

December 3, 2019

Governor's Challenge Subgroup Meeting

Attendees:

Drenda Niemann

Heather Zimmerman

Chaplain Thompson

Col Greg Olson

Elizabeth Crabtree

Matt Furlong

1LT Michael Noyce-Merino

Kelly Ackerman

Taryn Phillips

The meeting opened with updates on the action plan.

Drenda began with the updates on action step 2, Home Base/Clinical Oversight Support. The VA sent Drenda the student curriculum for the peer training. Drenda forwarded it to the department of labor and industry for review and to add it to the agenda for the next board meeting. With board approval, the peer support specialist would complete one training and be able to work at the VA. The VA is looking to expand their peer support specialists' positions, as they currently only accept volunteers. Dr. Connelly said the VA has positions that have not been filled for a while. He feels the best way to get more peer support positions would be to take the unfilled positions and redirect them into peer support positions.

Part of the proposal presented to the VA is for the VA to provide the training and clinical supervision at no expense to the Governor's Challenge. Drenda met with Paul Harmon with the VA and he expressed he has the staff of clinicians to supervise the volunteers without any understaffing issues. Dr. Judy Hayman gave the verbal support for the free training and clinical supervision.

Since the VA gave their approval of Drenda's proposal, the next organization to schedule a presentation with is the Helena Vet Center. The meeting to be scheduled will be with the Helena director, Erik Kettering, and the region director, Chris Jensen.

The next step is recruitment, getting peers to complete the formal training and be affiliated with the VA. The subgroup will need to reach out to the VA volunteers and select people who fit the criteria of the formal peer and complete the necessary training.

There is a group of peer supporters who are already licensed and haven't found work yet. Matt can conduct outreach to those licensed supporters and select willing people as volunteers who may potentially progress into a paid position at the VA. Bob McCabe is strategizing to see how to make this process work.

Matt will meet with his peer group to determine the timeline for the pilot to be launched. The peer group will conduct tactical and operational work, while this subgroup does the strategizing. Bob McCabe will be in charge of the behavioral

health recovery movement, and he will be supervising the peers. Currently he is supervising one peer, and he could reasonably supervise seven. His first goal will be to apply for a grant to get supervisees to two and build up to seven.

General Quinn approved the funding proposals from the last meeting, and he will pass the proposal on.

After discussion of the updates on the action plan, we reviewed the survey results. A total of 86 responses were received. For the first round of mailings, Kelly sent the survey to veteran organizations, such as MVAD VSO's, VFW, American Legion, and Western and NE Veterans Coalition. After reviewing the survey, the group gave input for a few changes to be made before the next mailout.

As Drenda was leaving, she made a comment about Arizona. Arizona has done a lot of work with peers, so Drenda advised researching Arizona's process.

For the next mailout of the survey, Kelly will need the contact information for Red White and Blue, Vet Center, Eagle Mount, JCF, North West Coalition, Reboot, Helena's Got Your Six and Military One Source.

Finally, we discussed each other's tasks to do (see attached), and when our next meeting will be. The group decided to do a breakout session during the next meeting, the week of January 13th.

Responsible Person/Team	Action Step	Due By
Col Gregory Olson and 1LT Michael Noyce-Merino	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the six board approved courses and the contact information for each course from Lucy Manning. • Research Train the Trainer (costs, location of training, how to get the training done) • Email that information to Taryn. 	Week of January 13 th , 2020
1LT Michael Noyce-Merino	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email contact info for Reboot to Taryn • Set up time and date for the next meeting on the week of January 13th 	December 6 th , 2019 January 2020
Elizabeth Crabtree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email contact info for Chris Jensen to Taryn • Email contact info for Eagle Mont to Taryn • Compile all the survey answers into a document 	December 6 th , 2019 December 6 th , 2019 Week of January 13 th , 2020
Drenda Niemann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with Lucy Manning on the progress of reviewing the VA student curriculum • Step up a meeting and presentation with Erik and Chris Jensen for the Vet Centers. 	Week of January 13 th , 2020
Kelly Ackerman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get number of recipients for survey and let Heather know that number • Get contact info for JCF • Send the newest survey to the private organizations (listing is on the first meeting minutes) and keep track of how many people the survey is being sent out to. • Reach out to Wanda in Arizona for information on their peer programs 	Week of January 13 th , 2020 December 6 th , 2019 December 6 th , 2019 Week of January 13 th , 2020
Matt Furlong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the questions to the peer group when and what the launch will ideally look like. 	Week of January 13 th , 2020
Heather Zimmerman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send the survey report to Elizabeth 	December 20 th , 2019
Taryn Phillips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Kelly all contact info for the private organizations 	December 6 th , 2019

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Taryn Phillips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make corrections to the minutes from Novembers meeting and email to the group• Provide the information for the six board approved courses to the group at the next meeting	Week of January 13 th , 2020 Week of January 13 th , 2020