

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: Julianne Giard, Karen Zaorski, Marsha Murray, Kathleen Maurer and Demian Fontanella

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Dr. Kevin Sevarino presentation on PCSS-MAT and PCSS-O	<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 • Discussion Comments: • 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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