

Peer Run Respite Advisory Committee

October 18, 2013 Meeting Summary

Members Attending: Kathryn Ackley, Julie Burg, Jill Chaffee, Beth Clay, Philip Corona, Donna Christianson, Constance Downey, Evonne Kundert, Michelle Larson, Lyn Malofsky, Jacklyn Mckay, Mary Neubauer, Alice Pauser, Karen Schiller, Carla Shedivy, Sue Shemanski, Joann Stephens, William Parke-Sutherland

Staff Attending: Faith Boersma, Kenya Bright, Linda Harris, Pat Cork, Joyce Allen, Sola Millard, Lalena Lampe, Caroline Ellerkamp, Sarah Coyle

Welcome: Faith Boersma welcomed everyone back. Advisory Committee members and staff introduced themselves. Copies of Sept. 10th meeting summary were provided. No comments or feedback were noted by the Advisory Committee. Faith Boersma noted for the Advisory Committee that, while DMHSAS cannot extend the Committee's meeting schedule past December, it has been decided to ask the Committee to extend the time of the rest of the meetings from 2 to 2 ½ hours.

Introduction of PRR Advisory Committee Charter & discussion of Advisory Committee Role: Linda Harris reviewed the charter for this committee. The Advisory Committee is being asked for its input regarding the goals and framework of a PRR. DMHSAS will utilize this information when it moves into the procurement process and developing of a Request for Proposal (RFP).

An overview of the DMHSAS RFP process and RFP framework and program components was presented by Kenya Bright. The RFP is the mechanism for DMHAS to award grants funds. When DMHSAS goes into the procurement process, it must be done without outside influence. By asking for input on the PRR framework and not program elements, DMHAS is being careful keeping the RFP process clean and not allowing any one entity undue influence and an advantage in the RFP process. Part of the RFP process is to strive to find balance between being overly prescriptive in details of the program and allowing for the creativity of the proposers. The RFP process takes a significant amount of time (six months); hence the reason why the Committee meetings need to end in December. This committee is being structured so that participants will not be disqualified from being proposers.

Presentations:

GEP Executive Director, William Parke-Sutherland and staff Sam Ahrens, presented "Peer-developed vision of PRR: A report on the process and outcomes of GEP listening and dialog sessions." GEP has a BRSS-TACS peer award to gather input on the topic of PRR. They conducted seven listening sessions across the state of WI. From those sessions, a collective vision emerged and was used to create a position paper which was premiered at GEP Empowerment Days. (Please refer to PowerPoint and accompanying report provided by GEP for more detail).

Lyn Malofsky, Warmline Executive Director, presented on the Milwaukee Peer-Operated Service: Warmline. Lyn did an overview of Warmline and stated that this is one of the only

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warmlines around. Warmline is staffed by volunteers and open in the evening to take non-crisis calls from consumers who are in need of peer support. Warmline prides itself on its focus of recovery. Callers are always in charge of the topic of the call; this is critical. Lyn, emphasized there is not caller ID; while traditional crisis services do not understand this, Warmline feels this is critical. Warmline also has support from the Milwaukee Crisis Team, which is imperative to the success of a Warmline. This relationship helps them forward crisis calls to the appropriate resource. Warmline takes calls from whomever calls. They do not check if callers are Milwaukee residents.

Committee input: Committee members were asked to give input on the presentations. Participants were asked to list three things that they liked or were concerned about in the presentations. The group then determined whether these were framework or program components.

Committee Input: Differentiating Between PRR Framework and Program Components: Committee members were asked to give input regarding the framework document presented.

Committee Input: Identify 2-3 PRR goals: Committee members were asked to give input regarding potential goals for the PRR RFP.

NOTE: Details of the Committee Input section of the agenda have been recorded and will be returned to the Committee via compilation documents.

Wrap Up & Next Meeting:

Next Meeting is on November 19, 2013 at 1 W Wilson, Madison in room 630. Any questions or concerns contact Faith.Boersma@wisconsin.gov