

# Office of Consumer Partnerships and Peer Support

## Webinar

July 25, 2019

# Agenda

- OCP steering committee
- Peer events
- September Integration Forums: Hoquiam, Bremerton, Shelton
- Eastside Leadership Summit September 19
- Budget
- Peer support updates
- Advocacy after session
- Peer respite implementation

# OCP Steering Committee

- The OCP Steering Committee has met twice and it has had some significant suggestions for the Office:
  - Additional resources More data on effectiveness of projects
  - More focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - Continued community education and Town Halls, especially in rural areas
  - Increased outreach ...and MORE

# United Peers of Washington

- Helped sponsor Peers Empowering Peers conference in Spokane.
- Held leadership training in Spokane July 14
- September Mt. Vernon and Bremerton
- Assistance with Harborview's Peering Forward newsletter
- Comfort room at Peer Pathways

## United Peers, continued

- Website? For improved access and communication
- Additional and longer leadership training across the state, based on Washington Community Connector training
- Partnerships with CVAB to form regional peer groups

# 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



# Integration Forums

Integration Forums are educational events to help peers in newly integrating regions understand the new plans and provide input into care. You can register at <http://holdingthehope.com/events>, beginning next Friday.

- September 16 (Monday) Shelton Library
- September 24 (Tuesday), Hoquiam Library
- September 30 (Monday), Bremerton Library



# Eastside Leadership Conference

- September 19 in Spokane
- Under construction!



# Budget 2020

- We don't know yet!
- We have every reason to believe we will be able to support the same level of programs and activities as last year, plus hopefully additional funding.

# Mini-grants



- Every year, the OCP funds several projects by consumer-run organizations.
- These grants can run from \$3,000-\$5,000.
- The projects must be for recovery educations, leadership or advocacy training, or networking opportunities (not only for peer supporters).
- They must be contracted with a state-approved entity or use one as a fiscal agent (contact [jennifer.bliss@hca.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.bliss@hca.wa.gov) for more information)

# Peer Respite Implementation



- A supplemental legislative funding request is being submitted.
- A peer advisory committee has been formed and will be meeting in August.
- NYAPRS and Steve Micchio will be providing TA and assisting with facilitation.
- A larger stakeholder group will also be formed with MCOs, BHOs, ASO, providers, etc.

# Peer Support Program Updates



# Department of Health credentialing surveys

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/BehavioralHealthCredentialReview> **Survey ends on 7/31/19**

This page currently has information for three efforts:

- Review of Creation of Bachelor's Level BH Credential
- Evaluation of Transfer of Peer Counselor Certification
- Program Evaluation of the need for creation of an advanced peer support specialist credential

# 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

# More about Peer Pathways

- Three keynote speakers
- Performances
- A plethora of break-out sessions
- Preference is given to peers but others also attend.



# 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



# Legislature and Health Care Authority Initiatives 2019



# 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.
  - The next call is July 24, 5-6 pm

# 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/>

# Thank You for Joining the Webinar Today!

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