

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 BRSS TACS Team, 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 BRSS TACS Team 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 health care reform 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 BRSS TACS be Implemented?

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, family members, 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.

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
<p>ANNUAL MEETINGS:</p> <p>Task 10: MHTG Consumer Leadership Forum</p> <p>Task 15: National Symposium</p> <p>Task 16: BRSS TACS National Conference</p> <p>Task 20: Statewide Consumer and Family Networks Annual Policy Academy</p> <p>BUILDING THE KNOWLEDGE BASE:</p> <p>Task 4: Expert Panels</p> <p>Task 5: Policy and Practice Guidelines Papers</p> <p>Task 6: Web-Based Resource Repository</p> <p>Task 9: Online TA Materials</p> <p>Task 13: Products and Rapid Turnaround Reports</p> <p>Task 14: Recovery Research Analysis and Report</p> <p>DISSEMINATION STRATEGIES:</p> <p>Task 7: Telephone and Online TA</p> <p>Task 8: Training Webinars</p> <p>Task 11: Listserv</p> <p>Task 23: Telephone and Online TA to Related Federal Partners</p>	<p>DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOVERY SUPPORT ACTION PLANS:</p> <p>Task 16: BRSS TACS National Conference/State Policy Academies</p> <p>RECOVERY INNOVATIONS:</p> <p>Task 12: State Peer Awards</p> <p>Task 21: State Planning Awards</p> <p>Task 22: Expanding and Sustaining Models of Shared Decision Making</p> <p>Task 24: State Peer Awards for Health Care Reform Education</p>

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