

OPENING DOORS TO RECOVERY PROJECT

Overview: ODR is a pilot research project designed to promote recovery and reduce recidivism by 20% of adults with serious mental illness who have recycled more than once in a year in a 'deep end facility'; specifically a jail, prison, state hospital, or homelessness. It is innovative in several areas: it uses the Georgia CIT model of training locally using local resources, thus providing organic links between case managers and community supports; also, a new technology system for gathering recovery data, not just encounter data. The participants will be adults with serious mental illness that have volunteered to participate, have met the study's criteria and are being discharged from Savannah Regional Hospital. It is a community project jointly funded primarily by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and the GA Department of Behavioral Health and DD.

Year I Goal: Year One will focus on development of a recovery data collection system, training curriculum, and training an initial cadre of specialized case managers referred to as Community Navigation Specialists (CNS). These CNS's will then be matched to participants in the research study selected in a randomized sample. This will be on a small scale as a Proof of Concept study. Upon successful proof of concept, the study will be expanded.

Year II Goal: Year Two will focus on those who meet criteria being discharged from Savannah Regional Hospital, and include a much larger population. Curriculum will continue to be developed through quality improvement and field experience. The data and information system will likewise continue to be developed.

Year III Goal: Year Three will focus on those who meet criteria being discharged from Savannah Regional Hospital and/or jail

Outcomes for Year I:

1. Design a universal tool to capture recidivist data from all deep ends in the 24*. Intake and discharge. (Savannah Regional Hospital, jails, prisons, homeless).
2. Meet with key stakeholders in 24 counties to give overview and get buy-in.
3. Gather baseline data of recidivists.
4. Design Community Navigation Specialists (or case managers) Training and Certification Curriculum.
5. Design and implement Research and Evaluation Design and Recovery Progress Management Scales for CNS to use with Project Participants.
6. Develop Electronic Recovery System and launch.
7. Form local partnerships.
8. Identify gaps to recovery in 24 counties.
9. Train, certify and measure progress of the CNS.
10. Develop system for linkages and procedures with Savannah Regional State Hospital. Launch Research Design
11. Identify willing recidivists. # CNS. Match them with Specialists. Reduce recidivism & promote recovery.
12. Design and implement successful information system for selected hospital recidivist onto the Electronic Recovery System.
13. Train 20% CIT all Region 5 jurisdictions (NAMI GA).

The 24 counties are: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bulloch, Bryan, Candler, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Coffee, Clinch, Glynn, Evans, Effingham, Jeff Davis, McIntosh, Liberty, Long, Pierce, Tattnell, Toombs, Ware, Wayne