

Western Region Community Support Program

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Minutes

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Speaker: Jennifer Bentz from the Drop in center committee gave a talk on what the Drop in Center has done with the seed grants, i.e.; Calendars, Oven Mitts, and plenty more great ideas. Jennifer also opened the floor for people to talk about their Drop in centers and what they do for their communities.

If anyone is interested, or has a speaker they would like to have come to the meeting, please see someone at the Recovery education table, as they are setting up all of our speakers.

Peer to Peer: New peers were introduced to the project and encouraged to begin writing their stories and consider telling story on videos, such as a cellphone.

Psych Rehab: The committee worked with Elaine Foguth from OMHSAS to see if there are any provisions and amendments to our Psych rehab Brochure. We will include mobile Psych rehab providers in our next printing of our brochure.

Drop In Center: The group is working on A Wellness bag project for consumers being discharged from the State Hospitals. Today the group came up with a possible list of items to put in the bag.

The Recovery Education: The group discussed speakers for the conference. The group is in need of baskets to be raffled off the day of the conference. If you are interested in donating a Basket please see Brandy.

Anti-Stigma: No minutes were received, but T-Shirts were handed out to those who did not get them at Christmas time.

Housing Committee: No Minutes were received, But I know they are doing great things.

Steering committee: Please remember, Seed grants and Scholarships are available for anyone to utilize. For more information talk to Laurie or a steering committee member.

OHMSAS Updates:

*Pennsylvania was awarded the Innovative Behavioral Health Grant. Eight (8) states were chosen out of 24 with PA being one of them. The grant will be used for the development of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC). These clinics are part of a comprehensive effort to integrate behavioral health with physical healthcare, increase consistent use of evidence-based practices, and improve access to high-quality care for people with mental health and substance use disorders. There are 10 CCBHC locations, set to implement in July 2017.

* Department of Human Services Secretary Ted Dallas announced 2016 accomplishments, I touched on three. (1) Enrolled nearly 685,000 Pennsylvanians in health care coverage through Governor Wolf's 2015 expansion of Medicaid. (2) Enrolled an additional 18,000 kids in the CHIP program. (3) Reduced Pennsylvania's uninsured rate to 6.4 percent-the lowest in the state's history.

Future WRCSP meeting for 2017

February 10, 2017

March 10, 2017

April, 14, 2017

May 12, 2017

June 9, 2017

July 14, 2017 at Moraine State park (picnic)

PMHCA Updates: Recovery Works Summit 2017 this is in the planning stage. Date to be announced. We will have registration forms available at the WRCSP meetings. Scholarships for this one day conference are also available through WRCSP. Two Peer support with in the criminal justice system trainings are being planned for Beaver county March 27-29, 2017 and Cambria County April 3-5. 2017.

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania: SAVE THE DATE! The 17th annual Adult forum will be held on Friday April 21, 2017 at the Pittsburgh Marriot, in North Cranberry Township. Registrations forms will be out at the end of February and they will have them at the WRCSP meeting . Nominations for the outstanding individual can be downloaded and further information on the forum can be utilized at www.vbh-pa.com Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2017

Next WRCSP meeting date: February10, 2017 at Tangle wood

**Tanglewood is located in the Lyndora section of Butler (just off Hansen Ave.)
Across the street from the 7-11/BP Station behind the Hansen Plaza
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