Changing the Focus to Recovery: What Would It Look Like and How Could We Do It?

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ATTC Purpose

- Raise awareness of evidence-based and promising treatment and recovery service practices,

- Build skills to prepare the workforce to deliver state-of-the-art addictions treatment and recovery services, and

- Change practice by incorporating these new skills into everyday use for the purpose of improving addictions treatment and recovery outcomes.
Course Objectives

Participants will:

- Discover the changing environment that has propelled a "recovery movement."
- Increase understanding of how changing the focus to recovery involves changing community norms and involves community mobilization.
- Demonstrate understanding of addiction as a chronic disease.
- Learn how recovery principles can be infused into service design and delivery.
- Increase understanding of the role of language in perpetuating stigma with Substance Use Disorders.
Starting Point

- A public amends

- Creating a recovery oriented system of care and implementing recovery management strategies will require a systems transformation
  - This will take time

- We are challenged to examine and evaluate our attitudes and beliefs towards those we serve and how we serve them

- We are challenged to view “prevention” in broader terms
If you have some respect for people as they are, you can be more effective in helping them to become better than they are.

John W. Gardner
Driving this Paradigm Shift

1. A loss of recovery focus through professionalization

2. Science-based conceptualizations of addiction as a chronic disorder (Hser et al., 1997; McLellan et al., 2000; Dennis & Scott, 2007)

3. Accumulation of systems performance data on limitations of acute care (AC) model of addiction treatment (White, 2008)
Origins of ROSC

- 1998 – William L. White and Searcy W.
Addiction as a Chronic Illness

- Should addiction be considered a chronic illness, similar to hypertension, diabetes, or asthma?
Addiction as a Chronic Illness

Clinical populations:
- Higher personal vulnerability (e.g., family history, lower age of onset, victimization)
- Higher problem severity (acuity & chronicity)
- Higher rates of co-morbidity
- Greater personal and environmental obstacles to recovery
- Lower recovery capital (personal assets / family and social supports)
Dennis et al. (2005) conducted a large study with 1,271 participants recruited from different agencies in west side of Chicago between 1996 and 1998.
The purpose of this study was to estimate the duration and correlates of years between:

- First use and at least a year of recovery
- First treatment admission and at least one year of recovery
Achieving one year of recovery

- Years from first use to last use
  - The median time was 27 years

- Years from first treatment attempt to last use
  - The median time was 9 years (range 4 – 18)

- Number of treatment episodes
  - The median number of treatment episodes was 3 - 4
Addiction “Career”

Number of abstinent periods one month or longer followed by return to drug use prior to current abstinence*

- One: 17%
- Two: 22%
- Three: 11%
- Four to five: 16%
- Ten to 19: 17%
- 20 & over: 10%
- Six to nine: 7%

50% reported 4 or more abstinent periods followed by a return to active addiction

*Outside of controlled environment, among those who report one or more such periods: 71%  N=248  Laudet & White 2004
Implications

- Most persons who develop a substance use disorder have substance related problems for years
The Acute Care Model

- Encapsulated set of service activities (assess, admit, treat, discharge, termination of service relationship).
- Professional expert drives the process.
- Services transpire over a short (and ever-shorter) period of time.
- Individual/family/community is given impression at discharge ("graduation") that recovery is now self-sustainable without ongoing professional assistance.
The Chronic Care Model

- Initial triage and stabilization, support services are varied and open ended most concentrated early on.
- Professionals serve as consultants. Goal is for course of treatment to be patient driven to achieve highest level of adherence.
- Services are open ended, routine follow-up the norm.
- Individual/family/community educated on the “process” nature of “treatment”. Goal is to facilitate improved quality of life and wellness for the patient in whatever way works best for the patient.
Limitations of an Acute Care Model

- Has addiction treatment matched an acute care or chronic care style of intervention?
Why Focus on Recovery?

