

PEER CERTIFICATION ROAD MAP MEETING

JULY 1, 2014
10:00 AM-NOON

EDUCATION TRAINING CENTER
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AGENDA

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| 10:00 a.m. | Welcome and Introductions
Review of Prior Meeting
Goals for Today's Meeting | |
| 10:25 a.m. | 1 st stop on the trip: State Law | Attachment A |
| 10:50 a.m. | 2 nd stop on the trip: Program
Oversight Body | Attachment B |
| 11:15 a.m. | 3 rd stop on the trip: Funding | Attachment C |
| 11:40 a.m. | Wrap-Up and Next Steps | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Adjourn | |

ATTACHMENT A

STATE LAW

OPTIONS:

1. Develop state law language one time and include all elements of the peer certification process in it. This would be achieved through continued volunteer efforts.
 - Fund source
 - Funding amount both administrative and local assistance
 - Identify administrative entity
 - Need for state plan amendment
 - Public policy regarding use of certified peers
 - other?

2. Develop state law language twice;

First, draft state law language to obtain funding to use during development of all other elements of peer certification process including all of the above plus curriculum and certification development.

Second, draft state law language to establish certification in the law and obtain ongoing funding for it.

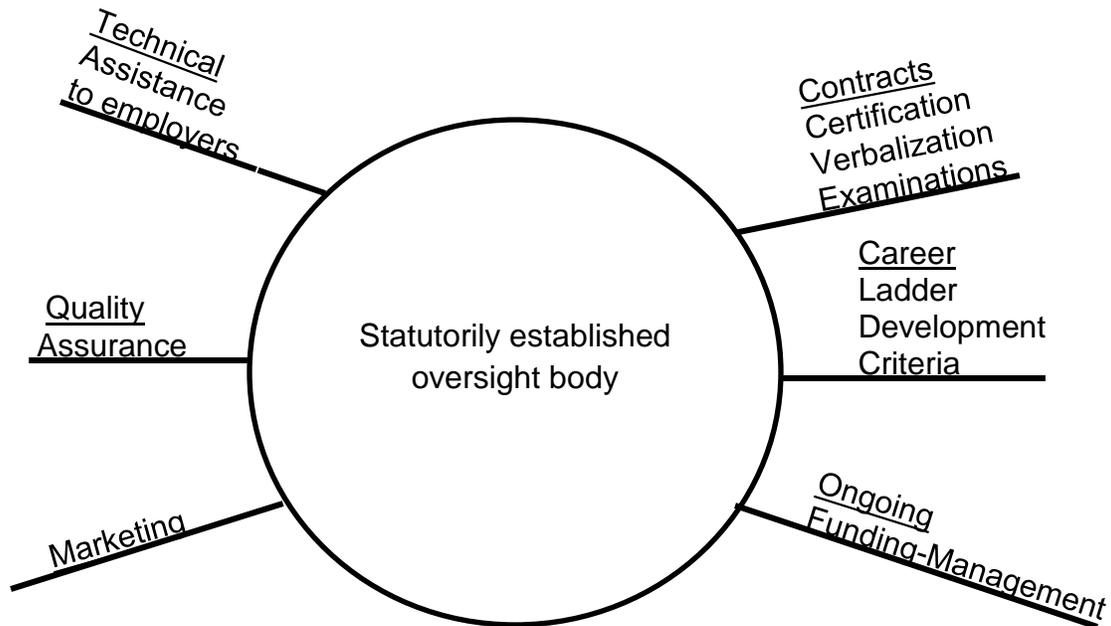
3. Do nothing; continue with work through same volunteer efforts that have gotten the certification process to where it is now.
4. Any other options?

ATTACHMENT B

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT BODY

- What should this body look like?
- Should this body be a governmental entity?
- Should this body meet the requirements of peer run, peer employed¹?
- Should this body issue contracts at local levels for accreditation, including continuing education units (CEU's)?
- Should contracts be awarded to entities who employ peers in a significant way or who will play a major role in the contract?
- Should this body issue contracts for examination processes?
- Should this body be responsible for or issue contracts for marketing and technical assistance to employers?
- Should this body be responsible for initial establishment of the certification process or should it issue budget change proposals (BCP's) and additional contracts?

Example of Program Oversight Body



¹ The essential element of consumer-operated services programs is that they are run by the people who use them-"by us for us." The governance boards of consumer-operated services must be no less than 51 percent identified mental health consumers. The operation of consumer-operated service cannot be assumed or directed by any outside group or organization. (From the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Consume-Operated Services text).

ATTACHMENT C

FUNDING

Possible Funding Sources

- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds (out of 5% Admin funds)
- MHSA Workforce Education and Training (WET) statewide funds (note: funding allotment available only through fy 2018-19)
- Self-funded through collection of fees, dues, employer contributions
- County contributions from local MHSA WET funds
- Grants
- Other?

Amount of Funding Needed

- **Identify all possible costs:**
 - i. Administration of contracts by Program Oversight Entity
 - ii. Contracts for accreditation of training sites
 - iii. Contracts for certification sites
 - iv. Contracts for marketing and technical assistance
 - v. Subsidies for student training and certification fees
 - vi. (Depending on State Law option decided) development of statutory language, curriculum and certification, requests for proposals, career ladders, any state plan amendments, etc.)
 - vii. Other?

- **Identify amounts for each of the identified costs**
 - i. Identify which are one-time, limited term and/or ongoing

PEER CERTIFICATION PROCESS BACKGROUND

Over the last ten years, a group of committed individuals began to gather information and support for the peer specialist certification process. They felt that if the training and development of peer certification was consistent in the state that there would be more credibility to the practice, respect for the value of the unique service and augmented sources for reimbursement. They felt a certifying process should be codified in some way that ensured its excellence.

This group researched other state processes and other state laws, looked at the Federal waivers, the current and past state plan amendments, and collected curriculums, career ladders and operational structures. They began to line out how this should be developed in California and, in part, because of a presentation by one of their members to the Advocacy Committee of the California Mental Health Planning Council, (CMHPC), Jane Adcock, Executive Officer of the CMHPC, was directed to map out what it would take to implement the peer certification process in California.

A meeting was held (Summary attached) on May 2, 2014. This was called for the gathering of those individuals/groups who are working in the certification process for them to share the work they have completed, what gaps exist and to begin to identify the steps still needed to be completed. This meeting resulted in the decision that the next steps identified should be taken to a larger constituency so that:

- the peer certification process should be recognized in state law to give the certification process force and effect throughout California;
- a program oversight body should be identified to administer funds, issue local level contracts for training programs and administering the certification process, including the examination and curriculum development processes; and
- a secure funding source for contracts and administration could be identified.

July 1st meeting's goals are intended to facilitate and finalize the mapping process so that the peer certification movement can proceed into the governmental mechanisms needed to achieve recognition.