

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: December 16, 2009; 1:00p-3:00p

Meeting location: Marquardt Building, Riverview Psychiatric, Augusta, Maine

1:00p-2:30p

Guest Presenter/s:

Mel Clarrage, Disability Rights Center; Program Description, various grants:

- Protection and Advocacy Grant
- Assistive Technology
-Advocacy for Individual Rights
- Transition Work and Youth

Mary Beyer, ACT Team Program Service Director, RPC-kudos! Brian

Tom Poulson, ACT Team Peer Specialist-personal journey, “stay connected”

Present:

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

Carol Mitchell-Cusick, Vocational Rehabilitation, Casework Supervisor

Brian Charette, ACT Team Employment Specialist, Riverview Psychiatric Center

David Dubay, CWIC, Benefits Specialist, Maine Medical Center

Travis Dunbar, Employment Specialist III, Maine Medical Center, ESN5

Jay Carey, ESM, Human Resources, Employment Services

Debby Maguire, ACT Team Employment Specialist, HealthReach

Dan Cummings, ACT Team, HealthReach, Case Management

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

Libby Stone-Sterling, Maine Department of Labor, DPN Initiative

Lisa Woods, Career Center Consultant

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

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Absent:

Marc Rodrigue, Disability Program Navigator, Career Center

Gwen Schottin, Guest Peer Representative

Margie Bryant, ESM, Director of Employment Services

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

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

Lisa Milne, Peer Representative

Elaine Ecker, Executive Director, Consumer Council of Maine

2:30-3:00p

-Discussion:

-*WorkReady* Pilot Program, March 2010

-how to fund? Jim Baumer provides data, copies

-Develop a “How to, Path Way to Employment” guide, that might be used by persons with mental illnesses.

-Outline/Table of Contents hand-out

-target date for completion of Draft March 2010, consider sub-committee

Other:

-**Job leads-share contacts**, *Unisys, Hardy Girls, T-Mobile, ‘Maine’s Largest Law Firms’*

-**Kennebec/Somerset Transition Team Resource Guide**-copies, hand out

Next meeting: January 21, 2009, 1:00-3:00p; HealthReach, 9 Green St.

Agenda: t/b/a

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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