Peer Learning: Implementing the Opioid Emergency Recovery Grant

Area 17 Best Practices
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Opioid Grants Pillars of Success

- **Strong Local Partnerships**

- **Holistic Care Management**

- **Steps to Success**

- **Recovery-Friendly Workplaces**

- **Knowledgeable Staff**
Unique Aspects of Area 17’s Service Model

• Establishing community partnerships

• Identifying partner services

• Reaching impacted individuals

• Training for key professions

• Developing recovery-friendly workplaces
Establishing Community Partnerships

• Mental Health and Recovery Board and Opioid Hub System
  o Behavioral Health & Counseling Agencies
  o Family & Community Organizations
  o Addiction & Recovery Groups
  o Drug Courts
  o Probation System
  o Hospitals
  o Sober House Living
  o Juvenile Justice System
Identifying Partner Services

• Individual & Group Counseling
• Family Support
• Peer Support
• Legal
• Physical Health
• Housing
• Childcare
Reaching Impacted Individuals

• Referral processes

• Knowledgeable partner staff

• On-site orientations

• Preliminary interviews
Training for Key Professions

• Licensed Practical Nurses

• Registered Nurses

• Medical Assistants

• Emergency Medical Technicians
Developing Recovery-Friendly Workplaces

• Business Resource Network

• Surveys to employers

• Staff-assisted job orders
Summary: Pro Tips

• **Maintain a sense of urgency.** Area 17 has maintained services under the grant even during these times of Covid-19.

• **Request the MH Board help in developing new partnerships.** Area 17 asked potential partners how they could help them rather than *telling* them what they could do.

• **Be relentless in outreach efforts.** Area 17 conducts about 3 per week and has outreached to over 5,000 individuals.

• **Make sure customers enrolling into training know which providers have the best connections to employers.** Area 17’s trainees often have hiring offers prior to graduation/certification.
Questions

What questions do you have for Area 17?
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