



**BUILDING A HAVEN FOR
ENGAGEMENT AND RECOVERY**
THE MARRIAGE OF HOMELESS OUTREACH AND
CONSUMER OPERATED SERVICE PROGRAMS

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WHAT IS A COSP

- COSP= Consumer Operated Service Program
 - Drop-in center vs Warmlines
 - Peer run NOT Peer led
 - Peer monitoring- FACIT
 - Certified Peer Specialists



PRIME TIME

- Who we are:
 - Eligibility- mental health consumers
 - Nine Peer Specialists
 - Peer Advisory Board
 - Our GOALS

- What we do
 - Drop-in center
 - Open late, on weekends, and on holidays
 - Recovery-based Groups
 - Resource assistance
 - Computers
 - Showers
 - Laundry
 - Meals





- GLOWS:

- Super Awesome Staff!
- Really REALLY Good at Recovery Groups!

- GROWS:

- We were isolating
- What the heck do we do with all these homeless peers???



WHAT IS PATH

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness
 - It's PATH-TASTIC!
 - Eligibility
 - Goals



ACO-PATH

- Who we are
 - Case Managers
 - Qualified Mental Health Professionals
 - Peer Specialists
- What we do
 - Outreach
 - Peer Support
 - Case Management
 - Individual and Group Therapy
 - Substance Abuse Services
 - SOAR
 - Drop-in Center (Depot)
 - Psychiatry, Medical Care, Employment Services



PATH DEPOT AS IT WAS:

- GLOWS:

- Day Shelter for PATH clients!
- Plus Laundry and Showers!

Aaaaaand not much else

- GROWS:

- Staffing sucked
- We built a rut and left our clients in it



IMPETUS FOR MERGE

- Our parents said we had to...



PERFECT MARRIAGE

- Population overlap
- Full day drop-in center option
- Peer support at both programs



WHAT HAVE WE DONE! (AND WHY IT'S AWESOME)

- Peer Council
- Peer Staff
- Daily transportation to Prime Time
- Recovery Groups
- PATH outreach at Prime Time
- Harvesters food bank



GROWING PAINS

- New location struggles
- Money issues
- Dumping our lovers while we live with them
- Changing hearts and minds is hard!



OUTCOMES SO FAR

- Increased participation in groups
- More ownership of common areas
- Improved engagement
- Better coordination
- SNACKS!



OUR VISIONS AND DREAMS

- To live happily ever after together
- To indulge our inner control freaks
- To have the most awesomest, dynamic, multipurpose client-centered (or peers or whatever) drop in center community ever.



Q&A

- Questions
- Comments
- Concerns
- Screams of outrage

