The University of Wisconsin – Madison in partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), is pleased to announce the establishment of the Addiction Peer Recovery Center of Excellence (APR CoE), a peer-led national center providing training and technical assistance related to substance use disorder recovery. The center was authorized under Section 7152 of the SUPPORT Act for Patients and Communities and funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA).

The Addiction Peer Recovery Center of Excellence is led by a steering committee of national peer recovery leaders from across the nation: Sharon Hesseltine (Chair), Haner Hernandez, Nell Hurley, Michael King, Mark Sanders, and Zack Talbott.

UW – Madison’s partners in the Addiction Peer Recovery Center of Excellence are UMKC, the University of Texas Austin, and the National Council for Behavioral Health.

The Center’s strategies for technical assistance and training are organized into the following core areas of focus:

- Clinical integration of peer support workers into non-traditional settings
- Building and strengthening capacity of recovery community organizations (RCO)
- Enhancing the professionalization of peers through workforce development
- Providing evidence-based and practice-based toolkits and resource information to diverse stakeholders

In addition, the APR-CoE is a resource to individuals, organizations, and systems working to advance the successful implementation of the peer support recovery model in an array of settings.

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