Expanding research base showing improved effectiveness of treatments and natural supports

Expectations of consumers and people in recovery
Research Contributes to a Sense of Urgency

- Research shows that the systemic burden of untreated substance use disorder is costly – to individuals, families and society
- Scientific advances over the past 20 years have:
  - shown that addiction is a chronic, reoccurring disease that results from the prolonged effects of drugs on the brain
  - produced a multitude of evidence-based psychosocial therapies for substance use and mental health disorders
- Emerging *science of recovery* complements the science of addiction, leading to more and diverse effective strategies to promote healthy, satisfying, productive lives among formerly dependent individuals
For too many people, addiction is a CHRONIC CONDITION WITH RECURRING ACUTE EPISODES...this is why an improved system of care is essential.
In the absence of an integrated system of services that

- surrounds the individual,
- adapts to dynamic needs and
- provides continuity as recovery progresses...

there is a great likelihood that individuals literally ‘fall through the cracks’ of a fragmented model of care where services are provided by different agencies in different locations, agencies that may not communicate or that have different policies, cultures, admission requirements and/or reimbursement structures.
Dimensions of a Recovery-Oriented Approach
The Pathology Paradigm

- Response to chronic “drunkenness” starting in the late 1700’s
- Compulsive and destructive AOD use defined as a “disease of the mind and will”
- Reflects the assumption that knowledge of the source of the problem will lead to the eventual solution.
- Provides the underpinning for our extensive knowledge of the psycho-pharmacology and epidemiology of AOD Problems.
The Intervention Paradigm

- Focused on attempts to resolve both at a personal and social level.
- Precipitated professionally directed treatment for AOD problems.
- Provides knowledge of what individuals look like prior to being admitted to treatment.
- Has allowed the majority of people who achieve sustained recovery do so after participating in treatment.
- Severe AOD Problems require 3-4 acute treatment episodes
Advocacy Vision vs. Reality

Vision 1963-1970

Recovery

Treatment

Reality 2014

Treatment

Recovery
The Recovery Paradigm

- Returning the focus from treatment to long term recovery.
- Shift of focus from addiction to recovery
- Shifting the fields energy and slogans from:
  - The nature of the problem – “addiction is a disease”
  - The effectiveness of interventions – “treatment works”
  - To the living proof of a permanent solution to AOD problems – “recovery is a reality”
- Examples: Faith-based recovery support structures; recovery employment co-ops; Wellbriety Movement
“I thought I felt a paradigm shift, but it was just my undershorts riding up.”
With Respect to Substance Use Disorders, How Would You Define:

• Successful Treatment
• Abstinence
• Recovery
Recovery is a process of change whereby individuals improve their health and wellness, to live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

SAMHSA/CSAT 2011
FAMILY

Respect

Culturally-based

Support

HOLISTIC PEERS

Emerges from trauma

Person-driven

Many pathways

Principles

Hope
Guiding Principles of Recovery

- Recovery is person-driven
- Recovery occurs via many pathways
- Recovery is holistic
- Recovery is supported by peers and allies
- Recovery is supported through relationships and social networks
- Recovery is culturally based and influenced
- Recovery is supported by addressing trauma
- Recovery involves individual, family and community strengths and responsibilities
- Recovery is based on respect
- Recovery emerges from hope
A recovery-oriented systems approach supports person-centered and self-directed approaches to care that build on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to take responsibility for their sustained health, wellness, and recovery from alcohol and drug problems.

(SAMHSA, 2010)
Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care

- Macro-system Organizing Philosophy
  - “Recovery-oriented systems of care” (ROSC) are networks of formal and informal services developed and mobilized to support long-term recovery for individuals, families and communities impacted by severe substance use disorders.
  - ROSC influences the creation of values and policies in the larger cultural and policy environment that are supportive of these recovery processes.
Describing ROSC

Recovery-oriented systems of care shift the question from “How do we get the client into treatment?” to “How do we support the process of recovery within the person’s environment?”

