

PROJECT OVERVIEW

◆ What is BRSS TACS?

In September 2011, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) contract to the Center for Social Innovation (C4). The funding award, through C4 and its partners, establishes The Recovery Breakthrough Collaborative, a consortium dedicated to promoting wide-scale adoption of recovery-oriented supports, services, and systems for people in recovery from substance use and/or mental health conditions. The Recovery Breakthrough Collaborative includes:

- ◆ Abt Associates
- ◆ Advocates for Human Potential
- ◆ Boston University Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- ◆ Faces and Voices of Recovery
- ◆ JBS International
- ◆ National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery
- ◆ National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
- ◆ National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
- ◆ National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
- ◆ New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
- ◆ Pat Deegan Associates

◆ How Does BRSS TACS Support SAMHSA's Goals?

Pockets of excellence within states and communities have emerged that incorporate person-driven, recovery-oriented, trauma-informed, and culturally competent systems of care. However, 21 million Americans still struggle with

addictions, and people with serious mental illnesses are dying decades earlier than those in the general population. With a tight fiscal environment and the Affordable Care (health reform) Act and the Domenici-Wellstone (parity) Act offering unprecedented opportunities and challenges in behavioral health services, the need to develop a responsive national system based on principles of recovery is urgent.

BRSS TACS will encourage and support the wide-spread adoption of recovery-oriented systems of care across the United States and will serve as a coordinated effort to bring recovery to scale, leveraging past and current accomplishments by SAMHSA and others in the behavioral health field. These efforts will be an important mechanism for coordinating and carrying out the work of SAMHSA's 8 Strategic Initiatives, most directly the "Recovery Support Strategic Initiative." This supports a high-quality, self-directed, and satisfying life in the community for all people in recovery, and includes *Health, Home, Purpose, and Community*.

◆ How Will The Recovery Breakthrough Collaborative Implement BRSS TACS?

BRSS TACS will emphasize the value of people's lived experience of recovery from substance use and mental health problems. The project will sustain a significant and meaningful focus on people in recovery in all aspects of project development, leadership, and implementation. It will serve audiences vitally important in efforts to move the behavioral health field toward a recovery orientation, including state and county system administrators, policy makers, researchers, behavioral health providers including peer providers, other health and human service providers, consumers, and people in recovery. All activities are guided by the input of a Steering Committee comprised of representatives of the multiple diverse audiences that BRSS TACS serves.

BRSS TACS will be implemented in a three-phase approach that informs each task of BRSS TACS. This approach will ensure that the tasks are not simply contributing to the long history of knowledge around recovery-oriented systems of care, but that this knowledge is fundamentally shifting the mental health and addictions services fields toward a recovery orientation in a cost-effective way. Each phase is described below:

PHASE 1: SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

Identify effective policies, innovative programs, and emerging practices that lend themselves to scalable key components of recovery-oriented systems of care.

PHASE 2: SCALE FOR IMPACT

Provide local programs and providers with information and training about the identified key components, transferring the most effective program ingredients of the “pockets of excellence” identified in Phase I.

PHASE 3: SCALE TO SIZE

Implement recovery-oriented systems in States and Territories through action plans developed at Policy Academies.

The Recovery Breakthrough Collaborative: BRSS TACS Tasks and Activities

Project Management

Task 1: Work Plan, Initial Meeting, IT/ISSP, Web Content
 Task 2: Steering Committee
 Tasks 17,18,19: Contract Meetings, Reports, Transfer of Activities

Phase 1: Situational Analysis

Task 3: Environmental Scan / Situational Analysis

Phase 2: Scaling for Impact

Phase 3: Scaling to Size

ANNUAL MEETINGS:
 Task 10: MHTG Consumer Leadership Forum
 Task 15: National Symposium
 Task 16: BRSS TACS National Conference
 Task 20: Statewide Consumer and Family Networks Annual Policy Academy

BUILDING THE KNOWLEDGEBASE:
 Task 4: Expert Panels
 Task 5: Policy and Practice Guidelines Papers
 Task 6: Web-Based Resource Repository
 Task 9: Online TA Materials
 Task 13: Products and Rapid Turnaround Reports
 Task 14: Recovery Research Analysis and Report

DISSEMINATION STRATEGIES:
 Task 7: Telephone and Online TA
 Task 8: Training Webinars
 Task 11: Listserv
 Task 23: Telephone and Online TA to Related Federal Partners

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOVERY SUPPORT ACTION PLANS:
 Task 16: BRSS TACS National Conference/State Policy Academies

RECOVERY INNOVATIONS:
 Task 12: State Peer Awards
 Task 21: State Planning Awards
 Task 22: Expanding and Sustaining Models of Shared Decision Making
 Task 24: State Peer Awards for Health Care Reform Education

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