order to fix problems. They are

working on an alternative training for people who made the decision to withdraw due to these issues. BPTR and ATI are working on a plan to address issues. There will be a trainer learning collaborative. How will edits and feedback be collected and incorporated? Open design of this element will be helpful in the process. Point of clarification- Alice Pauser has not been involved with this project due to the fact that in her role as CPS Coordinator- she is simply too close to the project and people involved. Objective input has been sought. Will there be guidance around rate setting for trainings? There will be State sponsored trainings as well as the opportunity for trainers to contract directly. There will be some guidance around rate setting with trainers but not rules. Agencies may look different than private trainers as well. The State sponsored trainings will have to be managed well as there is a lot of demand in the state.

There is a pilot project with the Dept. of Corrections (DOC) to create CPSs in the prison system (current inmates). DOC is very invested in piloting this project. One issue- only prison staff can train inmates. Current CPSs at Wisconsin Resource Center will co-train with existing DOC staff to train CPSs in the prison system. DOC staff participated in the online train the trainers course at UWM.

Possible recommendations: All selected trainers get a copy of the final functional draft in order to decide about engaging/ reengaging in the process as trainers. There should be a set time limit for trainers to make a decision about moving forward in the process. There should be a clear process for reengagement of selected State trainers. (Formalize these recommendations into a letter or email to BPTR- Chairs & Staff to this committee).

The Peer Specialist Committee could build a document that outlines the experience of this project and summarizes the process and any recommendations for moving forward.

D Advisory Discussion- exam re-take and required re-training

A person currently can take the exam up to 3 times before needing to be retrained. There is currently no time limit on this. How will this affect things with the curriculum roll out? Certification is for 2 years and that seems like a natural cut off time. Require exam takers to utilize all attempts within a 2 year timeframe? This was tabled for discussion at the next meeting

E. Agenda Items for future meetings

- Document about recommendations for BPTR regarding the Integrated PS project.
- Exam re-take and re-training
- National credential update.
- Re-do mission statement and description of the PSC.
- Update on the CPS project.

F. What went well/ improvable items?

- Ellie will work on technology issues (call in)
- Strength- based and solution focused meeting

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RITF Peer Specialist Committee Mission Statement

To create policies and demonstrate support for the recruitment, training, certification, and employment for peer support specialists.