

**TDMHSAS - Region VII Policy & Planning Council**

**Quarterly Meeting - Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Church Health, Crosstown Concourse, 1350 Concourse Ave., Suite 142, Memphis, TN 38104**

**Minutes**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome & Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes- vote
- IV. Approval of 2022 Needs Assessment- vote
- V. Nomination and Election of Officers to Serve July 2022 – June 2025
- VI. TDMHSAS Updates: By Kirby Fye, Program Manager, Division of Planning, Policy & Legislation, TDMHSAS; Contact info: [Kirby.Fye@tn.gov](mailto:Kirby.Fye@tn.gov) or 615-253-6396
- VII. Legislative Proposals
- VIII. Melissa Hirschi, PhD, LCSW and Tracy Humphrey, MA, CMHT will introduce us to a new program at U of M. Their Peers Engaging and Empowering Recovery (PEER) program is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and is intended to expand the number of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists across the state of Tennessee to provide services for mental health and/or substance use disorders. The goals of the PEER program are to: 1) Expand and improve access to quality peer-based recovery behavioral health services; 2) Improve trainee knowledge and skills for working in integrated and interprofessional behavioral health & primary care settings using team-based care; and 3) Promote technology integration in the provision of CPRS training programs. The PEER program is also working to build and strengthen the network of organizations who utilize peer services. As part of this, the PEER program is developing technology that will assist the CPRS field with monitoring, maintaining, and navigating the certification and experiential processes across the state.
- IX. Adjournment

***The next quarterly meeting of the Region VII Policy and Planning Council will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at Church Health. The meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.***

***We need a speaker for our July 2022 meeting.***