NY Peer Support Site Tool

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Rights and Responsibilities

Question

- 101 There is a policy and procedure about consumer rights, responsibilities, and ethics.
- 02 There is a policy and procedure about consumer involvement in care and services.
- There is a policy and procedure about family involvement in consumer care.
- There is a policy and procedure about confidentiality.

Environment of Care

Question

- The agency location is easily identifiable from the street.
- There is a policy addressing safety and security.
- There is a policy or written criteria addressing control of hazardous materials and wastes, including management of any spills of bodily fluids (This question applies to all agencies).
- 08 There is a comprehensive disaster plan, including plans for continuation of care when services are disrupted.
- 09 There is a fire safety plan.
- There is evidence of compliance with fire safety procedures/regulations, including inspection by the fire department/marshall.
- There are fire extinguishers in the facility or there is a fire suppression system.
- 12 The exits are well marked and free of obstruction.
- The agency appearance is reasonably neat and clean.
- 14 The waiting room and consumer areas are of adequate size and reasonably comfortable.
- 15 The furnishings and décor are appropriate.
- There are no culturally insensitive or offensive materials posted.

Continuum of Care

Question

- 17 There is a policy/written criteria about expectations and limitations for services being provided.
- The program description is Recovery-focused.
- There is a policy/written criteria outlining any exclusionary criteria for the program.
- There is a policy/written criteria regarding the continuing service needs of consumers at the time of their transition from the program.

Initiation

Question

- The policy/written criteria for initiation procedures of an inventory of consumer strengths and resiliency factors.
- The policy/written criteria for initiation procedures includes a review of the consumer's family and support network.
- The policy/written criteria for initiation procedures includes a review of whether the consumer has a WRAP, advanced directive, recovery plan, and/or a plan for managing relapse.
- The policy/written criteria for obtaining appropriate consents to contact the consumer's behavioral health clinician, medical physician, family/social supports, and or agencies and other programs with which the consumer is involved.
- There is a policy/written criteria for the development of a recovery plan, developed with the consumer.

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There is a policy/written criteria for the review and update of the recovery plan at regular intervals.

Performance Improvement

Question

27 There is a Quality Improvement Program.

Management of Information

Question

- The program has a process in place to ensure the availability of contact records to the peer/family coach.
- The program has a policy for making the contact record available to the consumer upon request in a reasonable amount of time.
- 30 The program has an organized system of filing information in the contact records.
- The program must have an established procedure to maintain the confidentiality of contact records in accordance with any applicable statutes and regulations.
- If contact records need to be transported to another service location, there is a protocol in place to maintain confidentiality of records throughout the transportation process.

Infection Disease

Question

- There is a policy and procedure regarding infection control at the agency which includes written protocols for communication with local public health authorities.
- There are written protocols for working with consumers with infectious diseases.

Handicap Accessibility

Question

- 35 The agency has parking for handicapped vehicles.
- The agency has a ramp allowing entrance into the building.
- 37 The agency has wide doorways for wheelchair access.
- 38 The agency has handicap accessible restroom(s).
- 39 If the agency is not handicap accessible, does the program staff screen for handicap needs prior to initiation of services?

Complaints

Question

- There is a protocol for dealing with complaints.
- The agency documents that consumers/families are informed of methods of resolving complaints.

Recovery and Resiliency

Question

The mission statement of the facility is recovery-oriented.

Human Resources

Question

- There is evidence of on-going assessment of peer staff competency through performance evaluations and training.
- 44 Personnel files include: resume, background checks, job description, license, and annual evaluations.
- There is a specific policy/written criteria addressing initial and ongoing training of Peer Support staff.
- There is a specific policy/written criteria addressing staff supervision of Peer Support staff.
- 47 Peer Support Specialist job description lists essential knowledge and skills consistent with the work to be completed.
- A sample of the peer/family/recovery coach employee files were reviewed and the files contained documentation of hiring consistent with program policy.