

Office of Consumer Partnerships and Peer Support

Webinar

July 25, 2019

Agenda

- OCP steering committee
- Peer events
- September Integration Forums cancelled: Hoquiam, Bremerton, Shelton. New Thurston-Mason events
- Budget
- Peer support updates
- Peer respite implementation

Washington Recovery Alliance Recovery Summit

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

September Integration Forums cancelled

The integration forums for September have been cancelled, primarily due to low enrollment and a conviction that these need to be re-structured.

No events on:

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

Forums and Town Halls

- The OCP intends to continue holding Town Halls in many regions of the state.
- We need ideas on how to make these fun and attractive, and how to promote them.
- What suggestions do you have?

Thurston-Mason Forums

- In collaboration with Thurston-Mason NAMI and the BHO, the OCP will be holding two forums in October, on October 22 in Shelton and October 23 in Olympia
- The events will be big! They will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Flyers coming soon

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 for more information)

Peer Respite Implementation



- Two stakeholder groups met on August 26 in Lacey, a peer group, and a larger stakeholder group. It was voted to combine these groups.
- HCA facilitators assisted and Steve Micchio from New York presented.
- A supplemental legislative funding request is being submitted.
- NYAPRS and Steve Micchio will be providing TA and assisting with group facilitation.

Rules about Peer Respite

- Washington laws, in this case, Washington Administrative Code (WACs), or rules, provide structure to the details of legislation.
- The Department of Health is working on WACs for peer respites and has held three stakeholder meetings so far. Next the final language draft will come out and there will be a public hearing.

Public Hearing on Respite

- At this point, the WAC language is nearly finalized just ONE opportunity left to provide your voice and advocacy.

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 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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