

Office of Consumer Partnerships and Peer Support

Webinar

May 8, 2019

Agenda

- OCP steering committee
- Leadership Summit May 30
- OCP projects
- Leadership Summit
- Peer support updates
- Legislative bills of interest: 1528, 1394, 5720
- Peer respite implementation

OCP Steering Committee

Thank you for all the applications for the Steering Committee! We are excited about the variety and diversity of applicants and believe this committee will be very effective.

Committee Members

- Laura Van Tosh, Seattle
- Brooke Gower, Seattle
- Becky Hammill, Spokane
- Ryan Oerlich, Spokane
- Kitara Johnson, Spokane
- Susan Olson, Kent
- Stephanie Lane, Olympia
- Russell Matthysses, Riverside
- Beth Gould, Mt Vernon
- Antoinette Preciado-Lacambra, Bremerton
- Jerri Stanley, Vancouver
- Susan Kydd, Lake Tapps
- Ronnie Batchelor, Kennewick
- Maureen Bailey, Chehalis
- Nicole Bailey, Olympia

The Steering Committee will meet in May, June, August and September

Advocacy Project Updates

- (As available)

Peer 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

An invitational pre-summit afternoon
is scheduled for May 29

Topics:

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

Flyer and registration are
at:

Peer Support Updates



More Trainings!

- DBHR has held a record number of trainings, and many regions are holding additional trainings.
- There are currently eleven more (Standard) trainings left, with more being scheduled every day.
- Keep up to date on the HCA Peer Support page: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support>

Continuing Education for Peer Counselors

- You can find and register for all classes at:
<http://holdingthehope.com/events/>

- 17 classes with a variety of topics
- 6 WRAP courses for different levels



Peer Bridgers

- Peer Bridgers work with people who are in Western or Eastern State Hospitals to help them transition successfully into the community
- NYAPRS is currently providing technical support and assistance with training.
- All Peer Bridgers are being trained in Intentional Peer Support

SUD Peer Support

- SUD peer support is on it's way to becoming a Medicaid service!
- You can prepare now to become qualified.

- DBHR is accepting applications from individuals with an SUD-only background. The application has not been updated, but the policy has changed in preparation for the new laws and rules.

Peer Pathways!

- The continuing education conference for peer counselors will be: **August 27-28**
- The conference is not open for registration yet, but watch the peer support website, the OCP mailing list or the WSU Workforce Alliance website.
- There will be limited scholarships and travel assistance.

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.

Peer Advocacy Discussions

- One way to discuss legislation with other peers and learn more about advocacy efforts is to join the Peer Legislative Advocates—Washington State group and Facebook page (not OCP sponsored)
 - You can like this page or email Laura Van Tosh at peerlegislativecall@gmail.com to find out about periodic conference calls.
 - There have been 12 conference calls during session and there are plans to continue meeting with guest speakers on policy issues.

SHB 1528 Passed

- 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

2SSB 1907, slide 1

- “Imminent” means the state or condition of being likely to occur at any moment or near at time rather than distant or remote (pg 17 detainment standard)
- “Likelihood of serious harm” means physical harm will be inflicted....as evidenced by threats or attempts...pg 50
- Requires coordination of current CPC and SUD training

2SSB 1907

- Allows video technology to be used in detainment hearings. Witnesses may participate telephonically (except by court order)(pg4).

- ECT by court order
- A detained person may be held for up to five days (pg 28).
- Substance use peer counselors authorized starting July 1, 2019. (pg 84)

2SSB 1907

- “Sunset Review” by DOH to evaluate transfer of peer counselor certification to DOH and add continuing education requirements (pg 84)

SB 1907, slide 2

- DOH “Sunset Review” for an advanced peer support specialist credential to perform peer support services in the areas of mental health, substance use disorders, and forensic behavioral health.
 - Integrate with and complement attributes of....HCA
 - Continuing education requirements (summary)
 - Consider barriers related to criminal history and accommodate to the greatest extent feasible

SSHB 1394-page 1

Passed

Behavioral Health Committee Amendment

- Includes definition of peer respites
- Keeps one pilot daytime “drop-in center” to which a person can be referred by the ER, law enforcement or family. In Greater Columbia area. (Section 12)
- Adds five mental health peer respite centers Must “partner” with local crisis center. (Section 6)

2SSHB 1394

- Establishes Intensive Behavioral Health Treatment facilities.
- Changes the definition of recovery to the SAMHSA definition
- (Sections 9 and 10) To reduce ER “Boarding”, adds hospital beds for 90 and 180- day commitments

Peer Respite Implementation

- The funding for the peer respites is in the 2020 fiscal year.
- This means a year to plan and implement a strong program.
- There will be a peer advisory committee assisting with planning and implementation.
- What is the best way to form a group?



Thank You for Joining the Webinar Today!

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Jennifer Bliss, Senior Manager, Pattie Marshall, Peer Support Program Manager,
Wanda Johns, Matthew Gower,
and the other dedicated members of the OCP team