



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Monthly Peer Support Meeting Minutes June 24, 2009

Attendees: Lyn Gordon, Michelle Karnath, Dave King, Melanie Maiorino, Brenda Merrill, Lyn Pattison, Pat Roe, and Faith Vaillancourt

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Upcoming Events/Resource Information	<p><u>Employment PIP Job Seeker Conference</u> As part of the Employment Performance Improvement Project, the second Job Seeker Conference to be held this year will occur on June 26. This event is intended to spread the message that people with mental health challenges can work and that work is an integral part of recovery. In addition, it will provide education about the many resources available to help people get back to work as well as how to minimize the effects of employment on benefits such as Social Security. There will be breakout sessions on Work Incentives, DVR, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Clark College, Apprenticeship Programs, Offender Employment Services, and the Val Ogden Center. There will also be resource tables about a variety of employment related resources.</p> <p>In addition, a list of upcoming conferences, trainings, and other events related to social services was shared. There was also a large assortment of resource information available for folks to take with them.</p>
Job Opportunities	Information was shared about peer support job openings at Columbia River Mental Health and Community Services Northwest.
Announcements	The next deadline for Hall of Fame nominations is June 26, 2009. The Hall of Fame can be viewed at www.clark.wa.networkofcare.org/mh . Just click on "Mental Health Hall of Fame." You can also download nomination forms by following this link.
Mental Health Quiz Show	Attendees had some fun and learned some facts about mental health and recovery by playing a game of Mental Health Quiz Show. The game was a repeat of one of the activities that was used to promote Mental Health Month in May.
Role Successes & Challenges	Attendees had the opportunity to discuss any successes or challenges they are having with their roles.
Next Meeting	Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday July 29, 2009 from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Clark County Center for Community Health in conference room C210-C.