PFR Announcements

The next PFR Steering Committee Meeting will be in October 2010.

The PFR report on financing of recovery support services will be released soon.

PFR will work with the ATTCs on the development of an Advanced Leadership Institute.

Stakeholders in the alcohol and drug field will begin to receive e-mail blasts on PFR.

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Recovery Study

PFR is implementing a multi-phased study in response to the lack of data on recovery. The study will collect data on the number of individuals in recovery, their characteristics, and pathways and barriers to recovery, as well as data to inform the development of recovery measures. An environmental scan has been completed, which identified and described measures of recovery in the behavioral health field and related measures in general health care. PFR collected qualitative data through focus groups and telephone interviews with individuals who have experienced multiple and diverse paths to recovery. This data will be used to inform later phases of the study.

The Partners for Recovery (PFR) Initiative

PFR is a SAMHSA/CSAT funded initiative that facilitates collaboration and development of resources with stakeholders to address substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. PFR mobilizes organizations to help individuals, families, and communities achieve resiliency and maintain recovery. Recent major accomplishments and activities are highlighted below.

PFR Steering Committee Meeting. The PFR Steering Committee met on February 22 and 23, 2010 to provide guidance on the development of recovery-oriented systems of care, and was charged with reaching agreement on five priority areas that the Steering Committee prioritizes will be used to refine the current PFR mission, focus areas, objectives and activities.

Recruiting and Hiring Manual and Recruitment Materials. Partners for Recovery developed the "Recruiting and Hiring Manual for Addictions Professionals" to aid organizations in successfully recruiting and retaining addictions professionals. The manual addresses the specific needs of addictions treatment and recovery professionals and the challenges that the addictions field faces regarding the workforce. Developed from focus group comments and from participants' perspectives on attractive employment opportunities, the manual serves as a resource to improve the recruiting and hiring process. Through the manual, organizations and employers can learn effective strategies that will help them find professionals who can contribute to the organization's goals, and objectives, and which address some of the challenges employers face in the addictions field. Some of the strategies mentioned include; utilization of on-line resources by employers and candidates, effective marketing, and other hands-on strategies.

Additionally, PFR developed and tested customizable web-based recruitment materials that provider agencies can use to recruit individuals to their organization. These materials were specifically designed to assist in diversifying the workforce and are targeted at younger individuals and minorities.
Mutual Support Resource Guide

PFR is supporting the development of an expanded and enhanced web-based Mutual Support Resource Guide on the Faces and Voices of Recovery’s web site. This one-stop resource is for people in, or seeking recovery from, substance use disorders, and those recovering from co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders; their families and friends; and addiction treatment service providers. The Guide includes information and links to a variety of mutual aid groups, including faith-based, medication-assisted, secular-focused, drug-specific, 12-step, on-line, gender-specific, and others.

Assisting the Alcohol and Drug Health Field to Meet the Needs of Veterans, Service Members, National Guard, and Reservists. The current community-based alcohol and drug health system requires technical support to provide appropriate and quality services to veterans, service members, and families that are not covered by the VA and DoD. In response to these needs, PFR and NASADAD prepared a report that includes information and links to a variety of mutual aid groups, including faith-based, medication-assisted, secular-focused, drug-specific, 12-step, on-line, gender-specific, and others.

Four White Papers on ROSC

In support of the goal of promoting and fostering the development of ROSC, four white papers were developed that include case studies, lessons learned, recovery-related research, and extensive bibliographies. Three white papers cover approaches to ROSC at State and local levels, from the provider perspective, and through Access to Recovery (ATR) activities. The fourth white paper covers guiding principles for: research in support of recovery, research supporting the ROSC system elements, the ROSC framework, and ROSC implementation strategies.

New PFR Web Site Postings

The Partners for Recovery web site has been updated! [http://pfr.samhsa.gov/]

Presentations and Materials

Provider Network Presentations (2)
Public Health Approach Presentation
Recruitment Advertisement
Recruitment Advertisement Instructions

Know Your Rights Webinar Series

Legal Rights of People with Criminal Conviction Histories Presentation
Medication-Assisted Treatment Anti-Discrimination Issues Presentation
Housing, Healthcare and Other Forms of Discrimination Presentation
Employment Discrimination Presentation
Parity Presentation
Legal Rights of People with Criminal Conviction Histories Q & A
Medication-Assisted Treatment Anti-Discrimination Issues Q & A
Employment Discrimination Q & A
Helpful Resources to Address Discrimination

Financing Recovery Support Services. PFR is finalizing a report on the financing of recovery support services (RSS). As RSS are critical services within an ROSC, policymakers and providers will find the report’s financing strategies and case examples valuable to their systems change work. This report adds to the list of resources that PFR has developed on ROSC.

Reports

Medication-Assisted Treatment Brochure
Updated PFR Fact Sheet
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