H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, CAS, FASM
Values Underlying a ROSC

Person-centered

Self-directed

Strength-based

Participation of family members, caregivers, significant others, friends, community
• Individualized, comprehensive services and supports
• Community-based services and supports
Core Components of a ROSC

- Multiple stakeholder involvement
- Recovery community/family involvement
- Provider Involvement
- Collaborative decision-making
- Continuity of services and supports
- Service quality and responsiveness
Core Components of a ROSC

- Continuity of services and supports
- Service quality and responsiveness
- Adequately and flexibly funded
- Driven by recovery outcomes
  - For the individual
  - For the system
RECOVERY DIMENSIONS

HOME
↑ Permanent Housing

COMMUNITY
↑ Peer/Family/Recovery Network Supports

HEALTH
↑ Recovery

PURPOSE
↑ Employment/Education

Individuals and Families
Outcomes for the Individual

- Abstinence
- Education
- Employment
- Reduced criminal justice involvement
- Stability in housing
- Improved health
- Social connectedness
- Quality of life
OUTCOMES FOR THE SYSTEM

- Increased Access & Capacity
- Proper Placement and Quality of Care
- Use of Evidence-based Practices
- Cost-Effectiveness
- Retention
- Perception of Care
So What Would a Recovery Focus Look Like in a Treatment Center?
Guiding Principles of Recovery

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“Man can live about forty days without food, about three day without water, about eight minutes without air, but only for one second without hope”

Anonymous
A Recovery Focus Would Be:

- Person Centered
- Strength Based
- Meet the client where they are at when they walk in the door
- Services would be Trauma Informed
- Services would be culturally appropriate
- Counselor / Case Manager would be an ally not an adversary
- Would focus on supporting the person’s recovery within their community.
Person Centered Treatment

- Carl Rogers
- Core Concepts
  - Congruence
    - Self Concept
    - Ideal Self
    - Real Self
  - Unconditional Positive Regard
    - Non-judgmental
Person Centered Treatment

• Core Concepts
  - Empathetic Understanding
    ‣ Motivational Interviewing / Enhancement
  - Self Actualization
    ‣ Every individual has the resources for personal development and growth
    ‣ The role of the counselor is to provide the favorable conditions for that to occur
Change Agents

Insurance Agent

Travel Agent

Change Agent

www.FieldstoneAlliance.org
Four Factors of Lasting Change

- **Expectancy**
  Expectancy equates to Hope; Hope on the part of both the client and the counselor.

- **Techniques**
  Counseling strategies, evidence-based practices.

- **Extra-therapeutic**
  That which the client brings into treatment. Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.

- **Therapeutic Relationship**
  The relationship between the client and counselor.
Counselors assist the natural healing process of a client. In the therapeutic alliance the counselor has to believe in this process. There are endless paths to personal change. We have to help the client find the most effective path for them.
Therapeutic collaboration means mutual trust, mutual respect, and mutual dialogue that leads to agreed upon goals, objectives and solutions. Solutions to problems need to pass through the gender and cultural experiences of the client. As the client feels understood and validated, they begin to trust. As they begin to trust they begin to move.

Change occurs............
“Common therapeutic factors are the most robust predictors of client engagement, retention and outcome. The therapist behaviors that are common across most therapies consist of relationship variables such as warmth, empathy, acceptance, and encouragement of risk taking.”

_The Heart and Soul of Change_ (Hubble, Duncan and Miller, 2010)
"If counselors take alliance, engagement and self-change seriously, their task is to join with clients to help them get what they want, not what the counselor thinks they need. For instance, clients may want to stay out of jail, keep their job or partner, get their children back, find housing, or get people to leave them alone."

_The Heart and Soul of Change_, (Hubble, Duncan and Miller, 2010)
How do we view the folks that walk through our doors?
Clients viewed as “objects”: The basis for this attitude is that one person or group “knows what’s best” for another person or group. The person being viewed as an object usually knows it.
Clients viewed as “recipients”: The first person or group still believes they know what is best for the other, but they “give” the other the opportunity to participate in decision-making because it will be “good” for the other person or group.
“I expect you all to be independent, innovative, critical thinkers who will do exactly as I say!”
Client viewed as resources: Here there is an attitude of respect by the first person or group toward what the other person or group can do. This attitude and the behaviors that follow it can be closely associated with two matters of great concern to ROSC: Self – Esteem and Productivity
I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou
III. Recovery Management

- Microsystem Organizing Philosophy
  - RM is a philosophy of organizing addiction treatment and recovery support services to enhance:
    - Pre-recovery engagement (Recovery Priming)
    - Recovery initiation & stabilization
    - Quality of life
    - Long-term recovery maintenance
1. Recovery Priming: RM Model Strategies

