

## **ESN3**

The Employment Services Network was established as a resource to address the needs of those persons with mental illness wishing to make changes to their current education or employment status, and to better partner with Employers to provide support and education of services.

The ESN shall report outcomes to the CSN (Community Services Network) monthly.

### **Goal:**

To increase rates of employment for people with mental illness:

- ✓ More companies educated about employing people with mental illness
- ✓ Improved strategies for helping people with mental illness find and keep employment. Improve opportunities for continued education.

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting date: October 29, 2009; 1:00p-3:00p

Meeting location: Employment Specialists of Maine, Riverside Drive Augusta

### **Guest Presenter:**

Valerie Oswald, Rehabilitation Business Consultant, Maine Dept. of Labor

### **Present:**

Karena Aveau, Employment Specialist, Project with Industry, Allies, Inc.

Brian Charette, ACT Team Employment Specialist, Riverview Psychiatric Center

Jay Carey, ESM, Human Resources, Employment Services

Margie Bryant, ESM, Director of Employment Services

Mark Rosenberg, Peer Representative

Lisa Woods, Career Center, Consultant

Deborah Rousseau, Program Coordinator, Maine Medical Center Initiative

Marc Rodrigue, Disability Program Navigator, Career Center

Libby Stone-Sterling, Maine Department of Labor

Gwen Schottin, Guest Peer Representative

Deborah Thibodeau, Employment Specialist III, Maine Medical Center Initiative,  
Kennebec Behavioral Health (host agency)

### **Absent:**

David Dubay, CWIC, Benefits Specialist, Maine Medical Center

Debby Maguire, ACT Team Employment Specialist, HealthReach

Wanita Page, Consent Decree Coordinator, State of Me., Bureau of Adult MH Services

Jennifer Raymond, LSW, Program Director, Graham Behavioral Services, Inc.

Norman Elvin, Owner, G & E Roofing and the China Dine-ah

Lisa Milne, Peer Representative

Bill Weymouth, Case Manager, Graham Behavioral Services, Inc.

Carol Mitchell-Cusick, Vocational Rehabilitation, Casework Supervisor

Elaine Ecker, Executive Director, Consumer Council of Maine

**1:00p-3:00p**

**-Discussion; Valerie Oswald, Rehabilitation Business Consultant**

-Pilot Program-Employer Relations with Karen Fraser and David Kline

other: Larry Glantz, Louise Sidelinger, Joshua Howe

-Advisors to Pilot: Terry Smith, Paul Luce, Eric Dibner, John Dorer,

Chip Morrison-Andro. Council , Gerard Salvo-CEI

Targeted industries in Maine:

- a) Healthcare (broad)
- b) Information Technology
- c) Recreation/Tourism/Hospitality

**-other, Discussion:** Marc Rodrigue, DPN and Deborah Thibodeau met earlier in the day with John Christie and staff at the Career Center to bridge gap for client/s seeking services; Lisa Woods, Rehabilitation Counselor is appointed as point person for triage of needs of person entering Career Center.

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**Next meeting: November 19, 1:00-3:00p; Allies Inc., 150 Capital Street**

**Agenda:**

**-Discusssion;** Develop resource listing/s; a “How to” guide that might be used by both client/employer, as client seeks to gain employment or education on own.

Suggestions: Poster/map to Career Center, One Stop Shop

-What is the pathway?

-Who? does the handbook target

Review together handbook as developed by the Canadian Mental Health Association

*The goal of the ESN is to increase rates of employment for persons with mental illness. Task ahead; inventory the existing resource for Supported/Employment/Education (SEE) in each CSN. The core members of the ESN will invite and expand membership to those SEE providers whose population served represents at least 30% of individuals with mental illness. With this expansion, we can expect to make operational a way to serve the increased numbers of clients who indicate a strong or urgent desire to become employed or attend school.*

Respectfully submitted;

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