



BHAC Peer Support & Recovery Services Subcommittee

Agenda

October 14th, 2025

10:00-11:00am

Co-Chairs - Brent Morris and Vanessa Hardy

Vice-Chair - Tara Williamson

Symposium Planning Chair - Zac Cannada

Lots of new participants – went through introductions.

Block Grant Funding

Recommendation has been modified by Vanessa – we were going to present but not enough BHAC voting members in attendance. Will be presented at the next meeting.

We have been trying to ascertain the costs for the creation of a tool-kit. How to figure out how to make it sustainable. Longevity of making it an effective tool-kit and the outreach to implement it statewide.

Jim Hajny – agrees the tool-kit will need to be relevant as things changed. They redid annually to assure its relevance. They currently share info regularly about how to implement the program. The original tool-kit was a static document that was put in place and now they just contact MPN for questions.

In some states, providers have to go through a training so that they know how to implement before they can utilize Medicaid funding. This is currently how it is done in New Mexico. Seems like it is a few different needs, advertising the benefit of peer support to Montana providers who don't even know about the program, and then mentoring organizations who are interested in how to roll it out and having capacity to address different organizations who may have very different needs.

We will not be naming a dollar amount when we present to the BHAC as we see this as a much larger endeavor to not only create the toolkit, but also how to keep it relevant and how to mentor organizations into creating a pool of peer supports.

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Next steps

Update on status of Peer Support Medicaid Policy Revision Recommendations

- Issac Coy presented last month that the recommendation to have the mental health diagnosis expanded and approve group peer support (max 8 people, \$3.23/person/15 min.) has been approved.
- Tara contacted current certified recovery residence programs listed on the DPHHS website to see if they have the capacity or desire to implement the clinical portion



required to expand into providing peer support specialists. 7 certified recovery residences said yes and 4 said they would be interested. The information was sent to Issac to see if there may be a reconsideration for the expansion of this service into less clinical settings. This has not been approved at this time.

Other

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Invite for this meeting

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11th, from 10:00-11:00am on Zoom