

MEETING MINUTES

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council: Treatment and Recovery Support Subcommittee

Meeting Date: August 25, 2016

Present: Charles Atkins, Allison Kernan, Craig Allen, Erika Sharillo and Dr. Kevin Sevarino

On the Phone: Julienne Giard, Karen Zaorski, Marsha Murray, Kathleen Maurer and Demian Fontanella

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Dr. Kevin Sevarino presentation on PCSS-MAT and PCSS-O</p>	<p>Presentation included a slide show on PCSS-MAT and PCSS-O</p> <p>Beginning with the PCSS-MAT training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completely free training • The goal is to meet with primary care providers • Suggestion: DPH may be interested in this training • Question: How will this training be advertised? • Suggestion: Advertise this training to LMHA's, CT Psy. Society, Bridgeport Hospital, DMHAS, DPH could do an ad to all licensed M.D. • Question: How can those interested in becoming a trainer get trained? • Answer: Training is provided by PCSS-MAT trainers • PCSS-MAT training is currently looking to become more creative with the mentoring program. • PCSS-O • Issue: scope of pain is difficult/ the element of psychiatry and physiology • PCSS-O currently is not strong in the area of getting Nurses & Pharmacy • Currently, trying to get the message out that this is an option across the state <p><i>-Presentation ends – Meeting Discussion begins-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blending training to include information about the behavioral health system • Building better relationships between physicians and community providers <p>• Discussion Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We usually don't see them (physicians and community providers) at the same settings – improving the substance use network • Targeting primary care physicians may not be the place to go regarding buprenorphine • Existing clinics should be able to do it, learning more about addictions, treating addiction in the same frame of other mental issues. • Where should the information go so the training can be brought to the masses • Reaching out to DPH , to encourage providers participation 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issue: if we come create a guide for example a policy, what happens when the policy changes, how do we address possible changes• Suggestion: Web-based resources to keep everyone updated, so people are not working without dated information.• Access to MAT in state agency contracts maybe the best way• Question: who on this committee is has policy management experience?• This could be a possible area we could develop more with insight from the person with the policy management experience.• Allies in Recovery a website based on the CRAFT• The state of Massachusetts subscribed to the Allies in Recovery services, families and those in recovery in their state• Maybe the state of Connecticut would like to use this• TurningPointCT.org maybe the same/similar• Rushford could have the Allies in Recovery website, Representative provide a training through the Women’s Consortium. With the idea of introducing parents to something to help with the treatment/recovery process. Build this around families, love ones, supporters and help them navigate the system.	
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