

ESN3

*“Why are we here? What are we trying to achieve?
Connecting people that were not connected before.”*

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.

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Meeting date: **Wednesday, December 16, 2009; 1:00pm-3:00pm**

Meeting location: **Marquardt Building, Riverview, Augusta**

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.

1:00p-3:00p

Presentation:

Mel Clarrage, Disability Rights Center, Advocate and PABSS

Tom Poulson, RPC-ACT Peer Specialist-MHRT/C

Mary Beyer, RPC-ACT Program Service Director

***Resource Guide/Pathway to Employment**

- develop ESN3 Regional Resource Guide: Topics/Table of Contents to be discussed
 - “Have you thought about work?”
 - How do I get started?
 - How do I prepare for my job?
 - Should I tell my employer I have a mental illness?
 - My job hunt
 - I got the job. How do I keep my job?
 - My career advancement

-Discussion; as time allows, WorkReady Program and Central Me. Growth Council

-Develop work group for development of program for the Augusta area; address issues of assessment for acceptance into program; funding of this 60/100 hour Certificate training.

-Other topics for discussion as time allows:

- Local labor market
- Continue to invite Employer/s to ESN meeting

Next meeting: January 21, 2010, HealthReach, 9 Green Street, Augusta