

Meeting / Committee Name	Peer Support Stakeholder Workgroup
Date	May 17, 2018
Time / Duration	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (4 hours)
Location	Austin State Hospital Campus
Committee Member Attendees	Noah Abdenour, Dennis Bach, Shannon Carr, Frank Davis, Anna Gray, Ellen Goodman, Stevie Hansen, Jason Howell, Meredith Stacy Jones, Dr. Sachin Kamble, Janet Paleo, Joe Powell, Reggie Smith On Call: Patty Doty, Jason Johnson, Karla Rose, Gregg Sherrill, Dr. Stanley Williams
Additional Participants	HHSC: Reese Carroll, Amy Chandler, Robert Dole, Rebekah Falkner, Laura Gold, Laura Jourdan, Wendy Latham, Laura Munch, Carmen Tilton

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistical Announcements	
Agenda 1:00 – 1:10	Robert Dole convened the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Reviewed housekeeping items
Documents Presented	Participant Agenda

Peer Support Group Size	
Agenda 1:10 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	Laura Gold asked for input on ideal group size maximum for draft medical policy as well as proportion of peer specialist services that are delivered via group vs. individual. Various stakeholder members provided input on their experiences: some agencies deliver mostly group services, some do a mixture of both. Several members suggested 8-10 is a reasonable size, some said up to 16 or even 20. Some want flexibility due to staff shortages, etc. General consensus is group maximum should be regardless of payer.
Documents Presented	None

Removal of COPSD specialization	
Agenda 2:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.	Noah Abdenour provided an update to the group about removing the 3 rd option of a co-occurring conditions specialty. Will ensure that each specialty training of MH and SUD provides training on those

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	who have co-occurring conditions. Group members were in agreement that this should be incorporated into all trainings and not be separated out.
Documents presented	None
Rules Update and Timeline:	
Agenda 2:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Amy Chandler provided an update that the draft rules will be posted for informal public comment on June 7 th , 2018 for two weeks. Comments will be reviewed and state will determine what changes will be made, if any, before moving forward to next stage in rule adoption process. Any major concerns or issues will be brought back to the external workgroup.
Documents presented	None
Comparison of existing trainings	
Agenda 2:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health (TIEMH) presented on their research comparing existing MH & SUD peer specialist trainings.
Documents presented	Comparison document
Next Steps	
Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting June 21, 2018