Anti-stigma campaigns
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- Anti-stigma campaigns
- Assertive models of community outreach
My clients don’t hit bottom; they live on the bottom. If we wait for them to hit bottom, they will die. The obstacle to their engagement in treatment is not an absence of pain; it is an absence of hope. — Outreach Worker (Quoted in White, Woll, and Webber 2003)
1. Recovery Priming: RM Model Strategies

- Anti-stigma campaigns
- Assertive models of community outreach
- Recovery presence in communities
1. Recovery Priming: RM Model Strategies

- Recovery presence in communities
  - Recovery Community Centers
  - Recovery Month Events
1. Recovery Priming: RM Model Strategies

- Anti-stigma campaigns
- Assertive models of community outreach
- Recovery presence in communities
- Terminology
1. Recovery Priming: RM Model Strategies

- Terminology
  - Substance Abuse
  - Substance Abuser
1. Recovery Priming: RM Model Strategies

- Kelly & Westerhoff (2010) study
  - Case studies with “substance abuser” and “person with substance use disorder.”
- Those receiving the “abuser” paragraph were significantly more likely:
  - To agree that Mr. Williams should be punished and
  - To blame Mr. Williams for his condition and failure to comply with the treatment protocol
2. Recovery Initiation: RM Model Strategies

- Motivation for change no longer seen as sole responsibility of individual
  - “We’ll be here when you’re ready”
- Motivation is shared responsibility with the treatment team, family and community institutions (White, Boyle & Loveland, 2003)
- Motivation is not a pre-condition for treatment, but as an outcome of a service process
  - A strong therapeutic relationship can overcome low motivation for treatment and recovery (Ilgen, et al, 2006)
2. Recovery Initiation: RM Model Strategies

• Weak understanding of physical and cultural contexts in which people are attempting to initiate recovery

  ○ AC Model question: “How do we get the individual into treatment”--get them from their world to our world?

  ○ RM question: “How do we nest recovery in the natural environment of this individual?”
2. Recovery Initiation: RM Model Strategies

- What do we know about the physical and cultural contexts in which people are attempting to initiate recovery?
  - Bill White – Atlanta 2009
3. Recovery Maintenance: RM Model Strategies

- I’m sorry that we haven’t done a better job supporting you.
3. Recovery Maintenance: RM Model Strategies

- The majority of people completing addiction treatment resume AOD use in the year following treatment (Wilbourne & Miller, 2002).

- Of those who consume alcohol and other drugs following discharge from addiction treatment, 80% do so within 90 days of discharge (Hubbard, Flynn, Craddock, & Fletcher, 2001).
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- Examples from The Healing Place of Wake County
  - Telephone recovery support in 2014
    - 50 participants made over 2,000 phone calls to 109 participants who were re-engaging in recovery following a return to use
  - Letters to inmates in 2014
    - 1,532 letters were written to incarcerated former/potential participants by current participants
4. **Enhance Quality of Life: RM Model Strategies**

- Enhanced quality of personal/family life
- Extending recovery careers
- Removing barriers to full citizenship
Recovery Capital

- **Recovery Capital (RC)** is the breadth and depth of internal and external resources that can be drawn upon to initiate and sustain recovery.

- There are three types of Recovery Capital that can be influenced by addictions professionals.

White and Cloud, 2008
Physical recovery capital includes:

- physical health
- financial assets
- health insurance
- safe and recovery-conducive shelter
- clothing, food, and
- access to transportation.

White and Cloud, 2008
Human recovery capital includes:

- values
- knowledge
- educational/vocational skills and credentials
- problem solving capacities

- self-awareness, self-esteem, self-efficacy
- hopefulness/optimism
- perception of one’s past/present/future
- sense of meaning and purpose in life, and
- interpersonal skills

White and Cloud, 2008
Family/Social Recovery Capital

- Encompasses intimate relationships, family and kinship relationships, and social relationships that are supportive of recovery efforts
- Is indicated by:
  - the willingness of intimate partners and family members to participate in treatment
  - the presence of others in recovery within the family and social network
  - access to sober outlets for sobriety-based fellowship/leisure,
  - relational connections to conventional institutions

White and Cloud, 2008
Community Recovery Capital

Community recovery capital includes:

- active efforts to reduce addiction/recovery-related stigma
- visible and diverse local recovery role models
- a full continuum of addiction treatment resources
- recovery mutual aid resources that are accessible and diverse
- local recovery community support institutions
- cultural capital

White and Cloud, 2008
Recovery capital, both its quantity and quality, plays a major role in determining the success or failure of natural and assisted recovery (Granfield & Cloud, 1996, 1999; Moos & Moos, 2007; Kaskutas, Bond, & Humphreys, 2002).

