



*Building bridges between
criminal justice & behavioral health
to prevent incarceration*

How Lived Experience Can Prevent Crisis and Incarceration and Promote Recovery and Wellness

April 5, 2017, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Room

1515 K Street, 5th Floor, Suite 550

Sacramento, CA 95814

Teleconference: 1-888-363-4734, Access Code: 3232557

Purpose:

This workshop aims to assess and promote the benefits of the use of peers who are formerly justice-involved as an essential element of the service team. Participants are working in this space to encourage counties to hire and train formerly justice-involved individuals. The subject matter adheres to COMIO's recommendation to the Legislature in our 2016 Annual Report that all efforts to expand the use of peers in the workforce, including strategies that support Medi-Cal reimbursable services, should include peers who have been justice-involved.

Objectives:

Short-Term – COMIO to develop a timely policy brief

Long-Term – Support efforts to expand the use of peers in the workforce who have been justice-involved

Agenda

I. 1:00 P.M. Welcome and Introductions

II. 1:05 P.M. Review Purpose and Objectives

III. 1:10 P.M. Guest Speakers

- a. Heidi Strunk, California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations (CAMHPRO)
- b. Steven Kite and Beth Wolf, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – California
- c. Kevin Grant, Kevin Grant Consulting

IV. 3:10 P.M. Discussion

- a. What is peer support and why are such services important?
- b. How can individuals with lived experience - families, peers, mentors, and caregivers participate in the prevention of crisis, incarceration and relapse?
- c. What evidence exists to document the positive impact (recovery and wellness) of using individuals with lived experience?
- d. What needs to be done, barriers to remove or incentives to provide, to better support the use of services led by individuals with lived experience?

V. 3:55 P.M. Identify next steps

VI. 4:00 P.M. Adjourn

In-person interaction is preferred but conference call-in capacity is available. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments at 916-324-7021 or Stephanie.welch@cdcr.ca.gov. To learn more about COMIO please visit: <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/COMIO/>.