

Connecticut Transformation State Incentive Grant

Workforce Transformation Workgroup

February 15, 2006, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Convener: Michael Hoge

1. Welcome & Roll Call

This meeting of the Workforce Transformation Workgroup was conducted via a phone conference. New members were welcomed and the proposed agenda was reviewed.

2. Discussion of Draft Work Plan

Convener reported on discussions with the T-SIG managers, which led to expansion of the WTW definition of workforce to include “other health and human service providers and caregivers.” This expansion was necessary to ensure that the work remains transformational in scope, focused as broadly as possible on all individuals/sectors of the state that are involved in caring for persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

Planning regarding these other health and human service providers will occur in part through collaboration with other workgroups that are addressing stigma (Group 1), consumer and family driven services (Group 2), and prevention, screening, assessment, and referral (Group 4).

3. Persons in Recovery & Family Issues

The following resulted from a discussion about consumer-related issues subsequent to the last meeting with four outcomes:

- a. DMHAS has been requested to consider stipends for persons in recovery participating in the T-SIG process.
- b. An individual in recovery is being considered as a paid consultant on the team staffing the WTW.
- c. As discussed at the last meeting, the WTW will expand membership of persons in recovery and family members, including parents, on this workgroup. Members were asked to forward nominations of such individuals to participate.
- d. The WTW will address the issue of leadership development among persons in recovery and families in the planning process.

4. Discussion of Focus Group Methods

A review was conducted of the focus group documents and methods. Recommendations were made regarding changes to document language to make it more relevant to children, youth, and families. Another recommended addition will address what happens with the information collected and who can be contacted if there are further questions or input on non-workforce-related topics. Practical issues were also discussed, such as optimal group size, the benefits of mixing different types of stakeholders in a single group, and how to structure group sessions.

5. Next Steps

Next Meeting: Monday, Feb 27, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Room 212, Page Hall, CVH.

Members asked to organize focus groups and to forward name and date of group to workgroup Convener by Friday, February 24th.