

# Office of Recovery Partnerships

## Overview

In 2003, the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health report called for consumers to be involved in all aspects of planning, delivering, and evaluating mental health services.

The mission of the Office of Recovery Partnerships (ORP), formerly known as the Office of Consumer Partnerships, is to ensure that service recipient's individual involvement and communication is embedded in behavioral health systems. The ORP takes an active role in representation of these individuals in internal agency activities, promoting recovery and bringing this voice to the work of the Division. The ORP Manager participates in a leadership role and is on the Management Team. The ORP also has responsibility for cultivating a recovery culture within state agencies.

The Office of Recovery Partnerships takes a lead role in fostering leadership and advocacy training and support statewide. The ORP supports peer run organizations and actively participates in the development and growth of individual leaders, advocacy organizations, and peer run organizations. The ORP is involved in all aspects of behavioral health, including peer support advocacy. The ORP provides small grants to support local organizations to train members to engage in state and system participation and leadership.

The ORP educates behavioral health individuals in the topics of Recovery and Integration. Many constituents are fearful that with integration occurring, recovery orientation to services will be lost. The ORP assists individuals voice concerns and directs them toward resources for education and advocacy. The ORP also brings together partners

such as the Health Care Authority, Accountable Communities of Health, and appropriate Managed Care Organizations in service areas to educate individuals about integration and helping them understand the coming changes.

The Office of Recovery Partnerships provides quarterly trainings for the Behavioral Health Ombuds. These trainings are focused on skill building to ensure that the Behavioral Health Ombuds have the skills and knowledge to provide the best services to individuals receiving behavioral health services in Washington State. These trainings also provide updates from Washington State around legislative actions, new behavioral health programs, and reporting requirements.

## Eligibility Requirements

The core Office of Recovery Partnership includes individuals with lived experience working within the HCA. All members except the Senior Manager have other full time job roles. These members include representatives from adults, family, youth, and substance use disorder members. The ORP also includes advisory members from individuals receiving or who have received behavioral health services or their parents or guardians. A critical eligibility requirement is an interest in participating in policy making and involvement with improving the behavioral health system.

## Authority

New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, 1999 Surgeon General's Report on Mental health, the National Association of Mental Health Program Directors, World Health Organization Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020.



## **Budget**

FY21 MHBG \$140,000

FY22 MHBG \$140,000

FY21 MHBG \$75,000 Ombuds Training

FY22 MHBG \$75,000 Ombuds Training

## **Cost and Numbers Served**

The Office of Recovery Partnerships has a Listserv with over 3,800 members and offers regular state updates and webinars. The OCP also serves approximately 1,000 members through support of consumer groups and training.

## **Primary Partners**

The ORP partners with consumers, consumer-run organizations (statewide and national), advocacy organizations, licensed community behavioral health agencies, Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations, Managed Care Organizations, and Accountable Communities of Health.

## **Oversight**

The Office of Recovery Partnership has oversight by the DBHR Division Director.

## **For more information**

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