

OMHSAS ADULT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CSP REGIONAL REPORT SUMMARY

REGION: Northeast

Date of Meetings: March 17, 2009 & April 21, 2009

Submitted by: Cindi Mazza

Report Summary:

- The Annual CSP Retreat will be held on May 19, 2009 at the Inne of the Abingtons in Dalton. The theme of the retreat is “Personal Journey”. Carl Mosier and D.J. Rees will start the retreat with a “Recovery Conversation”. Saya Krebs, training supervisor from Community Care Behavioral Health, will provide training on the “Personal Medicine” Toolkit.
- Thirty-five scholarships were awarded to the PMHCA Conference. Scholarship recipients will be required to submit a 50-word essay on what they learned at the conference.
- At the March meeting Doris Jean Metzger from the Main Link provided a PowerPoint presentation on the county plan.
- At the April meeting Joe Cruice provided information on the Compeer Program.

Schuylkill County- Will be collecting coupons and sending them to personnel at overseas military bases. The group will volunteer at St. Pat’s Soup Kitchen in May.

Susquehanna County- There will be a presentation on the Recovery Oriented Systems Indicators (ROSI). The group will also be going to the circus.

Wyoming County- Conducted training on Cultural Competency. Planned fundraisers for Tunkhannock’s April 25th Earth Day Celebration: green eco-friendly jewelry, recycled paper stationary, and “Recovery Seeds” Sunflower Seed Packets. Developing a CD on Community Support Programs. Four members plan on attending the DASH Advocacy Training. Erin Fiske, NBHCC Quality Management Director, will attend the next CSP meeting and speak about NBHCC and provide resources.

Issues/Concerns:

No new issues or concerns were identified.

Region: Central

Submitted by: Tom Newman

We still had \$2160.00 in the Seed Grant Line item from our budget so we offered seed grants again. We received 8 seed grants and we granted 4 of them. Somerset County received \$165 for T-Shirts for the puppeteers of their traveling puppet show. Lycoming-Clinton Counties received \$370.00 for key chains with their CSP logo on them. CMSU Counties received \$500 for a drama club made up of local CSP members and students of the local schools. The plays will be written and performed by the CSP Members and the students to fight stigma. Keystone Community Social Services received \$385 to help print their book on recovery called "In Our Own Words".

We were able to give out 19 scholarships for the PMHCA 2009 Conference. They were. **Somerset County;** Andrea Nair, Andrea Shaulis, **Mifflin County;** Sara Sollenberger, Marilyn Reynard, **York County** Sheryl Dahlheimer, Donna Zmisewski, **Bedford County;** Frank Palminteri **Northumberland County;** Austin George, **Centre County;** Vickie Holder, Pam Killinger, Diane Lichtman, **Huntington County;** Mary Shingler, **Dauphin County** John Hartley, Kim Morrison, **Cumberland County;** Karen Sunday Leah Clouser, **Lancaster County;** Patricia Hollinger, April Mooney, Christine Bryan

We are also getting ready for our annual working retreat. This year it will be held at Danville State Hospital in the Montour room. The date of the retreat is June 6, 2009 at 10am to 3pm.

Region: Southeast

Submitted by: Fred McLaren

1. **Transportation / Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) :** Transportation & the MATP are key issues for many consumers. Charlie Hill from DPW (who coordinates the MATP for the region) and representatives from Transnet / Montgomery County and Logisticare / Philadelphia gave an excellent overview of MATP. Many questions were answered and several concerns were also addressed. We had an excellent open dialogue between consumers, providers, and the MATP representatives. A full hour (half the mtg.) of the April mtg. was devoted to this very important issue.
2. **Annual Regional CSP Retreat:** The Retreat Committee is doing an excellent job finalizing all the details for this year's retreat. The retreat will be on Friday, June 19 in Bldg. 33 at Norristown State Hospital (9 am – 3 pm). The theme of the retreat is "Trauma Awareness & Trauma Informed Care".

3. **The Scholarship Committee** has awarded several partial scholarships to consumers in the 5 county SE region to attend state-wide conferences – particularly the PMHCA conference this June in Harrisburg.
4. **A transportation** survey from the Human Services Transportation Committee was distributed to the committee during the April regional meeting.
5. **An exciting trip is being planned to the OMHSAS Advisory Board Meetings in Harrisburg on May 14.** Available money from the Training & Education Committee portion of our budget will be used to finance the day trip. We will leave early the morning of the 14th, and return later that evening. It should be an excellent educational opportunity for all those that attend.
6. **Our March Regional CSP meeting** fell victim to the infamous Philadelphia winter storms – it was snowed-out.
7. **Our next Regional CSP meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4th at 4:00 PM.**
8. **We will probably not have our normal Regional CSP meeting on Monday, June 1st.** The Annual Regional CSP Retreat on Friday, June 19 will be in lieu of that.