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Peer Support is being provided in many different ways in different states, in different settings, and at different organizational levels for different populations. It has evolved so quickly and in so many different directions that it is hard to get a clear picture of what peer support is really like in the current workforce. The National Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS) considers workforce development one of its primary missions. In this webinar iNAP's leadership will discuss the history and make-up of the peer workforce, the development of the National Practice Guidelines for Peer Specialists and Supervisors, and current efforts to create a Standard Occupational Classification for Peer Support Specialists by the Department of Labor.

Join us for this 60-minute webinar where we will discuss:

- Education, compensation, and satisfaction of Peer Support Providers
- The National Practice Guidelines for Peer Specialists and Supervisors
- Development of a Standard Occupational Classification for Peer Support Specialists

Presenters:

Martha Barbone is the Interim Director of Operations for the National Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS). She received her BS and DVM from Colorado State University. She spent twelve years in the US Air Force before being sidelined by a diagnosis of depression and PTSD. After several years including multiple hospitalizations, medications and other treatments, she was introduced to peer support. This led to newfound hope and discovery of inner strength. She served as the director of the Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) Training for Massachusetts for four years. In addition to CPS training, Martha is a certified WRAP facilitator, Alternatives

to Suicide Facilitator and Trainer, Hearing Voices Network facilitator, and SAMHSA Recovery to Practice Next Steps facilitator. She also facilitates Alternatives to Violence workshops in several state prisons. Martha is a member of the advisory board for the VA Healthcare and Implementation Research (CHOIR) program and served as a consultant and editor on a recently published article, “Establishing a Research Agenda for Understanding the Role and Impact of Mental Health Peer Specialists”, by Cinman et al. Martha was the first and only peer specialist on the inpatient unit at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner hospital. She currently works in an urgent care setting. Her passion today is sharing this hope with others and working to reduce the trauma associated with inpatient psychiatric treatment.

Dana Foglesong has been a systems change leader since 2010. She currently works as the Director of Recovery and Resiliency Services for Magellan Complete Care, a specialty health plan for individuals living with mental illnesses. Prior to joining Magellan, Dana worked for the Florida Department of Children and Families in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, contracted with Disability Rights Florida to provide outreach to individuals with mental health conditions, and founded the statewide peer network The Peer Support Coalition of Florida. In these roles she has leveraged opportunities for current and past recipients of services and their families to have their voices included in the creation, implementation and review of practices. Dana is a subject matter expert on recovery-oriented systems of care, supervision of peer support workers, and peer-delivered and whole health approaches in integrated health settings. She frequently speaks, trains, and consults on these topics. Dana is a former member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness national board of directors and National Association of Consumer/Survivor Mental Health Administrators. Along with her board service to iNAPS, she currently serves as the Vice-Chair of Florida’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant Planning and Advisory Council. She is a nationally certified peer specialist, an advanced level wrap facilitator, and holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Central Florida.

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