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Voters favor drug policy reform in many states

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NOVEMBER 3 - It's been a monumental night for drug policy reform. In arguably the biggest blow to the drug war to date, **Oregon has become the first state in the nation to decriminalize all drugs**. And it was a historic night for marijuana reform too, with New Jersey and Arizona legalizing marijuana for adult use and Mississippi and South Dakota legalizing medical marijuana.

In Montana and South Dakota, the results have not yet been called for separate measures which would legalize adult use in the state. But we're hopeful that when every vote is counted we will prevail.

We thank supporters like you for making all this incredible progress possible. Read on for the full results so far. **Oregon Decriminalizes All Drugs**



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In an unprecedented victory, Oregon voters approved Measure 110, becoming the first state in the nation to decriminalize the personal use and possession of all drugs while expanding access to addiction and other health services.

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2020 Election results not official

By: Kathie Mitchell, Newsletter Editor

Unofficial results across the country project Joe Biden as the winner of both the popular vote and electoral votes in the race for President. However, President Trump has not conceded and has filed law suits challenging the results.

At the center of the controversy is the counting of mail in ballots which caused results to be delayed in some states. This year, many voters opted to vote by mail instead of going to the polls during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Community Support Journal will report the final results when they are determined.



This groundbreaking initiative imagines a better way forward – instead of arresting and jailing people for drugs, it will offer help to those who need and want it.

DPA has long advocated for all drug decriminalization as a critical step to ending the drug war. Our advocacy and political arm, Drug Policy Action, spearheaded this historic campaign from funding and drafting the measure to qualifying it for the ballot and getting it over the finish line.

Passage of Measure 110 is a landmark declaration that the time has come to stop criminalizing people for drug use. It shifts the focus where it belongs – on people and public health – and removes one of the most common justifications for law enforcement to harass, arrest, prosecute, incarcerate, and deport people. As we saw with the domino effect of marijuana legalization, we expect this victory to inspire other states to follow suit and enact their own decriminalization policies that prioritize health over punishment.

This is a monumental step away from criminalization toward a humane and health-based approach. It's time to stop arresting and incarcerating people who use drugs and begin to repair the harm that drug law enforcement has caused to our communities.

More people are arrested for drug possession than any other offense in the United States, with one person arrested every 23 seconds. Disproportionately, these are Black, Latinx, Indigenous and low-income people, making it the leading cause of contact between these communities and law enforcement. As we reckon with racism and policing, policies like Measure 110 that remove opportunities for arrests and incarceration for drug possession and replace them with access to health services are the way we begin to interrogate the role of policing in our society.

This measure will have a profound impact. We hope this victory inspires you to fight for what your communities deserve. Because we are inspired, and we are ready to build with you to decriminalize drugs in every state across the country.

Marijuana Wins Big in More States

With the support of Drug Policy Action, the political arm of the Drug Policy Alliance, voters in New Jersey passed a measure to legalize marijuana for adult use. DPA also congratulates Arizona, where voters also approved a similar measure, creating a total 13 states plus Washington D.C. that have legalized marijuana. It was also a historic year for medical marijuana, with victories in Mississippi and South Dakota.

These victories will go a long way to undoing the harms of marijuana prohibition. In New Jersey, the state wastes over \$143 million a year arresting over 32,000 people on marijuana-related charges, the vast majority just for simple possession.

Meanwhile, Mississippi has become one of the few states in the Deep South to legalize medical marijuana. Drug Policy Action, our advocacy and political arm, has worked on this campaign for several years, partnering with our local allies at every step of the way—from drafting the amendment, to signature gathering, to getting it across the finish line. Suffering patients who can benefit from medical marijuana will finally be able to get the relief they deserve.

Voters in South Dakota also passed a medical marijuana measure to create safe, regulated, and legal access to medical marijuana for patients.

Keep the Momentum Going

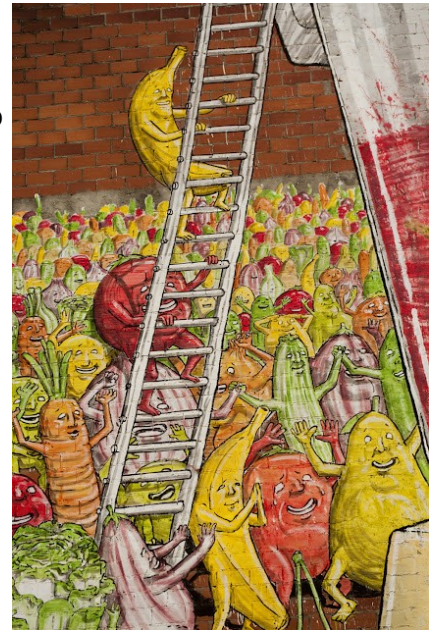
Public opinion polls show 67% of Americans support marijuana legalization, including 55% of Republicans. Yet the continued enforcement of marijuana prohibition laws is responsible for more than 500,000 arrests in the United States every year, disproportionately impacting Black, Latinx, and Indigenous people. These victories are crucial to reforming marijuana laws in other states and at the federal level. They demonstrate that reform is tenable outside the East and West Coasts, including in some of the regions hardest hit by the drug war, like the South and Midwest.

