

Regional Advisory Committee Meeting 6/17/13

New York City Field Office Breakout Questions

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1. As we think about making peer services eligible for Medicaid funding, what concerns and suggestions do we need to consider?
 - Mental Professionals Demeanor
 - Bureaucracy
 - Are services necessary for the recovery of the individual?
 - Will life experiences be counted?
 - Who's going to do administration and supervision?
 - Structure
 - Time Frame

2. If peer services are funded by Medicaid, how can we make documentation more peer friendly?
 - Less about the reduction of symptoms and more about practical goals/qualitative and quantitative
 - Reflect on a person's life experience
 - No jargon
 - Educated about how to fill out forms
 - Have two different people review documentation and forms

3. How do we insure that peer programs can take advantage of insurance funding like Medicaid?
 - A grading system
 - Independent contractors
 - Expansion of Supervision

4. If you had a magic wand and could make Medicaid peer friendly what would you do?
 - A different billing system

- Medicaid should fit the individual in his/her condition
- Cut down the Bureaucracy
- All peer specialists should be able to bill Medicaid
- Create a directory of peer specialists as freelancers
- Place peers on the administrative & operational level
- An agency or department should deal with peer support and billing

5. Any other issues or concerns?

- Mental health professionals are selective in what they want to hear from their clients
- It will be a lot of work that may be created for peer specialists
- We need new people who understand the current issues and are Progressive in their thinking
- Eliminate Waste