# Greater Columbia Recovery Navigator Program





Kittitas

Whitman

Garfield

Columbia

Yakima

**GREATER COLUMBIA** 

Benton

Walla Walla

Franklin

Asotin

## Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Administrative Organization

## **Funding/Structure**

7 Teams fully funded covering all 9 counties within GCBH Service area

## Each Team consist of:

- 4 individuals with lived life experience to perform Outreach/Case Management
- 1 Program Manager to supervise the team, coordinate with community partners & key stakeholders, and facilitate Policy Coordinating Groups and Operational Work Groups
- Diversion Coordinator

## **Client Care Costs:**

- Flexible with engagement, relationship building, and treatment
- Client care costs have been used for
  - Treatment, temporary housing, transportation, clothing, work attire/equipment, food, basic needs supplies, and animal care



# **Lindsey Cannard** - Program Manager Asotin & Garfield County **Recovery Navigator Program**

WHITMAN





# STATS & FACTS

RNP Staff:

Lindsey Cannard Program Manager

Zack Krieger Outreach/Case Manager

Tabitha Nunez Outreach/Case Manager

Michael O'Dell Outreach/Case Manager

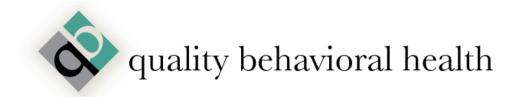
Lydia Haworth Outreach/Case Manager

Current Outreach Count: 36

Percentage of Individuals in Outreach who are unhoused: 58%

Current Case Management Count: 39

Percentage of Participants who are unhoused: 49%



## **Core Elements**

- Relationships are the resource
- Setting the table for all in the community
- Empowering staff to empower others



## **The Outcomes**

- Community advancements and innovations have emerged as a result of the interconnected RNP partnerships and the transformative LEAD framework.
- The influx of resources into the community has bolstered existing support systems.
- The flexibility and impact of client funds have been instrumental in <u>saving lives</u>.





#### **Governor Inslee visit to Kennewick office**

The Benton Co. District Court Judge, Prosecutor, Chief of Police in Kennewick, Cameron, Melissa, myself, RNP Peer and Merit Staff. We highlighted the RNP success stories and the collaborative efforts with police, Court, RNP and SUD treatment.

# **Shereen Hunt** · Executive Director Serving Central WA in Benton and Franklin Counties

MERIT started the RNP contract in Benton and Franklin Counties October 1, 2023

#### As of 2/26/2024:

MERIT has received 79 Pretrial Diversion referrals from Benton County District Court and opted them into the RNP.

Out of the 79 referrals, 6 individuals have signed the Pretrial Diversion Court Order.

#### As of 2/26/2024:

MERIT has received 2 Pre-Trial Diversion referrals from Franklin County District Court, and they opted them into the RNP.

MERIT has also received many social referrals in both counties.

### Referral Procedure with Benton Co. District Court Pretrial Diversion:

- Court Clerk sends an email of the docket to our RNP Peers each morning.
- RNP Peers are in the Courtroom (in Custody and out of Custody Court) to engage in -person.
- RNP Peers speaks with Prosecutors in the courtroom and are provided a list of who is eligible for pretrial diversion.
- RNP Peers meet with the individuals outside the courtroom to share lived experience and ask if they want to opt into RNP.
- RNP Peers meets with the individuals in custody and out of custody to complete the RNP intake, consent and multi-party ROI and begin intensive case-management.



# **Melissa Denner** · Director of Mental Health & Recovery Navigator

**Services** 

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# Quotes from Kittitas and Yakima RNP Participants

The Recovery Navigator program is crucial to me and my recovery. They gave motivation and hope and the best part about it is they didn't give up.



If I wasn't in the Recovery Navigator program today, I would be on the streets lying, conning, cheating people or in jail or dead! Today I feel great and have something to live for. I owe it to the recovery Navigator program.



Without this help no doubt in my mind I would be out drinking and looking for dope!

The Recovery Navigator team took me to Walmart and filled my fridge. When I got out of treatment, I had nothing. I just ate and filled my belly. I am truly grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, thank you for saving my life.

The compassion, friendship and guidance has been nothing short of amazing.





I am thankful for where I am at in my recovery journey, and I owe

the Recovery Navigators for providing support through this journey. I feel seen by the Recovery Navigators and know if there is an issue they will be there to support me through it