



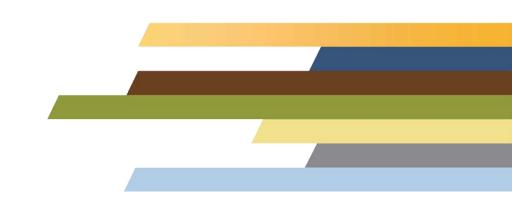
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Workforce Recruitment & Retention Webinar Series

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Workforce Recruitment & Retention – Part 2: Strategies

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Brief Recap of Webinar 1

- 1. Recruitment challenges & high levels of turnover
- 2. Simple terms Complex issues
- 3. Absence of good data & evidence
- 4. Negative impact on clients, services & service organizations
- 5. The need to Advocate & Act
- 6. Examples of action in Massachusetts

Content of this Webinar

- 1. Review of recruitment & retention strategies
- 2. Recruitment & retention of people of color
- 3. Participant comments, questions & suggestions

A Detailed Resource

The SAMHSA Recruitment and Retention Toolkit



http://toolkit.ahpnet.com

The SAMHSA Model

- 1. Build a R&R plan
- 2. Recruitment strategies
- 3. Selection strategies
- 4. Orientation & onboarding strategies
- 5. Supervision strategies
- 6. Recognition strategies
- 7. Training strategies
- 8. Career development strategies
- 9. Support strategies

Being Successful...

Entails being intentional and systematic over time rather than reactive



Step 1: Building a Plan

- 1. Gather baseline info: turnover rates, satisfaction
- 2. Select the R&R priority (which positions)
- 3. Conduct a job analysis
- 4. Write an accurate job description
- 5. Identify strategies / interventions
- 6. Develop the action plan

^{*}Plans can focus on more than a position

An Example:

Center for Integrated Health Solutions:

- 37 job descriptions
- Performance assessment
- Reimbursement and provider payment



Step 2: Recruitment Strategies

- 1. Know the law and stay within it
- 2. Develop a marketing plan
- 3. Online job postings
- 4. Create a social networking presence
- 5. Expand the candidate pool
- 6. Hire individuals with disabilities

Growing a Strong Direct Care Workforce

- Targeted outreach strategies
 - Build partnerships (schools, colleges, workforce development organizations)
 - Connect personally (job fairs, info sessions, community events)
 - Seek referrals (offering bonuses to current employees)
 - Spread the word via social media (use personal stories and employee reviews)



Step 3: Selection Strategies

- Education & experience
- Interviews
- Testing
- Job samples
- References
- Examining the "match"
- Realistic Job Preview

Step 4: Orientation & Onboarding

- Shift from "orientation" to "onboarding"
- Providing information <u>plus</u> focusing on employee engagement
- Demonstrating the value placed on the employee
- Effective and efficient onboarding:
 - Can help reduce turnover
 - Is essential in managing high turnover
- Efficiency with turnover

Onboarding Strategies

- Advanced preparation
- Personalization
- Attention to logistics
- Use of checklists
- Buddy system or mentor
- Convey knowledge about: the organization, mission & vision, history, language, job role, benefits, performance expectations, people, politics, etc.

Step 5: Supervision

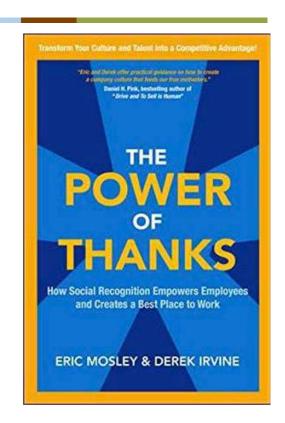
- Evidence for impact of supervision on care & R&R
- Lack of adequate clinical supervision delivered
- Replaced with staff & team meetings
- Supervisors often lack competencies in supervision & EBPs
- TIP 52 on supervision as a resource

