

**Recovery RI, Our Journey  
Partner Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, August 19, 2019 from 9 am - 10:30 am

**Location:** Hospital Association of Rhode Island (405 Promenade St, Ste C, Providence, RI 02908)

**Attending/Called-In:** Michael Beauregard (RI Action Coalition), Jenna Husted (RIAC), Ian Knowles (RICARES), Leigh Hubbard (Miriam Hospital/ RIAC), Jean Marie Rocha (HARI), Lynn Blanchette (RI College School of Nursing), Rachel Cruz (RICSNTA), James Rajotte (RIDOH/RIAC), Corinna Roy (BHDDH), Suzanne Carr (CCRI/RIAC), Louise Sullivan (Salve Regina University), Meghan McCormick (RI DOH), Jaime Bernard (BHDDH), Ana Bess Moyer Bell (COAAST)

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Review of July 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

- a. Will provide document of all links.
- b. Will send list of project participants.

**3. Discussion of Priority Project Deliverables**

- a. Review of revised [project summary](#)
  - i. In RI healthcare settings (RI specifically, but it is also a national issue), there is a demand to share recovery information with healthcare providers, and to champion this work in nursing. There are a lot of cultural and social changes that need to be made.
  - ii. Need to showcase recovery success stories and explaining what “recovery” means.
  - iii. Direct community engagement projects and research needed. This project hopes to advance that work.
- b. Review [budget](#)
  - i. Current focus group budget does not include incentives for participants.
    - 1. Suggestion to offer \$25 gift card for participants.
    - 2. Usually 8-10 people per focus group.
- c. Funding opportunities?
  - i. Awaiting responses from many grant applications.
  - ii. In discussion with RI DOH, OHHS, and BHDDH about alignment with their work and possible funding opportunities.
- d. Partnerships or projects in alignment?
  - i. Parent Support Network and RICARES peer recovery specialist certification.
    - 1. 48 hour free training for those pursuing certification.

2. Must be a person who has been affected by addiction.
3. Basis of the peer work is the lived experience.
- ii. RIC is working with Building Futures through DLT grant.
- iii. HSTP funds are moving from EOHHS to DLT, so it will be more focused on the workforce education and development, rather than patient-focused.
- iv. Suggestion to engage Emergency Department.
  1. The Miriam ER is working on having conversations about culture shifts.
- e. Please let us know if any of the Recovery RI project components are in alignment with your organization or others who have not yet participated, or if there are any funding opportunities we should pursue.

#### 4. Open Discussion and New Business

- a. Leigh spoke with contact from Grace Episcopal Church on Westminster St in Providence. We can use their building for events, such as for focus groups work, presentations, speakers who need space.
  - i. Pavillion can hold 100 people.
- b. Other faith-based organizations to work with:
  - i. Mathewson Church holds worship every week for people in recovery.
  - ii. St. Matthias would like to be involved.
  - iii. Reach out to Center for Reconciliation.
- c. Will add church services schedules to RecoveryRI website.
- d. Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative on RIC campus.
  - i. Currently developing materials for all workplace settings.
    1. Guide may be ready by early fall, but Lynn will keep us updated.
- e. Nursing curriculum.
  - i. SBIRT training at RIC - URI is interested in adapting this model as well.
  - ii. Preparing nurses in the field to use more inclusive language and changing attitudes/beliefs among students is a priority. To achieve that goal, first must educate faculty and gain buy-in.
  - iii. RIC is hosting a faculty workshop for assessing trends in nursing/healthcare, and questions about curriculum about recovery and stigma will be included in questions.

#### 5. Take Action

- i. **Help Spread the Word About 4 Legs to Stand On**

We need volunteers on Tuesday August 27th from 3pm - 6pm. We will be sharing information about the event with local businesses and community organizations on Providence's South Side. Please email [jenna@sychst.com](mailto:jenna@sychst.com) if you, or representatives from your organization are interested in volunteering.

ii. **Join Our Team for the COBRE Opioid and Overdose Hackathon**

We will submit a team for the Center of Biomedical Research Excellence's (COBRE) opioid and overdose hackathon on Friday, September 6 - Sunday, September 8 at RIC (9/6 4pm - 7:30pm, 9/7 8:30am - 10pm, and 9/8 8am - 4pm). Here is [the application](#). These are two ideas our team may pursue, but we are open to others so please let Michael know if you have an idea.

1. A rapid-response community engagement strategy to respond to overdose spikes that the RI DOH is currently tracking for through it's community overdose engagement efforts (CODE).
  - a. Providence Center Mobile Outreach Team, Anchor has been working on this - Ian will connect us
2. A policy change to give legal protection to employees in recovery who seek help, and a peer recovery program for health professionals, public safety, and human service providers.

**6. Upcoming Events**

**a. COAST's Four Legs to Stand On: A Community Intervention**

- i. Act I: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 6:30pm - 8pm at Teatro ECAS (57 Parkis Ave, Providence).

We pull up a seat at the table of a modern American family. All is not well on the home front. Sam, freshly home from her first year at college finds herself in new strange territory with her family struggling to come to terms with it. Two illnesses are eating away at this family foundation; cancer is allowed a voice, addiction is not. The performance will be followed by a talkback session to identify actions that can be taken to help people in recovery and in need of help in the immediate community.

- ii. Act II: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 6:30pm - 8pm at Teatro ECAS.

We are again beside Sam, this time in group therapy. We bear witness to the success of recovery and the heartbreak of relapse. We are exposed to the diversity of dinner tables this disease has become accustomed to. This act asks us all to stand firm in our support for those fighting this disease and ending this national epidemic. The performance will be followed by a talkback session to identify actions that can be taken to help people in recovery and in need of help in the immediate community.

**7. Next Meeting**

- a. Monday, September 16 from 9am - 10:30am at Building Futures / Apprenticeship RI (1 Acorn Street, Providence, RI 02903)**

*If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send another representative of your organization.*