

SMHPC Peer Support Committee Meeting

June 3, 2025

5 attendees

Subcommittee members reviewed action steps from last month's meeting.

- Upon connecting with Rob Walker and Ashley Spoul, Amie shared that there is currently no list of all peer-involved organizations in Massachusetts at this time but are starting the process of creating one.
- Eric Strout will no longer join future subcommittee meetings.
- Amie also reached out to several members that have not attended past meetings. They confirmed interest but expressed scheduling conflicts.
- **Action Step:** Amie and Adam will divide up on who will continue to connect with the remaining members to confirm interest in the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members continued discussion surrounding membership and structure.

- Amie asked about the minimum number of people to move forward with the meeting. Binah answered at least five members.
- In regards recruiting additional folks to the subcommittee, Michael C provided a couple of names that came from the Worcester Recovery Hospital.
- A potential name from Tewksbury Hospital was also mentioned.
- Adam asked about the membership makeup from other subcommittees. Binah replied how it was a mixture of advocates, providers, folks from sister agencies, people with lived experience, and parents and/or families of persons with lived experience.
- Members decided on a tentative pitch join the subcommittee: [This subcommittee is Creating a seat at the table with a direct line to DMH and Commissioner's office. Pull up a chair and join.
- Members reached consensus on focus recovery coaching roles in context of ACCS for now as it relates to DMH entities.
- Members decided to continue on with the smaller group format for now but has expressed the need to ensure representation across different program modalities and diverse opinions.
 - o A possible solution: It was suggested that we have call to action marketing strategy. This would be in the form of mass email to be sent to various organizations. Once sent, it could elicit an increased audience turnout. This would also mean prepping for future meetings to provide topics in advance.

Action Steps:

- Amie will reach out to Val Comerford to identify DMH centric programs.
- Michael will forward the meeting invite to Ryan Duquette from Worcester Recovery Hospital
- Amie will reach potential individuals from Advocates and Open Sky.
- More discussion regarding call to action to occur.

The meeting was adjourned.