



Transformation Working Group

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2010 Peer Specialist Training and Certification

- CPS training, March, June (Austin)
 - Trained total of 57 individuals.
 - 46 new Certified Peer Specialists.
- Advanced CPS training, July
 - 17 individuals trained.
- CPS training, August (Houston)
 - Trained 23 individuals
 - Exam period open.



2011 Peer Specialist Training and Certification

- CPS training scheduled for November, March, July.
- Developing training for supervisors, professionals.
 - Understand role of peer specialist.
 - Understand importance of recovery orientation.
- Developing Advanced Certifications.
 - E.g. Wellness Coaching
 - Advisory group to identify areas.
- Developing plans for Continuing Education Credits.



2011 Peer Specialist Training and Certification

- **2011 Learning Community.**
 - Focus on helping organizations develop a recovery orientation.
 - Peer Supports are critical component of recovery orientation.
 - Partner with UT Center for Social Work Research.



Consumer Program

- Consumer Network Seed Group.
 - Grew out of USPRA conference, January 2010.
- “Texas Catalyst for Empowerment”.
 - Developed name, procedures during June meeting.
- Work with group to grow and develop.
 - Use mhtonline.org to disseminate information.
 - Host a consumer conference during 2011.



Youth Engagement

- New Youth Coordinator developing relationships with youth serving organizations.
- Plan to Conduct 8 Focus Groups in 6 cities.
 - Austin (2), Dallas, El Paso, Houston (2), Lubbock, Plainview.
 - September through November.



Resource Function

- Considering redevelopment of viahope.org website
 - Expand to address new program areas.
 - Replace purchased functionality from Essential Learning.
 - Integrate interactive functionality of mhtonline.org.



Training Function

- Developing plan to expand availability of WRAP.
 - Objective: Develop more infrastructure.
 - Train new facilitators.
 - Not provide facilitation to individuals.
 - Partner with providers to provide support.
 - Classroom space.
 - Supplies.
 - People to attend and develop a WRAP.
 - Long term effort. When to start?



Co-Location

- Currently, three staff at MHAT and three at NAMI TX.
- Adding two positions as part of new grant from Hogg Foundation.
- Offer from Hogg Foundation to move into unused space in their building.
 - Third floor of Lake Austin Boulevard location.
 - Refurbish, add modular furniture.
 - Use of conference rooms for meetings and training.
 - Target date November, 2010.