

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: **April 29, 2010; 1:30p-3:00p**

Meeting location: **Allies Inc. 150 Capital Street, Augusta**

Presentation:

Women, Work & Community

Jean Dempster, Regional Manager

Program discussion: reference, www.womenworkandcommunity.org

- Make the Most of your Money, Workshops**
- Career Exploration, Five Sessions, April 29-May 27**
- Family Development Accounts, Coalition matching dollar**
- Introduction to Starting a Business**

Other Discussion:

-NAMI Walk, May 8 in Portland (with Glenn Close)

-Consumer Council to recruit two Outreach Coordinators

-*WorkReady* Program, offered May 3 in Lewiston, WorkReady information sheet. Contact Jim Baumer for more information. There is currently a waitlist.

-Outline/Table of Contents “Draft” provided to MMC-Chapter 3

-“Calling All Crafters”, area Craft Fair scheduled for May 1, 2010, client driven, 25 crafters have committed to this event; waitlist is created

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Present:

Wanita Page, Consent Decree Coordinator, State of Me., Bureau of Adult MH Services
Debby Maguire, ACT Team Employment Specialist, HealthReach
Karena Aveau, Employment Specialist, Project with Industry, Allies, Inc.
Jennifer Raymond, LSW, Program Director, Graham Behavioral Services, Inc.
Marc Rodrigue, Disability Program Navigator, Career Center
Linda Pellegrini, Director, Community Support, Kennebec Behavioral Health
Lisa Woods, Career Center Consultant
Deborah Thibodeau, Employment Specialist III, Maine Medical Center Initiative,
Kennebec Behavioral Health (host agency)

Absent:

Carol Mitchell-Cusick, Vocational Rehabilitation, Casework Supervisor
David Dubay, CWIC, Benefits Specialist, Maine Medical Center
Gwen Schottin, Peer Representative
Jay Carey, ESM, Human Resources, Employment Services
Brian Charette, ACT Team Employment Specialist, Riverview Psychiatric Center
Norman Elvin, Owner, G & E Roofing and the China Dine-ah
Lisa Milne, Peer Representative
Elaine Eecker, Executive Director, Consumer Council of Maine

***Next meeting:
May 20, 2010, 1:30-3:30p
ESM, Riverside Drive, Augusta, Maine
Women Unlimited, Trisha Mosher***

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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