



Improving Access to Peer Supports

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OVERVIEW OF ORIGINAL PROBLEM

- Recognition that Peer services increase success in recovery for members with SUD and BH needs. Need for increased access to peer support services, especially for vulnerable populations served by Medicaid. – including identifying avenues in hiring of peers to interdisciplinary teams and funding peer services within agencies.



INITIATIVE VISION

To improve access to peers in Washington; to include peers as a partner with an individual's care team with peers fully supported in their role, and individuals across Washington have access to stigma free, whole person focused peer support.



PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Establish a Peer Partnership Access Coalition (PPAC) with statewide stakeholders
- Create an Advisory Committee with statewide Peer leaders
- Establish 4 Focus areas for the coalition
- Create subcommittees that are aligned with the 4 focus areas
- Build on stakeholder discussions to identify the highest needs and priorities
- Create and execute initial priority action plans
- Connection to regional forums supporting peer work
- Develop resources to sustain action plans



Current Progress

| Milestones | Status | Opportunities |
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| Establish PPAC and meet on a regular schedule | Currently meeting with statewide stakeholders every other month | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue targeted recruiting Participant engagement |
| Create an Advisory Committee with statewide Peer leaders | Advisory committee has been established and meets monthly and is made up of peer leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue building relationships that are inclusive Drive strategic vision |
| Establish 4 Focus areas for the coalition | Focus areas have been determined <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data and Evaluation Training and Peer Activities Funding for Peer Services Policy | Focus areas continue to evolve as we move along the development of the sub-committees |
| Create subcommittees that are aligned with the 4 focus areas | Subcommittees have been established and continue to evolve | Deeper participant engagement and expertise |

SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

- Established a foundation to build from
- Coalition includes established support base from community-based organizations.
- MCO support
- Multi sector involvement



THE SOLUTION

- PPAC key players currently working internally at CHPW to evaluate and determine next steps for initiative.





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