

OMHSAS Adult Advisory Committee CSP Regional Report Summary

Region: Northeast

Meeting Dates: September 15 & October 20

Submitted by: Lynn Houseknecht

Report Summary:

- Seed grant applications have been sent out and are due November 23.
- Katrina Mrakovich and Erin Fiske have been elected as co-chairs.

Berks County

- Revising CSP Indicator survey which includes ROSI questions and educating & promoting recovery language in mission statements.
- A new Community Resource Guide was completed.
- Working on developing a possible furniture bank in cooperation with Salvation Army.
- Planning a 2010 local CSP conference.
- Administering CSP indicator survey in the spring.

Issues/concerns- Local public housing list have been closed which limits affordable housing options.

Schuylkill County

- The group will be purchasing, preparing and serving food at the soup kitchen on October 22 for the "Make a Difference Day" Project.
- The group continues to clip coupons and send them to overseas military bases.

Wyoming County

- Developed a website for Hands on Recovery Program: www.handsonrecovery.com and will be selling hand made jewelry and crafts and other items online.
- Participated in Marywood College's Nothing to Hide Program.
- Attended Luzerne-Wyoming Counties ROSI Indicator Meetings.
- Held a "Walk for Recovery" on September 12th.
- Entered a competition through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- Will be having a showing of "Minds on the Edge" at the Tunkhannock Public Library Community Room. Date and time to be announced.

Issues/Concerns:

- Meeting attendance has been decreasing over the last several months possibly due to budgetary issues. To address this issue, the group has decided to have a teleconference with local co-chairs to discuss expectations and responsibilities, develop a survey to ascertain what people want to get out of CSP and possibly conduct some focus groups.
- It had previously been reported at the September meeting that in Lackawanna County, if the police repeatedly visit one location too frequently, the landlord will receive a letter and the tenants may be evicted. A group of local Human Service Providers met with Bruce Miller, the person responsible for sending the letters to tenants. As a result of the meeting, providers can call Mr. Miller explain circumstances and try to find solutions in order to avoid eviction for tenants.

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Region: Southeast

Submitted by: Fred McLaren, M.S., C.P.S. Southeast Regional CSP Technical Assistant

Report Summary:

- **Seed Grants:** We decided to have an early deadline (Sept. 30) and a second later deadline (Dec. 31). We have a subcommittee to review & approve the seed grant applications. For the Sept. 30 deadline, 8 of 15 applications were approved.
 - **Topics & Speakers for Upcoming Regional Meetings:** We have a subcommittee to recommend, invite & coordinate upcoming speakers. Pat Madigan from the PMHCA will speak at our December meeting. In January we have a state legislator lined up to speak on MH legislative & public policy issues, including the annual MH budget.
 - **New Public Policy Subcommittee:** This subcommittee deals with two key items: legislative MH issues, including the annual MH budget AND also the ROSI's (recovery oriented system indicators) / annual county MH plan.
 - **Annual Elections For New Regional Co-chairs:** Bill Holt (re-elected from Philadelphia county), Mary Fala (Delaware county), & Rebecca Rohrbach (Montgomery county)
 - **Annual Holiday Party:** We have an ad hoc subcommittee to organize this for our Dec. 7th Regional meeting.
 - **Next Regional CSP Meeting:** Monday, December 7, 2009 (1st Monday of each month) from 4 – 6 PM in Bldg. 6 (1st floor) of Norristown State Hospital. Monthly subcommittees meeting before the Regional meeting, starting at 3 PM.
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Region: Central

Submitted by: Tom Newman TA for the CRCSP

Report Summary:

- In the Central Region CSP we have changed our meeting format. We will be doing 6 business meetings a year and 5 educational meetings a year. The 12th meeting will be our annual retreat. We decided to do an educational meeting every other month so we can bring in speakers, or the counties could do a spotlight of one of the projects that their CSP is doing. We feel this is a better fit for us rather than all business meetings for the whole year. Now we will conduct some business during the educational meetings but we will only devote 60 minutes to do so.
- We are at the end of our seed grant process the dead line to submit was October 30th and we will do the final granting of the seed grants at our November 7th CRCSP meeting.
- Over the last two month our attendance has been down due the budget impasse some programs needed to use their monies to keep afloat. So travel was cut to and some counties travel quite a distance to get to the CRCSP meetings. Now with the passing of the budget we hope to see our attendance come back up.
- The November CRCSP meeting is an educational meeting and Pat Madigan from PMHCA is doing a presentation on ROSI Administrative Indicator Process: A Partnership of Voices and a Local Call to Action for Quality Improvement.

No report received from WRCSP