

Subcommittee Meeting Mar. 17,2016
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1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Via conference call

Meeting started at 1:00 pm.

In attendance: Mike McMahon, Jeanyne Ward, Michelle Berry, Jo Anna Rios, Skip Farley, Denna Atkinson, Trey

Not in attendance: Alyce Thomas, Nancy Snyder

Skip updated the group by letting them know they have a CAPRSS 101 class for accreditation tomorrow.

About Accreditation

Accreditation is an evaluation and approval process for organizations or programs that deliver a specific type of services, or set of services. The focus is on the organization/program providing the service(s). Accreditation is sponsored by a non-governmental agency, in which trained external peer and expert reviewers evaluate an organization's conformance with pre-established performance standards. Although it is usually voluntary, it is often a requirement set by many diverse funders and purchasers of services.

At CAPRSS, we believe that accrediting programs that deliver PRSS will:

create infrastructure necessary for peer service delivery, including standards-driven, continuous quality improvement; facilitate and disseminate promising, best, and, ultimately, evidence-based practices; and Reinforce the recovery-based values and principles that underlie peer services and make them valuable and effective in supporting long-term recovery.

Once they are accredited, FFR will be the standard in the state for community recovery organizations peer accreditation. They will continue to update the group on the process.

Mike McMahon asked what the council was doing to move forward with SB489. His concern is that if the council continues to push for an individual certification for peers in the legislature, the legislature will ask what happened to SB489. Denna reemphasized her concerns with the current language from SB489 and it does not define peers. An agency can hire anyone at this point and call them a peer. No standard definition, regulation, training, etc. Mike said NPLAC should be proactive in determining those things and present them to Kyle Devine at HCQC. We have an opportunity to tighten the language as the regulations are being written. The intent of SB489 is to get the peer services set up in the state. Jo Anna said SAMHSA already define the peer and we should not re-create the wheel. Try asked where is the mandate coming from? There are gaping holes in the language. We do not want to run the individual certification thru legislative session. FFR will continue with CPRSS, the provider association (NBHA formerly AADAPTS) is currently working on the application with IC&RC to have the certification run through them. The individual peer certification will not be mandated if not run through legislation.

Medicaid is a separate issue. Currently organizations can bill Medicaid as a behavioral health aid if they are a recovery model with clinical oversight. Community health organizations cannot bill Medicaid. SAMSHA's definition is a peer to peer model but Medicaid requires clinical oversight.

Dena's recap:

1 We need to create the definition of a peer and the regulations for SB489

2 Medicaid, look at any agencies they are able to receive funds without clinical oversight (Jo Anna going to make a few

calls)

3 Individual peer certification, does not need to go through legislature and is not mandated.

Mike mentioned of NPLAC are the gatekeepers, what regulation are we putting forth for PRSS.

NPLAC can make recommendations for SB489 and provide the training.

Once definition and regulations are written we can present them to Kyle.

Summary, FFR moving forward with CAPRSS, NBHA moving forward with IC&RC, Trey is going to write the Peer definition and regulations for SB489 to submit to the council for review and ultimately presented to Kyle Devine.

Trey will have the draft ready by April 14. He will send to Jeanyne to get to the group for edits.

Our next subcommittee call is April 21, from 1-2 via conference call. Jeanyne to send details.