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Recovery Implementation Task Force Training and Education Committee

Friday, ,

12:30 pm - 3:20pm

Prairie Oak State Office Building
Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
2811 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53718

Committee Meeting Minutes:

Members Attending:

- A. Attendance- Donna Reimer, Alice Pauser, Wendy Koch, Maria Hanson, Scott Webb, Anneke Brainerd, Robin Pedersen, Michael Conwill, Elizabeth Viara, Amy, Kris, Paul, Theresa Kuehl

Committee Announcements:

- B. Elected to be Co-Chairs of the Committee were Maria Hanson and Anneke Brainerd
- C. Alice provided updates regarding the Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) program.
 - a. Clarification on the application process.
 - i. The application is 8 pages long and requires references. The first 50 applications received, per region, are reviewed by a panel. Following the review of materials, each candidate is interviewed. Each training has a capacity of 18. Trainings are offered regionally. There are 6 trainings scheduled for 2018, multiple will be in Milwaukee. Applicants must live within the region that is hosting the training. Questions may be answered by visiting the [Wisconsin Peer Specialist Certification website](#). People can also direct questions to Alice directly at alicep@accesstoind.org.

- b. Discussion about how CPS are supported in the field. There are almost 400 CPS in Wisconsin. A desire to have a mentoring program. There is concern that organizations may not know how to appropriately use and support CPS.
 - i. Grassroots Empowerment is trying to fill/address this need.
 - ii. There is a [Wisconsin Peer Specialists Employer Toolkit](#) available on the web. This toolkit is designed to help assess agency readiness to successfully hire, integrate, and support a Certified Peer Specialist as part of staff and services. It also provides information about continued support needs of a peer workforce as an organization grows and learns from experience.
 - iii. The DHS position that currently supported CPS working within Peer Run Organizations (PROs) is vacant. This position will be posted soon.
- c. Suggestion to provide a refresher training to all those currently certified as a peer specialist.
 - i. Suggestion to have a half day training added onto existing state-wide gatherings that many CPS attend.
 - 1. Example: Mental Health/Substance Use Conference, Crisis Conference, Peer Support Conference
- d. Alice wrote an article about the “organizational arsonist”. She will share this with the group.
- e. Alice asked the group to send her stories for the CPS newsletter

Meeting Recap:

- D. Review of and Discussion about DHS Recovery 101 PowerPoint. This took the remainder of the meeting.
 - a. The group reviewed a PowerPoint created by many, but delivered by Maria Hanson and Donna Reimer. The PowerPoint reviewed was aimed at providers. Donna shared the history of how the training got developed, and since tailored for differences audiences.
 - i. Suggestion to add [Procovery](#) definition/work by Kathleen Crowley.
 - ii. Suggestion to add a [Ted Talk by Johann Hari](#), “Everything you think you know about addiction is wrong”
 - 1. Could this Ted Talk and other resources be available on the DHS or RITF website?
 - iii. Question about how to share some of the content in a webinar, where there is not audience participation
 - 1. Example: SAMSHA brochure
 - 2. No suggestions arose.
 - iv. The group is interested in reviewing this through the lens of a consumer, person in recovery.
 - v. The group is curious if parts of the training need to be expanded. The group offered great ideas for how to deliver some of the content in person.
 - vi. No decisions were made about next steps.

Call for Agenda Items:

- E. The meeting ended without ideas for the next meeting's agenda.

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To transform Wisconsin mental health and substance abuse services to embody recovery, hope, dignity and empowerment throughout the lifespan, in partnership with the DHS-DCTS-BPTR.