

SMHPC Peer Support Committee Meeting

April 22, 2025

7 Attendees

Amie and Adam welcomed the group and respectively provided introductions to each other for those who did not join.

Amie sought clarification on the best appropriate times to share the Brave Space Agreements.

The subcommittee discussed and reached consensus on having the Brave Space Agreement as a reference document to review prior and when the subcommittee is opened to the larger community.

Action Step: Adam, Amie and Binah will review the brave space agreement and purpose statement documents to confirm version control.

Subcommittee members discussed points for open dialogue.

Highlighted discussion points include:

- Developing a frameworks that has a list of running ideas/questions to gauge understanding, conversation, and guidance
 - o Possible avenues: providing legislative oversight on peer certification, availability of trainings, content of said trainings.
- Increasing workplace preparedness for new peer staff. Creating more opportunities to apply the knowledge learned during and beyond the CPS/certification process
- Creating a peer-equivalent of CEUS for clinical settings
- Peer integration in healthcare teams
- Drafting recommendations to Kiva (CPS training vendor) for feedback on existing trainings and include program staff that are sending their staff to these trainings
- Creating listening sessions for the larger group – keep this core group to facilitate and synthesize the information from the
- Meeting with Rob Walker and Ashley Spoul (DMH's new director for Office of Recovery) to discuss areas of improvement for DMH programming
- Continuing to be transparent with where the subcommittee is in start-up stage
- Creating a survey on what folks would like to see in this peer support subcommittee

Action Step: This will be ongoing conversation. Please feel free to share with folks.

The subcommittee will brainstorm potential standing times for future meetings and discuss the possibility of extending the meeting time beyond 1 hour during May's meeting. The meeting was adjourned.