ATTC National Workforce Report 2017



Step 6: Recognition

- Types
 - Personal feedback & thanks
 - Institutional recognition
 - Recognition apps
- Demonstrated impact on "engagement" & productivity
- 'Most employers believe that workers leave jobs for more money. But few workers do.'(Leigh Branham)



Step 7: Training

Two quick tips:

- Stop torturing your workforce with ineffective trainings
- 2. Focus on skill development using evidencebased teaching approaches

Step 8: Career Development

- Supervision + coaching + mentoring
- Support in setting & reaching longer-term goals
- Continuing education opportunities
- Opportunities for advancement
- Constructive feedback
- Self-evaluation

Step 9: Support

- Sources of concern:
 - Job stress
 - Compassion fatigue
 - Secondary trauma
 - Burnout

Support Interventions

- Assessment
- Prevention & early intervention
- Supportive supervision, groups & organization
- Skill development on wellness & self-care
- Caseload adjustment and mix / job redesign
- Resolving job ambiguity & role conflict
- Job redesign & increased autonomy
- EAP services

Additional Retention Strategies

- Supportive work environment
- Team-based practice
- Employee input & participatory management
- HIT implementation
- An effective & sustainable program of services
- Opportunities to work & train with other sites & organizations

Vital Signs (ATTC)

National Health Service Corps

- A program of HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce
- Largest % are in behavioral health (30%)
- Loan repayment for service in a shortage area
- Up to \$50,000 over 2 years
- The employer/site must be NHSC-approved
- Eligible disciplines include: psychiatry, psychology, social work, psychiatric nurse specialist, licensed professional counselor, marriage & family therapist

National Health Service Corps (2)

- 37 State loan repayment programs
- NHSC Jobs Center (<u>www.nhscjobs.hrsa.gov</u>)
- Virtual Job Fairs
- Currently 22,000 employers, 10,000 members & 5,000 open positions
- 87% continue work with underserved areas

National Health Service Corps (3)

- Outpatient Opioid & SUD treatment providers in rural/underserved areas <u>now</u> eligible!
- Traditional eligibility criteria focus on providing comprehensive behavioral health services
- Next application deadline is <u>August 14, 2018</u>

Resource: Understanding the National Health Service Corp - for BH & PC Providers (CIHS)

The Numbers

The number of psychiatrists,
 psychologists, counselors, and social
 workers available to treat every 1,000
 people with SUD – ranges from a high of
 70 in Vermont to a low of 11 in Nevada
 (Vestal, 2015)



- 5.3% of all psychologists identify as African-American, 5% as Latino, & 4.3% as Asian (APA, 2013; 2018)
- Over 70% of addiction providers are non-Hispanic White; other estimates as high as 86% (Guerrero, 2013)

The Numbers

- Racial and ethnic minorities with a SUD comprise 40% of admissions to publicly funded treatment programs
- Blacks and Latinos were 3.5-8.1 percentage points less likely than Whites to complete treatment
- Completion disparities:
 - Socioeconomic factors (employment; housing)
 - Lower quality and fewer treatment options
 - Lack of cultural and linguistic sensitivity (i.e., spiritual & cultural practices)

(Saloner & Le Cook, 2013)

Why Should We Care About Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Workforce

 <u>Ethical issue</u>: providing access to jobs and opportunities for advancement

 <u>Matching issue</u>: research to suggest that ethnic/racial provider-client matching can translate into successful treatment completion

 Agency Culture issue: the presence of people of color within the agency can help educate other staff and enhance the development of culturally appropriate services

Recruitment Strategies, Part 1

- Networking with academic institutions:
 - attending job fairs at the local community colleges and universities
 - offering internships & practicums
- Offering tuition assistance
- Paying for licensure, certification, and/or conference attendance
- Providing sign-on bonus for special skills





Recruitment Strategies, Part 2

- Deal with potential bias in the hiring process
- Recruit continuously create a pool
- Provide on-the-job culturally relevant mentorship and career ladders
- Demonstrate an organizational commitment to diversity
- Build on the reputation of your organization

Recruitment Strategies, Part 3

Posting jobs on culturally relevant websites:

