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ASH Redesign Academic and Area Experts Work Group
Monday, October 25, 2021 • 11:00am – 12:00pm • Conference Call

Agenda
1. Welcome
2. Complete Mentimeter – let’s discuss
3. Next Meeting
4. Close

Attendees
Lynn Crismon, Mari Robinson, Sydney Harris, Debbie Cohen, Carol Alter, Steve Starks, Donna Rolin, Jeff Matthews, Dan Evans, Puja Patel, Lauv Bruner, Virginia Brown, Franelia Brazil Williams, Jason Johnson, Stacey Thompson, Thomas McClure

Minutes
Welcome
Group was welcomed and the agenda was reviewed.

Mentimeter – let’s discuss
The group reviewed the previously discussed questions from the September meeting. The Co-Chairs reminded the group the questions answered during last month and this month’s meeting will guide the team’s focus for the remainder of the work group meetings. The first question the group answered, “Suggestions to further develop programmatic opportunities?” The group discussed how do we go beyond education and expand to community and a bi-directional experience for further development.

The next question, “What role does ASH have in building the workforce?” The group discussed both active and passive roles. Members shared increasing the capacity at ASH for more learners and collaborating with a broader network for multidiscipline and also community workforce pipelines.

Next question, “Who do you prioritize as primary partners to help build the workforce?” The Co-Chair provided current partners with ASH and asked beyond these partners where can we expand partnerships. The group shared other psychiatric hospitals, Via Hope and other peer and advocacy groups. Housing partnerships were mentioned, such as ECHO.

The final question, “How do we build a peer workforce?” A member shared their organization’s difficulties increasing their peer workforce, often a result to the pay. Another member shared their organization strategy based on the reimbursement for outpatient services, however this does not transfer to inpatient reimbursement processes. Many members mentioned sharing and advertising the positions with partners and community members. A Co-Chair posed a follow up question “do we focus on inpatient peer services, outpatient, or both?” The team recommended both.
Next Meeting and Next Steps
The Co-Chairs explained the November and December meetings will be cancelled due to the meetings falling on a holiday week. The Co-Chairs will review the final responses from the discussions and meet with ASH on focus points for the meetings in 2022 and final recommendations.