



## COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

### Community of Practice Schedule: January – June 2023

The Peer Recovery Center of Excellence hosts monthly communities of practice, a type of affinity call, as spaces for peer recovery support specialists and those who supervise them to network, learn, share, practice, and grow together. The goal of these calls is to bring together a variety of diverse perspectives from across the country to share in mutual learning that is centered on topics relevant to the peer workforce.

Each month the Peer Recovery CoE hosts two Community of Practice sessions:

- A session for **Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS)** convenes on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern (1pm Central / 12pm Mountain / 11am Pacific)
- A session for **Supervisors of PRSS** convenes on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern (1pm Central / 12pm Mountain / 11am Pacific)

### APRIL 2023

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Community of Practice for **PRSS: *Exploring and Defining Lived Experience***

This community of practice will focus on understanding how we define lived experience. It will explore the impact of limiting the definition of lived experience to mental health and / or substance use challenges on peer support. There will also be discussion of how we can find connection and provide peer support even when we don't have the same lived experience as the people we're providing services to.

- Facilitator: Kelly Davis
- Register: <https://utexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvfuvqvrz8oH9MZ8MPOLo2ax8uqX9Ep3NIb>

### **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Community of Practice for **Supervisors of PRSS: *How Peer is our Peerness?***

Peer Support is a distinct practice with its own principles and practices. In our daily challenges to meet people's needs, peerness can be left behind. This interactive discussion will revisit what PEER means (and doesn't mean) and what it looks like in daily practice as a self-check for us all.

- Facilitator: Lyn Legere
- Register: <https://utexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpce-tqzluGNCjJGjozLeMAhh3nTqDiVFQ>

## **MAY 2023**

### **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Community of Practice for **PRSS: *The Value of the Lived Experience of Suicide***

This community of practice will center on people with the lived experience of attempting to die by suicide. It will include conversation about how employers may respond when people with this lived experience choose to disclose, how comfort with sharing this experience can lead to deeper connection in peer support services, and why it's important to center this lived experience in the development of crisis service systems.

- Facilitator: Kirill Staklo
- Register: [https://utexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMud-mppjoqGdQiHiZLJ6YFXVF1I\\_fkZ1vr](https://utexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMud-mppjoqGdQiHiZLJ6YFXVF1I_fkZ1vr)

### **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Community of Practice for **Supervisors of PRSS: *Lived Experience Requirements for Hiring PRSS***

This community of practice will focus on best practices for hiring peer recovery support specialists with a focus on common lived experience requirements. It will include discussion about the importance of centering peer values in setting these requirements, the impact they have on workforce development, and an exploration of why employers feel these are necessary.

- Facilitator: Achara Consulting
- Register: <https://utexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJllcuqrrjoiG9EEidsmEcS14Aciq7GuZ5SU>

**JUNE 2023**

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (One session only)**

***Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Community Dialogue – Learning from Each Other: Bringing Movement Elders and Young Leaders Together***

In this community dialogue we'll host a roundtable of movement leaders who have played historic roles in the peer movement alongside those who are currently making their mark. We'll discuss the importance of understanding and honoring movement history, intentionally making space for and inviting in new voices, and how we can build coalitions in order to continue pushing the peer movement forward.

- Facilitator: Panel of Subject Matter Experts (TBD)
- Moderator: Tim Saubers
- Register: <https://utexas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvcu2grDsvEtHlAcptw1LqJY01t0WnrsXW>

