Meeting Minutes

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council: Recovery and Health Management Sub-Committee February 10, 2022 (by Microsoft Teams)

In attendance: Justin Mehl, Zachary Green, TJ Aitken, Kris Robles, Yashira Pepin, Jennifer Chadukiewicz,

Sou Thammavong, TJ Aitken, Cheri Bragg, Jody Davis, Lyne Stokes, Ana Gopoian, Jillian Griffin, Jason Bannon, Kathleen Marchione, Yashir Pepin

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken
Check in &	Members checked in.	N/A
Introductions		
Review of minutes	Meetings were accepted.	Minutes approved.
from previous		
meeting		
Old Business	Get an update from Bill Halsey regarding 1115.	
New Business:	 Updates on Recovery Subcommittee Co-Chairs Justin Mehl explained that CCAR has a seat on the Full Council Paul Valentine will assign someone else to that Full Council Seat. He presented that this will be a good time to readjust. We discussed the Co-Chair seat and focusing on young people for that chair. In addition, looking at Chair seat which Jennifer Chadukiewicz sat in. Jennifer spoke about the responsibility of the chair position and the time commitment that it entails. Spoke about the policy and the importance of being able to represent the state of CT in Recovery. Zach brought up a thought about the recovery friendly family and that it would be good to have someone that represents this community. Anna asked about a question about having several members of one community on the committee. Kris and Justin did discuss submitting items by 2/18 so State staffers can present to their commissioners. Updates on next ADPC Full Council Meeting Governor will be joining as an invited case 	

Recovery Friendly Campus recap and Next steps.

Thoughts on next steps for Recovery Friendly Campus-Sandy shared the event of registration building Recovery Friendly Campuses event. Mentioned that Haner Hernandez will be speaking.
 Sandy will send the registration to Jennifer to present to the full council.
 18 nurses went through allied training and the medical director has attended and has been helping with knocking down barriers.

Recovery Friendly Families- thoughts on next steps-

Reactions to presentation from subcommittee
 Justin provided background information of the outcome of the meeting. He
 stated it was a robust conversation and passionate. Shared the word FAMILY
 brings up a lot of emotions and definition for many different people. Question
 on using the same format as Recovery friendly campus. Just stated we would
 want a main goal. It was shared different roles of family member and what
 messaging could be established.

Sandy shared not moving forward with the branding of recovery friendly family but using language Recovery friendly Ally.

Zachary shared his thoughts connected to recovery friendly ally.

Justin mentioned building in this to the subcommittee and starting with a goal and having the initiative move forward from there.

Cheri Bragg mentioned language being Recovery friendly support, as well noted designations are to entities (campus, workforce, etc) vs people so to stay in line with that using a word like "support" could work. Thought maybe pulling up the recovery friendly campus language and potentially building from this initiative. Sandy mentioned it would be valuable to understand where the national movement is around this. There is power in being able to see our connections nationwide.

Cheri asked if we could add the minutes to the next subcommittee meeting. Justin mention there was no notes taken as it was just a brainstorming session. Justin mentioned keeping this as a standard agenda item to help us delineate a goal which will help us find a track.

TJ mentioned that we are on the right line on how to better support family of people who love people who are in recovery.

Recovery/support certification Town hall meeting	Cheri provided some updates on the town hall meeting and that there was a lot of individuals that attended. Also designated to go to the DMHAS website and to register if they are interested in a role Early March group will know more.	
Updates	All in attendance are welcome to offer updates from their professional setting and area of focus as time permits	
Future meeting discussion:		
Next steps	 Get an update from Bill Halsey regarding 1115. Jen recommending setting up a separate meeting to initiate Recovery Friendly Family 	
Other Updates	Justin to provide a reach out to Kathy Ana Gopian – shared about several events going on for her organization- see link- https://tricircleinc.com/events/ Substance abuse & support events TJ- will bring information back from Grasso Tech regarding relay for recovery. Mentioned another overdose in another high school and he is looking to do more advocacy work in these schools. TJ will reach out to the group to see if there interested in presenting to the subcommittee. Jennifer spoke about New Britain add about I can you can Narcan campaign. Sandy shared that a student was able to develop a AA meeting on UCONN campus. Sou- Amplify hosting monthly QPR & Narcan trainings, we're also offering more Narcan training to those interested.	

Next sub-committee meeting: 3/10/22 @ 9am

Next Full Council meeting: 2/15/22 @10am

2022 Sub-Committee Meeting dates:

2/10/22	6/9/22	10/13/22
3/10/22	7/14/22	11/10/22
4/14/22	8/11/22	12/8/22
5/12/22	9/8/22	