Increases in recovery capital can spark *turning points* that end addiction careers; trigger recovery initiation; elevate coping abilities; and enhance quality of life in long-term recovery (Cloud & Granfield, 2004; Laudet, Morgan, & White, 2006).  

White and Cloud, 2008
Such turning points, both as climactic transformations and incremental change processes, may require the accumulation of recovery capital across several years and multiple episodes of professional treatments (Dennis, Foss, & Scott, 2007).

Elements of recovery capital vary in importance within particular stages of long-term recovery (Laudet & White, 2010).
Increased awareness of the problem(s)

Overcoming reluctance and committing to change

Sense of hope

Personal empowerment and self-respect

Meaningful connection to others

Abstinence

Meaningful work and safe housing

Increased self-efficacy

Increased self-efficacy

Reduction of illegal & risky behaviors

Abstinence

Recovery: A Dynamic Process

Each person is unique

And has many possible recovery outcomes
## Current life priorities by abstinence duration stage (Laudet & White, 2010)

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Figure 1. Respective Roles of Treatment and Recovery Support Services

- Treatments decrease illness
- Substance Use & Relapse Triggers
- Recovery Capital
- Recovery support services increase recovery capital

= Sustained Recovery

Continuity of Services and Supports

Individuals are not expected nor required to progress through a continuum of care in a linear or sequential manner.
Peer Support Specialists

- Peer Specialist - a peer who has been trained and employed to offer peer support to people with behavioral health conditions in any of a variety of settings
Values of Peer Support Services

- Provide a link between treatment and community systems
- Engage persons seeking recovery and facilitate entry into treatment as desired
- Provide social support services during treatment
- Provide a post-treatment safety net to sustain treatment gains
- Are very adaptable:
  - operating within diverse populations,
  - stages of recovery,
  - pathways to recovery,
  - service settings, and organizational contexts
Goals of Peer Support

- Increase connection to treatment
- Reduce obstacles to continued engagement in services and supports
- Increase people’s ability to sustain their recovery following treatment
Four Types of Recovery Support Services

- **Emotional:** Demonstrations of empathy, care, concern
- **Informational:** Assistance with knowledge, information, and skills
- **Instrumental:** Concrete assistance in helping others get things done
- **Affiliational:** Feeling connected to others, having a social group and/or community
### Where Do We Go From Here

| • Based on what we now know, what is the role of Prevention in a recovery oriented system? |
| • What needs to happen to transition from the more traditional treatment model to a recovery-oriented model care? |
| • What strategies can we use to provide or broker recovery-oriented services? |
| • What are the roles of self-help groups, professional treatment, recovery peer specialists, and other emerging forms of recovery management? |
Making a Shift: Potential Obstacles

- Conceptual
- Personal/Professional
- Financial
- Technical
- Ethical
- Institutional
To sum it all up………

- By us changing our language we can start the process of the general public changing their language and perception.
- We need to bring unequivocal messages of hope that the problems of substance use disorders can be resolved.
- The focus needs to be on the solutions that recovery brings:
  - The reality of recovery
  - The diversity of patterns of recovery
  - The variety of methods used to achieve recovery.
1. Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC)
   a. Great Lakes – ROSC Webinar Series, ROSC Monograph Series (go to www.attcnetwork.org under Regional Centers, go to “Great Lakes”)
   b. Northeast /IRETA – “Linking Addiction Treatment and Communities of Recovery”
      (go to www.attcnetwork.org under Regional Centers, go to “Northeast”)

2. www.bhrm.org Papers and Clinical Guidelines

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