

# Office of Consumer Partnerships and Peer Support

## Webinar

February 27, 2019

# Agenda

- Peer input
- Peer respites
- Leadership Summit May 30
- OCP Projects
  - OCP and substance use projects
  - OCP steering committee
- Legislative bills of interest: SB 5114, 5842, 5720, 2099, WAC 246-341

# Peer Input



- What is peer input and how is it used?
  - Avenues for input
    - FYSPRTS, webinars, Town Halls, conferences, BHAC
  - Peer voice at HCA
  - Peer participation in HCA committees and meetings
- Is peer input sufficient, or what should change?

# Peer Respite

- Proposals and requests for respites are in very early stages
  - No decisions on if or what kind of licensing will be needed
  - No decision on if services will be partly Medicaid
- Other states
- What happens next
- Peer recommendations



# OCP Steering Committee

- Management has approved the committee!
- The application to participate will go out through GovDelivery this week, due March 13.
- There will be representation for SUD, Problem Gambling, Parents, and Youth as well as a geographically representative and diverse group of 12-15 members.



# Substance Use Peers and the OCP

- The OCP has always been intended to be inclusive of SUD, parents, youth, and adult mental health.
- There have been program limitations because the OCP has been funded only by mental health block grant funds, which requires serving people with mental health challenges.
- We have a new opportunity to request substance use block grant funds and provide more diversified programs.

# OCP Projects 2019

(So far...)

- Support of United Peers of WA
- Funding of Elevate Recovery (WRA)
- Town halls and integration forums
- Leadership Summit
- Possible funding for WRA Recovery summit and recovery trainings

# Leadership Summit 2019

NEW DATE: May 30, 2019

8:30-4:30 Lacey WA

Speakers: Patrick Hendry,  
Mental Health America

Lauren Spiro, eCPR and  
advocate

Suggested Topics:

- How to build natural supports
- How to form networks
- How to strengthen peer networks in WA

An invitational pre-summit afternoon is scheduled for May 29

# Legislature 2019



# Opportunities for Advocacy

Advocacy at this time of year turns toward the legislative session. There are four main ways to become involved in advocacy.

1. Comment on a bill online
2. Call your legislator
3. Write a letter to your legislator
4. Attend a committee meeting
5. Participate in a group advocacy day or event

# OCP Disclaimer

- Members of the OCP, as peers, may have private opinions and feelings about legislation and state actions.
- As state employees, the OCP supports the governor.
- As state employees, the OCP does not support or advocate for or against legislation.
- The OCP, at the request of peers, attempts to inform peers about bills of major interest to peers.

# SB 5114

## Guardianship Pilot Program

- Alters definition of gravely disabled to say a person is not gravely disabled if a family member, friends, or others are willing and able to provide for needs for food, clothing, or shelter.
- Allows a limited guardian to detain a person
- A guardian may require outpatient treatment
- Other expansions of guardian rights and responsibilities \*Still in committee as of 2-4-19

# SHB 1528

- Establishes a registry of approved recovery residences for persons recovering from substance use disorders.
- A Contractor, to be determined, shall determine if the residence qualifies as a nationally or state recognized organization.
  - Peers must be involved in governance
  - Home-like environment
  - Recovery supports

Passed Health Care and  
Wellness Committee 2/19,  
scheduled for Appropriations  
committee today

# SB 5055

- Requires substance use peer support services to begin
- Orders a “Sunset” review by the Department of Health to study licensing
- Requires coordination of current CPC and SUD training

Passed Health and Long  
Term Care Committee 1/20.  
On floor calendar

# Emergency Behavioral Health WAC 246-341

- It is proposed that the current emergency behavioral health WACs be adopted without changes for the time being to facilitate integration efforts. You may want to review the WAC.
- A CR 102 has been filed and the hearing is March 12 at the Department of Health Point Plaza East Room 152. Written comments due by March 12.
- Intensive stakeholder work is planned to redesign these rules after the emergency WAC is approved.

# Bill 5842 ECT

- **Committee hearing was cancelled**
- Allow professionals to perform involuntary electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) if:
  - person is a serious danger to self or others
  - Doing otherwise would prolong involuntary treatment
  - No less invasive treatment available
- May perform ECT even over person's objections
- May perform if there is imminent danger
- Puts ordering ECT on the same basis as ordering involuntary anti-psychotic medications.

# SSB 5720

- Allows ECT to be performed on involuntary individuals with a court order
- This clause was in the bill earlier, but the bill is now open to comment and hearings
- Hearing in Senate Committee on Ways and Means at 1:30 on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Stay updated at [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov)

## SSB 5720 continued

- Expands initial detention from 72 hours to 5 days
- Definition of “likelihood of serious harm” is changed and expanded
- Repeals a requirement for a person to appear in court in person for notice of a 90-day or 180-day involuntary treatment petition
- Other changes to the involuntary treatment act

# SHB 2099

(Regarding detention interviews by a Designated Crisis Responder)

“The interview performed by the designated crisis responder may be conducted by video provided that a licensed health care professional or professional person who can adequately and accurately assist with obtaining any necessary information is available at the time of the interview.”

# Thank You for Joining the Webinar Today!

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