BHAC Peer Support & Recovery Services Subcommittee
Minutes
September 9th, 2025
10:00-11:00am

Co-Chairs - Brent Morris and Vanessa Hardy

Vice-Chair - Tara Williamson

Symposium Planning Chair - Zac Cannada

Block Grant Funding

Recommendation has been submitted

2025 *Montana Peer Symposium (we had an additional symposium follow-up meeting for takeaways)*

Need to get the slides out to everyone.

1. What went well – 124 participants attended, some no shows. Lots of good energy, people really enjoyed the event. The flow was really nice with all of the information and presentations, wellness room was a welcome space to break out. Once the surveys have been tallied we will review that info.
2. Recommendations for next year –
    - Trigger warning for sensitive info, maybe more trafficking info and how we can specifically support people who have been trafficked and are intersecting with our services
    - Peer panel
    - Invite legislators
    - Figure out funding as SOON AS POSSIBLE – figure out what the total cost was so we know how much money we need to raise
    - Invite the Governor
    - Change the registration as some people signed in multiple times
    - Survey may have been misinterpreted for the rating system, so assure it is super clear for the next symposium
    - More time for Q&A after the presentations
    - Different dietary options for vegetarians/vegans
    - Ice breaker in the beginning to warm people up to meeting others and getting out of their comfort zone

    - Changes in Federal Funding and department organizations – break out for Administrators
    - First follow-up breakout training with the headliner, Daniel a little bumpy.
3. Who wants to plan for the event next year – Ty LaFountain suggested by Zac. In November's subcommittee meeting we will let people know we want to start recruiting for the symposium planner.

Update on status of Peer Support Medicaid Policy Revision Recommendations

- Issac Coy – the recommendation to have the mental health diagnosis expanded and approve group peer support (max 8 people, $3.23/person/15 min.) has been approved. Not willing to expand to additional settings at this time.
- Discussed that if we had an actual number of who within the recovery residences or drop-in centers have capacity for the clinical oversite piece for peer support we could add an actual numbers of locations that may change their decision to expand. Tara will contact the certified homes to see if they have the capacity to implement the clinical portion required for Peers and report back to Issac.

Other

- Lots of new participants! Sent their emails to be added to the list for invites to this subcommittee.

Invite for this meeting

Topic: Peer Support and Recovery BHAC sub

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 815 7086 9989

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14th, from 10:00-11:00am on Zoom