

# Office of Consumer Partnerships and Peer Support

## Webinar

June 27, 2019

# Agenda

- OCP steering committee
- United Peers WA updates
- Elevate Recovery updates
- Other peer events
- Eastside Leadership Summit September 19
- Peer support updates
- Advocacy after session
- Peer respite implementation

# United Peers of Washington

Vision: United Peers of WA envisions a vibrant, inclusive, statewide community of people with lived experience to support wellness and recovery.

- Updates by board members

# Washington Recovery Alliance Recovery Summit

- September 23-24
- Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood
- (Updates by WRA members)
- <https://washingtonrecoveryalliance.org/>

## Other Peer Events

- WA State Recovery Day at the Mariners, sponsored by the Washington Recovery Alliance. August 25, 12 p.m. \$19. Call 206-346-4519 to register
- POWERup PierceCounty Recovery Event. July 20, 9-4 WSU, 2601 W Pioneer, Puyallup.  
[tinyurl/powerup-recovery](http://tinyurl/powerup-recovery) to register.  
Keynote Mary Jadwisiak, activities and workshops included

1st Annual  
PEERS  
Empower  
PEERS  
CONFERENCE

July 13 | 8am-3pm  
2118 E. Sprague Ave. | Spokane 99202

## Peers Empower Peers Eastside Conference:

- Spokane July 13, 2019
- Some travel assistance
- Keynotes:
- Evelyn Clark
- and Joshua Wallace
- Website:  
<https://bit.ly/2vZXm3V>

# Peer Support Program Updates



# SUD Peer Support

- SUD peer support is on it's way to becoming a Medicaid service July 1, 2019!
- 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. New application should be posted soon on the website



# More Trainings!

- DBHR has held a record number of trainings, and many regions are holding additional trainings.
- There are **ten** more CPC trainings scheduled in 2019
- Keep up to date on the HCA Peer Support page: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support>

# CPC “Bridge Training”

- For Peers trained as Recovery Coaches (CCAR model) who would have lived experience and would like to be Certified Peer Counselors in order to provide Medication Substance Use Recovery Peer Support .
- Applicants must take pre-requisite course submit an application to DBHR Peer Program for approval.
- Take the Bridge Training (2 ½ days)
- Pass the written and Oral CPC test

# Peer Pathways 2019!

- The Peer continuing education conference

**August 27-28, Hotel Murano, Tacoma**

- The conference is open for registration:

<https://peerpathways.com/>

- There will be limited scholarships for registration fees and/or lodging if a peer qualifies

# 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
- All Peer Bridgers were trained in Intentional Peer Support at a retreat in May!
- NYAPRS is currently providing technical support and assistance with training.

# Legislature and Health Care Authority Initiatives 2019



# 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.

# 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



# 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](mailto: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.

# Advocacy After Session

- After the legislative session is often a great time to begin advocacy work.
- You may have interest in proposing bills, modifying existing bills or lobbying in general.
- Contact your legislators!
- Find your legislators and their webpages at:  
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

# 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 and a larger stakeholder group
- If you have knowledge of respites and interest in this committee, please email: [jennifer.bliss@hca.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.bliss@hca.wa.gov)

# Health Care Authority Rule Making

- A “rule” is a Washington Administrative Code, or WAC
- There is a substantial stakeholdering process to review new WACs and WAC changes.
- To be included on the mailing list for WAC review, email [Amy.emerson@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Amy.emerson@hca.wa.gov).
- There is currently a behavioral rule being revised, mostly for integration language clean-up, but more revisions are expected.

# Thank You for Joining the Webinar Today!

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Wanda Johns, Cheryl Wilcox,  
and the other dedicated members of the OCP team