

# Office of Recovery Partnerships and Peer Support

## Webinar

December 10, 2019

# Agenda

- 2020 Town Halls
- 2020 Peer Leadership Summit
- 2020 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Peer Leadership Summit
- United Peers
- WRA
- Peer respite updates
- Enhanced Peer Support curriculum-Maureen Bailey
- DOH licensing-Maureen Bailey
- Legislative discussion

# Town Halls



- The OCP intends to continue holding Town Halls in 2020 in many regions of the state. Save the Dates for:
    - Bremerton, February 19
    - Port Angeles February 20
    - Vancouver, March 3
    - Longview, March 4
    - Tacoma, March 31
    - Seattle, April 1
    - Spokane, May 11
    - Omak, May 12
    - Bellingham, June 10
    - Kennewick, June 16
- (Dates and locations still subject to change)

# Town Hall Format



- Pizza and popcorn!
- View video, “That’s Just Crazy Talk”, and hold discussion about stigma
- “Open mic” for comments and questions about services
- We may also dedicate part of a Town Hall(s) to finding out how successful MAT services are.

# United Peers of Washington

- UP has been active in community events, including the Washington Legislative Forum and an Operationalizing Peer Support training
- UP is actively working on standing up a website to go live in 2020
- More planning around leadership trainings will be done when the HCA contract is finished.
- For more information email: [beverly-miller@comcast.net](mailto:beverly-miller@comcast.net) or check out their Facebook page.

# WRA Elevate Recovery

## What is Elevate Recovery?

Elevate Recovery is a signature training that can teach you:

- How to tell your recovery story to effect change
- The legislative process
- Persuasion skills with policymakers
- Working with the media
- How to be an active part of the recovery movement.

# Washington Recovery Alliance Updates

## **Elevate Recovery trainings in January:**

- Sunday, January 4 King County
- Sunday, January 4, Wenatchee
- Sunday, January 5, Lacey
- Saturday, January 11, Kennewick
- Sunday, January 12, Vancouver

Watch GovDelivery for the flyers!

# Enhanced Peer Services Program Update

- We are actively working in partnership with the Office of Forensic Mental Health Services to create a specialized training about the criminal court system.
  - Certified Peer Counselors will be able to take this continuing education course after May 1, 2020.
  - This continuing education course will be required for CPC's who will be working on the following Trueblood Settlement teams.
    - Forensic HARPS, Forensic PATH, and Outpatient Competency Restoration Teams



# Curriculum Review Workgroup

- We are creating an Enhanced Peer Services Curriculum Review Workgroup that will provide feedback as we move forward with the creation of the training curriculum.
  - Applications were sent via govdelivery.com on December 4 and applications are due by end of day on December 11.
  - All applicants will be notified by December 13.

For more information, contact [Maureen.bailey@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Maureen.bailey@hca.wa.gov)

# Peer Respite Implementation



- A peer respite stakeholder call was held October 10. Melodie Pazolt provided updates and Jennifer Bliss began facilitating discussion about Program Guidelines.
- We now have available technical assistance from PeopleUSA and Steve Micchio for calls and meetings and for organizations interested in standing up respites.

# Peer Support Program Updates



# Legislature and Health Care Authority Initiatives 2019



# 2020 Legislative Session

- Some bills are being pre-filed and you can see these at [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov) under Bill Information.
- Bills will continue to be filed in December and January
- You can mark bills you are interested in and get updates about new versions and hearings.

# HB 1907 Section 44 and 45

**Section 44 of HB 1907 - A licensee may not automatically disqualify an applicant from employment as an agency affiliated counselor practicing as a peer counselor in an agency or facility if the applicant has a conviction history of:**

- Simple Assault
- Assault in the fourth degree
- Prostitution
- Theft in the second or third degree
- Forgery
- Or the same offenses as they may be renamed, or substantially equivalent offenses committed in other states or jurisdictions.

- At least 1 year has passed between the most recent conviction and date of application for employment.
- The offense was committed as a result of the person's substance use or untreated mental health symptoms.
- The applicant is at least one year in recovery from a substance use disorder, whether through abstinence or stability on medication-assisted therapy, or in recovery from mental health challenges.

# Peer Advocacy Discussions

- One way to discuss legislation with other peers and learn more about advocacy efforts is to join the Peer Legislative Advocates—Washington State group and Facebook page (not state sponsored)
  - You can like the Facebook page or email [peerlegislativecall@gmail.com](mailto:peerlegislativecall@gmail.com) to find out about periodic conference calls.
  - Calls continue between session with many guest speakers
  - The next call is Tuesday, December 12, 4-5 p.m. Guest speaker is Senator Claire Wilson.

# Thank you for joining the webinar today

## **DBHR Office of Recovery Partnerships:**

Jennifer Bliss, Senior Manager, Wanda Johns, Maureen Bailey, and other dedicated members of the ORP team