



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Monthly Peer Support Meeting Minutes April 29, 2009

Attendees: Shawn Gehring, Dave King, Debbie Licata, Terry Meldorf, Brenda Merrill, Lyn Pattison, Pat Roe, Sabrina Tse, and Faith Vaillancourt

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
SAFE-WA	<p>Pat Roe gave an overview of SAFE-WA. SAFE-WA (Statewide Action for Family Empowerment) is network of family organizations focused on supporting parents and caregivers raising children with complex mental health needs, and youth organizations supporting youth</p> <p>SAFE WA assists member organizations in sustaining, strengthening and expanding their local networks. SAFE WA fosters partnerships with child-serving systems to increase the united voice of parents, caregivers and youth in all child-serving systems.</p> <p>SAFE WA provides various types of training: Evidence Based Practices, Youth Partnership, Parents Empowering Parents, Wraparound and The Mental Health System for parents of children with complex needs, etc.</p> <p>For more information about SAFE-WA please contact Dawn Grosz at (360) 904-9311.</p>
Mental Health Month Activities	<p>The following activities will be taking place throughout the month of May to celebrate Mental Health Month:</p> <p>Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day: May 7, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Information on children’s mental health issues will be available in the Clark County Public Service Center Lobby. For more information contact Pat Roe at 397-2130.</p> <p>Mental Health Quiz Show: May 8, 12:00 – 1:00 pm Co-hosted by the Clark County Regional Support Network and Lifeline Connections. A game show-like competition that will test the knowledge of teams regarding mental health and recovery. For more information contact Melanie Green at 397-2130.</p> <p>2009 Visions of Recovery Poster Contest: May 11, 2:00 – 5:00 pm Public viewing and voting of entries to the 2009 Visions of Recovery Poster contest. For more information contact Pat</p>

	<p>Roe at 397-2130.</p> <p>2009 Visions of Recovery Celebration: May 15, 12:00 – 6:00 pm Featuring actress/performer Victoria Maxwell and her one-woman show <i>Crazy for Life</i> as well as other activities. For more information contact Melanie Green at 397-2130.</p> <p>NAMI Northwest Walk: May 17, 1:00 pm Annual fundraiser for local NAMI affiliates. For more information contact NAMI Clark County at 695-2823.</p> <p>Stigma...In Our Work, In Our Lives: May 28, 12:00 – 1:00 pm Co-hosted by the Clark County Regional Support Network and Clark County Mental Health Ombuds Viewing of a video produced by the Anti Stigma Project with an interactive discussion to follow. For more information contact Melanie Green at 397-2130.</p> <p>Columbia River Mental Health Annual Gala Fundraiser: May 30 Annual fundraiser featuring dinner, Irish music, entertainment, a raffle, and silent and live auctions. For more information contact Pat Stryker at (360) 993-3000.</p>
<p>Scholarships</p>	<p>Attendees were reminded of the availability of scholarships for consumers, family members, and advocates to attend conferences and trainings. The scholarships provide a valuable opportunity for individuals to attend trainings and conferences where they can gain information to aid in their recovery or in their efforts in the community. This resource is often underutilized, so please spread the word and think about folks you may be working with who could benefit.</p> <p>Scholarships are intended for individuals, advocates and family members who need financial support to attend events and are not using the funds to supplement or support training for their current employment. For those who are employed, we recommend checking with your employer for training funds.</p> <p>Full details about these scholarships can be found at www.cvabonline.com</p>
<p>Support Group for Peers</p>	<p>A new group has formed in partnership with CVAB to serve as a Forum of Support for Peers. The next meeting is Friday May 15 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm and is open to all Certified Peers. For more information please contact CVAB at (360) 397-8050.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events/Resource Information</p>	<p>A list of upcoming conferences and trainings was handed out. A selection of resources was available for people to take with them</p>
<p>Role Successes & Challenges</p>	<p>Attendees had the opportunity to discuss any successes or challenges they are having with their roles.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday May 27, 2009 from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Clark County Center for Community Health in conference room C210-C.</p>