

Northeast Regional CSP Meeting Summary
April 15, 2008
Hosted By
The Recovery Center
Scranton, PA

Mission Statement

The Community Support Program is a coalition of mental health consumers, family members, advocates and professionals who work together to insure quality mental health services in the community. CSP aims to accomplish this through advocacy, education and the elimination of stigma and discrimination. Members of the local CSP committees participate in activities, which are designed to heighten awareness about mental illness and improve the quality of life for consumers. By promoting such activities, the CSP helps consumers gain confidence, self-esteem and independence in the community.

35 Attendees:

Jessica B.	Gwen D.	Jeanne V.	Nina R.	Claire H.	Ray R.	Sara E.	Ann Marie G.
Brian C.	Richard S.	Ray C.	Evelyn K.	Jim W.	Karen R.	Kevin B.	Anne B.
Mark B.	Lisa J.	Crystal W.	Connie G.	Steve F.	Arthur R.	Jody S.	Arthur R.
Roman C.	Andy K.	George S.	Irene B.	Ruth H.	Mel S.	Katie C.	Kathleen K.
Lynn H.	Jeffrey G.	Kathleen R.					

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action
Local CSP Updates		
Bradford/Sullivan Counties	Kathy Horton from CHIPP presented a housing program that requires a person to be on the HUD waiting list, have the ACCESS Card and be receiving mental health services. The program would pay one-half of the rent until HUD approves them. Sullivan County will be having a Wellness Fair on October 25. Discussing plans for Mental Health Awareness month in May.	
Carbon/Monroe/Pike Counties	The annual walk will be on May 23 starting at the New Hope Clubhouse and ending at Dansbury Park with a picnic lunch.	
Lackawanna County	CSP has been conducting focus groups on housing, support programs, community projects and community integration. CSP has been assisting individuals in completing voter registration forms. CSP will be attending the NAMI Walk and will have an information table at the walk.	
Luzerne County	Hazleton- Will be attending Walk for the Mind in May. Currently working on developing a website. Wilkes-Barre- CSP is active in planning the Walk for the Mind. Three certified peer specialists will be doing a recovery presentation at the walk. Using seed grant money to develop information pamphlets for individuals being released from First Hospital. Will be selling homemade candy as a fundraiser.	
Schuylkill County	WARM line will be starting soon in the county. Review of the county plan will be on April 18. CSP will have an information table at the Mayfair on May 4. Shelley Bishop will speak about recovery on May 6 at Service	

	Access & Management.	
Susquehanna County	There will be a meeting on April 16 with the police and sheriff department to discuss dealing with individuals with mental illness. Getting a softball team together.	
Tioga County	CSP is connecting with individuals at the drop-in center. Developing a letter writing campaign about the lack of transportation to be sent to the Department of Public Welfare. Working on the county plan.	
Wayne County	Six apartments were secured for individuals being released from state and local hospitals. Working on a newsletter to be published every three months. County plan meeting will be April 16.	
PMHCA Update	No update available.	
State Update	No update available.	
Update for OMHSAS Advisory Committee	Northeast Region CSP is very concerned about issues that are being presented to the adult committee and what is the effect or outcome of the issues that are being presented.	
Old/New Business	None	
Sub-committee Reports	The annual CSP Retreat will be held on May 20 at the Inne of the Abingtons.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Northeast Region CSP will be held at the Recovery Center in Scranton on June 17, 2008 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Anyone wishing to have an item on the agenda should contact Lynn Houseknecht, 570-628-0155 or lh@theadvocacyalliance.org.	