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Subject: Peer Support Certification Training Curriculum Pause

The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), in consultation with Behavioral Health Springboard (BHS) at the UNC School of Social Work and key stakeholders from the peer workforce, will institute a pause on the review and approval of new Peer Support Training curricula effective October 8, 2019.

During this pause, DMH/DD/SAS, through collaboration with community stakeholders, will evaluate the current certification process to ensure that current and future workforce needs are being met through the Peer Support Certification process.

All currently approved Peer Support Specialist (PSS) courses will still be able to provide peer support trainings during the pause. There are currently ten (10) approved/certified courses that are authorized to facilitate the 40-hour training. We encourage individuals seeking Peer Support Certification to visit the North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist Program website at <https://pss.unc.edu/> to find upcoming approved PSS training sessions.

If you have questions, please contact Stacy A. Smith at 919-715-2368 or [stacy.smith@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:stacy.smith@dhhs.nc.gov).

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