

Recovery Task Force Mtg. #5

July 10, 2015

Members Present: Cheryl Coletti, Holly Cekala, Cori Sheedy, Lisa Mure, Rekha Sreedhara, Donna Marston, Sandi Coyle, Linda Paquette, Joe Harding, Melissa Crews, Mike Kimball, Liz Hennig, Chucky Rosa, Dean LeMire (Secretary), Marty Boldin (Chair)

Discussion 11:05am

Linda Paquette (New Futures, Executive Director):

- State budget likely on pause until September
- Task Force has been asked to make recommendations on Medicaid funding for RSS, BRSS TACS

Joe Harding (NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, Director):

Topic: NH Medicaid funding for Recovery Support Services

-As topic stands at BDAS: Recovery Support Services benefits from Health Protection Plan (Medicaid reimbursement) only for Certified Recovery Support Worker under supervision of MLADC, licensed by BDAS

Q: What are other states doing with to reimburse peer-based RSS?

*BDAS wants Task Force to investigate + report ASAP

Asides:

- SAMSHA funds RSS initiatives
- Changing landscape in mental health services/funding
- Regional public health networks (13)
 - *responsible for all things public health in NH
- Recovery support historically not funded

Q: What is needed/what is capacity to deliver health/addiction/recovery support?

Cori Sheedy (ABT Associates, Represents BRSS TACS on Task Force):

- BRSS TACS provides recovery support resources nationwide
- ABT Associates have spoken to other states about how they fund RSS

Marty Boldin (Task Force Chair):

-Task Force is being asked to research + make recommendations to Governor's Commission about how to fund peer-based RSS

Formed 11:40am: Peer RSS Funding Subcommittee

Chair Appointed: Linda Paquette

Members Appointed: Cori, Linda, Rekha, Holly, Liz

- Tasks: Survey options from other states + document recommendations for next mtg
 - *Do we certify organization or individual RSS agents?
 - *Consider: Private/public insurers reimbursement
- Deadline: 6 weeks (late August)

Liz Hennig (Communities United Regional Network Coordinator, Sullivan County):

- Many barriers to implementing medicaid reimbursement for services
 - *Consider: CRSW credentialing through NH (BDAS)
 - *CCAR recovery coach training (orig. Connecticut) counts toward NH CRSW credentialing

Holly Cekala (HOPE, Recovery Support Services Chair, fmr. RSS provider, Rhode Island):

- Peer-based services certification curriculum/reimbursement in RI are treated as distinct from clinical services
 - Q:** How do we do supervision?
 - Consider: bimonthly supervision by MLADC, billable to private insurers

Marty Boldin:

Topic: Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale (BRSS TACS – Federal org)

- Federal org managed locally by NH Center for Excellence
- Money available (\$35,000.00)
- Five regions will be chosen
 - *5 ambassadors + 1 coordinator hired
- Consider: How to evaluate which region is most “ready” to provide services and deserving of these funds?

Holly Cekala:

- Suggestion: Sit w/ collective agencies doing peer recovery support to develop metric
- Resources for other states' approaches are available, public domain
 - Q:** Should an individual, committee, or CHI do assessment? People in recovery? Does it matter?

Cori Sheedy:

Motion: Community Health Institute (CHI) does assessment to identify asset maps (metrics) for BRSS TACS

Amendments: Task Force to recommend to BRSS TACS how to establish readiness community assessment and conduct using available tools, someone on RTF will assist

(Motion accepted)

Note: Next BRSS TACS mtg. July 20

Marty Boldin:

Topic: National Recovery Month

- Ask for proclamation from Governor about recovery month
- use template from SAMHSA website: <http://samhsa.gov>

Volunteers appointed: Holly, Cheryl Colletti, Melissa Crews

- Note: Unite to Face Addiction rally (Oct. 4-5, 2015, Washington Mall, DC)
Link: <https://www.facingaddiction.org/>

Meeting Adjourned 12:40pm