- i Hispano
- Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement Online
- Im Diversity
- Diversity Search
- MFP job boards

Retention Strategies

- Meaningful minority representation on boards and other key roles in policy development, program evaluation, and design
- Recognition & awards
- Job satisfaction
- Work-life balance
- Track effectiveness of diversity retention



Strengthening the Focus on Culturally/Linguistically Competent Care

Adopting competency standards: The
 Enhanced National Standards for
 Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate
 Services in Health and Health Care
 (OMH, DHHS, 2013)



- Providing multicultural supervision & supervision training
- Compensating for special skills

Providing Culturally Relevant Continuing Education



- Northeast & Caribbean ATTC:
 - Cultural Competence: A Modality for Practice
 - Cultural Elements with Hispanic Adolescents
 - Theory and Practice of Motivational Interviewing
- National American Indian & Alaska Native ATTC:
 - Leadership Academy
 - Spirituality and Behavioral Health
 - Annual Symposium

- Ecuador Professional Preparation
 Program
- Latino/a Mental Health Providers
 Network
- PASEO Program
- Pepperdine University
- Southern CT State Univ
- University of Miami

Be Mindful of the "Minority Tax"

 The burden of extra responsibilities placed on minority professionals in the name of efforts to achieve diversity

- Leads to disparities on multiple fronts:
 - Diversity efforts
 - Racism
 - Isolation
 - Mentorship
 - Clinical
 - Promotion



Minimize Discrimination & Bias

Take workplace discrimination seriously:

- Training for administrators and employees
- Safe reporting options
- Attend to pay equity (Buche et al., 2017)

Perceptions of Treatment in the Workplace

Survey conducted by the Pew Research Center (2016)

- "Personally treated unfairly in hiring, pay, or promotion in the past year because of race/ethnicity":
 - 4% of Whites said YES
 - 16% of Hispanics said YES
 - 21% of Blacks said YES

Pay Gap Statistics

White men had higher hourly earnings than all except Asian men in 2015

Median hourly earnings of men and women from each race/ethnicity





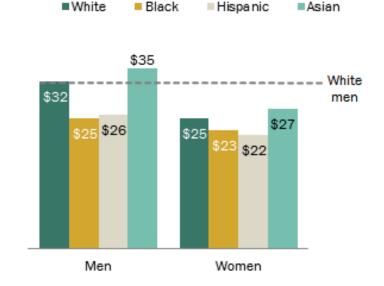
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Source: Pew Research Centertabulations of 2015 Current Population Survey data.

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Controlling for education, white men still out-earned most groups in 2015

Median hourly earnings among those ages 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or more



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Pay Gap

 Hispanic women will have to wait until 2233 and Black women will wait until 2124 for equal pay



Increasing the Pipeline: SAMHSA Funded MFP Programs in Addictions & HRSA LRP







What Does the MFP Provide?

NAADAC:

- Funded 23 students in 2017-2018
- tuition stipends (up to \$15,000)
- NBCC:
 - Funds up to 40 students
 - Tuition stipends (up to \$11,000)
- Training & education
- Professional guidance & mentoring



How can you link to/benefit from the MFP

 State Level: Make sure educational programs and provider agencies are aware of it

<u>Providers</u>: Access point for recruitment/internship placement

Educational Programs: Link students to the MFP

Increase the Pipeline: HRSA Faculty Loan Repayment Program

- Eligibility criteria:
 - Come from a disadvantaged background, based on environmental and/or economic factors
 - Have an eligible health professions degree or certificate
 - Have an employment commitment as a faculty member at an approved health professions institution for a minimum of two years
- Loan payment assistance up to \$40,000

Increase the Pipeline: State Example

 Both offer training in addictions and a pathway towards licensure and certification (LADC & CADC):

Black Addiction Counselor Education Program

Latino Behavioral Health Workforce Program

Questions & Comments

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Future Webinar

- July 25, 11:00 Central, Noon EDT
 - Additional Strategies & Resources
 - Recruitment & Retention of People in Recovery