

Recovery to Work – Monthly Update

December 12, 2011

Project Activities:

As of December 5, 2011 the following numbers of individuals were involved with the Recovery to Work project.

- Applicants: 1,396
- Eligibility & Order of Selection Determined: 769
- Individual Plan for Employment written and approved: 471
- Consumers Employed: 21

Regional Meetings: The second series of regional meetings for the Recovery to Work project took place during the second week of December. During these regional meetings, Recovery to Work project staff had an opportunity to discuss questions and concerns with staff from ODADAS, RSC, and OACBHA. Each sub-contract also had an opportunity to complete a master list review with staff from RSC to help identify areas of concern as individuals move through the process. Approximately 165 people attended the series of three regional meetings. A follow-up evaluation survey for the regional meetings will be sent out to attendees in the next few days.

Mentoring Meetings: RSC and ODADAS are coordinating a regular series of regional mentoring meetings at regional RSC offices for coordinators, supervisors and support staff. These are not required project meetings, but rather an opportunity for project staff to have an opportunity to interact with the RSC liaison counselors and receive specific technical assistance about the RSC processes. The next series of meetings will also include a chance to hear from the RSC auditing and compliance offices about their plans and processes for reviewing the Recovery to Work project. Each session is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with time afterwards for one-on-one sessions. Email Roger Carney at rodger.carney@rsc.ohio.gov or Esther Shimansky at esther.shimansky@rsc.ohio.gov with questions about these meetings. Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

- January 11th – Cincinnati (895 Central Ave., 7th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202)
- January 11th – Toledo (5241 Southwyck Blvd., Suite 200, Toledo, OH 43614)
- January 18th – Lakewood (14650 Detroit Ave, Suite 300, Lakewood, OH 44107)
- January 18th – Athens (86 Columbus Rd, Suite 103, Athens, OH 45701)
- January 25th – Columbus (150 East Campus View Blvd., 3rd Floor, Columbus, OH 43235)

MACSIS

The 7th version of the MACSIS-RSC crosswalk and it is now available. The update to version seven of the crosswalk reflects a change to providing non-medical residential treatment during the assessment phase. Non-medical community residential treatment is now available on a time-limited basis (no more than 7-10 days) during the RSC assessment phase while processing towards an approved individualized plan for employment (IPE) prior to providing services. The updated crosswalk is available at: http://recovery2work.org/?page_id=60

Website:

The Recovery 2 Work website is now live at www.recovery2work.org. This website is a valuable tool for individuals wanting to learn more about the Recovery 2 Work project in Ohio. The

website includes resources for contracts, for consumers, and contact information for the public. To learn more, check out the website at www.recovery2work.org. To date, there have been 247 visits with a total of 816 page views. If there are additional items that would be beneficial to have included on the website, please contact Liz Henrich at ehenrich@oacbha.org. Also, we are looking to highlight local programs that are working and individual success stories. If you have a story that you would like to share, please contact Liz at ehenrich@oacbha.org

Ongoing Issues and Concerns:

Boards are still experiencing a number of issues in getting projects moving. The following list identifies some of the current pressing issues.

- In many areas spending for both treatment and rehabilitation services is low because of the difficulties learning to navigate the program processes that are new to the system.
- There continues to be problems working through the process details related to billing treatment services through MACSIS and the error-codes that are generated when the MACSIS and AWARE systems are not aligned. There has also been a concern about receiving payment vouchers that reflect the invoices that are included within an individual payment.
- RSC has stated their willingness to consider developing a policy putting in place an interim eligibility protocol. The interim eligibility idea was discussed at the recent round of regional meetings and there was not consensus that the interim eligibility would be the solution needed in some communities.
- Concerns about project continuation with unexpended funds in the current program have been clearly and regularly expressed. Cheri and Liz are having regular conversations with RSC and the Governor's office about the possibility of carrying current project funds forward beyond September 2012.

Local Meetings: If you are still experiencing problems in your community with the Recovery to Work project, if you have outstanding questions or you would like some more hands on technical assistance, RSC, ODADAS, and OACBHA have all agreed to make staff available to come to your community for a meeting with your local team. If you would like to schedule a meeting in your community, please contact Liz Henrich at ehenrich@oacbha.org or 614-224-1111.

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