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The Schreiber Research Group
PRSS Meeting Minutes
10.3.2024 via Zoom

Terri led a meeting discussing the formation and goals of a peer recovery support specialist workgroup funded by HRSA. Mickey and Chris were not able to attend (Work Group Community Leaders). Key points included the need for monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at noon, starting in September 2023. The group aims to support peer recovery specialists through training, credentialing, and a safe support space. They discussed the challenges of maintaining anonymity in recovery and the need for consistent training across different organizations. The group also considered the potential for in-person quarterly meetings and the importance of community leader involvement, with Chris Menges and Mickey Lucero as the community leaders.

Action Items

- Organize a training on emergency holds and involuntary treatment for peer recovery support specialists.
- Invite the peer recovery support specialist from Crossroads to participate in the group.
- Identify a backup community leader to help run the meetings in case Chris Menges and Mickey Lucero are unable to attend.

Meeting Kickoff and Attendance

- Terri outlines the agenda and mentions the need for Chris and Mickey's presence to finalize the mission, purpose, ground rules of the PRSS Work Group.

Introduction of New Participants

- Christine is the Regional Health Connector for the health department.
- Brandy introduces herself as the coordinator for the role Recovery Network, part of Valley Wide.
- Terri provides context about the group's formation and the grant funding received in September 2023.
- Terri mentions key individuals involved in the training and placement of peer recovery support specialists.
- Terri highlights the success of Brandy at RESADA and the potential for another position through the Colorado Workforce Center.
- Discussion on Peer Recovery Support Specialists
- Terri emphasizes the need for a support structure for peer recovery support specialists.
- Terri discusses the challenges faced by individuals transitioning from treatment to work environments.
- Terri suggests the idea of a safe space for peers to discuss their issues without fear of stigma.



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- Jeff shares personal experiences and the challenges of maintaining anonymity in small towns.
- Jeff highlights the importance of having peers who understand the struggles of recovery.

Clarification on Peer Hiring Practices

- Kristi clarifies that Valley Wide hires people with lived experience in mental health recovery, not just those with substance use disorders.
- Terri reiterates the importance of hiring people with lived experience and the challenges faced by peers in the workforce.
- Jeff shares additional personal experiences and the complexities of supporting peers in recovery.
- Terri emphasizes the need for a support group and training for peers in the region.

Introduction of Additional Participants

- Terri asks if everyone has met each other and facilitates introductions.
- Jeff introduces himself as a peer in recovery with experience at Fort Lyon.
- Kristi Roe introduces herself as the advocacy manager at Valley Wide and a certified peer.
- Amber Madrid and Jordan introduce themselves as team leads at Pier 613 and Pier 120, respectively.
- Terri introduces herself and outlines her role as the TSR G coordinator facilitator.

Purpose and Structure of the Group

- Terri explains the goal of coordinating a workgroup around peer recovery support specialists.
- Terri mentions the initial meeting on September 25 and the decision to meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month.
- Terri discusses the need for representation from various organizations
- Brandy suggests inviting a peer from Crossroads, and Terri agrees to facilitate this.
- Terri proposes the idea of inquiring whether a recurring support group for peers in a safe space is warranted for the duration of the project (August 2025) or if additional funding can be secured.

Training and Support Needs

- Terri asks whether it would be helpful to have training with the BHA on different holds and statutes related to mental health and substance use.
- Terri mentions recent training on emergency holds and the importance of understanding the changes to the statutes.
- Terri asks if people would be interested in attending such training sessions.
- Kristi confirms the need for this training and mentions their team's familiarity with these holds.
- Terri and Rick Ritter are working on organizing this training and will update the group.

Purpose and Goals of the Group



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- Terri asks participants to share their thoughts on the purpose of the group.
- Terri emphasizes the need for community leaders and backup community leaders to ensure consistent meeting facilitation.

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- Terri mentions the possibility of having in-person meetings for quarterly sessions.
- Terri asks if anyone has any additional suggestions or ideas for the group.
- Group discusses the possibility of meeting at the Pier 613 house periodically for familiarization with facilities.
- The next meeting will be on November 7, 2024.