Beyond marijuana, our country still arrests one person every 23 seconds for drug possession - any drug. Our work will not be done until no one is arrested for any drug, and we repair the damage done by expunging drug arrest records and reinvesting in communities harmed by racially targeted policing.

The drug war is a public health crisis, a tool of racial oppression and a wasteful misuse of government resources. And it's clear that more and more Americans like you are demanding reform. But there is still so much more to do and we need your support. **[Please make a donation to the Drug Policy Alliance today.](#)** We must stay focused on ending this drug war once and for all. **[Donate now.](#)**

Community Connection grant approve - Food pantry to get wall mural

The CSP Social Subcommittee had one Community Connection grant to consider from the Mattie Dixon food pantry in Ambler. The request was for \$500 towards a project to paint a mural on their wall, welcoming people and making the pantry easier to find. The food pantry is going to be partnering with Brush with the Law to do the mural which will involve many people in the community. Penny Johnson, who temporarily chaired the meeting in October, asked the entire CSP committee to vote on the request, since it is more money than usual for Community Connection grants. The committee voted to approve the grant request.



Mattie N. Dixon
Community Cupboard
'Neighbors Helping Neighbors'

Gov. Wolf Signs Bill on Mental Health Parity

October 29, 2020 - House bills 1439 and 1696 require health insurers that want to offer comprehensive health insurance coverage in Pennsylvania to verify that they have completed and fully documented analyses of their efforts to provide mental health and substance-use coverage that is comparable to physical health services with respect to cost sharing, in- and out-of-network coverage, and other treatment limits.



Insurers must also make that documentation available to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, upon request, to demonstrate compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA). Documentation must also be available to policyholders and providers upon request.

The new requirements are one element of Gov. Wolf's multi-agency effort and anti-stigma campaign, Reach Out PA: Your Mental Health Matters dedicated to expanding resources and the state's comprehensive support of mental health and related health care priorities in Pennsylvania.

"We must continue to do all that we can to support the mental health needs of all Pennsylvanians," Gov. Wolf said. "Mental health care is health care and we must not treat it any differently than any physical health care need."



Velma Kennedy knows a lot about human services in Philadelphia. In fact, personal experience in the foster care system as a pre-teen moved her to engage in a lifetime career of serving others.

After a few years of living in foster care, Kennedy moved in with a paternal aunt who became a mentor and inspired her to help others. Her aunt was a Church deaconess and a Sunday school teacher, and fostered nearly two dozen children in her lifetime. Although her aunt has passed for some years now, Kennedy says, “When I feel discouraged, I am reminded of the words of wisdom that were imparted to me such as *“You can do anything with a little effort”*, *“Nothing beats a failure but a try”* and the scripture *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)*.”

To this day, Kennedy still stays connected with many of her foster siblings. She attributes her childhood experiences and her participation in the Community Support Program (CSP) committees as motivation for going back to school and one day having a non-profit organization that helps out the homeless and children who are aging out of the foster care system.

Kennedy is a mother of four daughters and has an older brother with whom she is very close. She stressed the importance of education to her daughters, one being a college graduate and the others who are college students.

Twenty-five years ago, a young mother of a one-year-old daughter at the time, she began a career of working in human services at WES Health Centers (then known as Warren E. Smith Health Centers). Three years later she moved on to work for Community Behavioral Health in Philadelphia in various capacities. Her most memorable position was a 3 ½ year stint helping people get the benefits they needed and deserved by helping enroll them in Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare Advantage plans and other necessary benefits. She later moved on to the Member Services Department and received a promotion to Member Services Supervisor in June 2020.

“For the individuals I worked with, it was truly a life-changing experience,” Kennedy said. “I knew the rules. I was able to get life-saving surgeries for some individuals. They always came back to say thank you. It was very rewarding.”

Three years ago, Kennedy took on a role as CSP Liaison without knowing anything about the CSP, accepting the challenge in helping to revive the excitement of CSP in the Philadelphia County

“I really did not know what I was getting into,” Kennedy said. “I didn’t understand the impact that CSP had on the community. It offers a platform for the community to provide feedback on behavioral health services and a platform to advocate for their services and legislation that would affect them.”

Kennedy is one of the liaisons for the Philadelphia CSP Committee. You can find them on Facebook at **PhillyCSP** and **Twitter @PhillyCSP**. Email: phillycsp@gmail.com. She is also a member of the **Southeast Regional CSP Committee** where she serves as co-chair on the Conference Subcommittee. Current priorities for both CSP committees are advocating for the PA Budget and Mental Health Parity.

Kennedy said her passion grew for CSP especially with her personal connection from childhood - living with a parent who suffered from alcoholism and having another family member who had mental illness.

Kennedy also received her certification as a Peer Support Supervisor in 2019. She said this training helped her to have a better understanding of peers and to learn more ways to offer support.

- By *Kathie Mitchell*, Newsletter Editor

SE Regional CSP Committee holds virtual Leadership Retreat



By: Sue Shannon, Hopeworx Executive Director -

There were 38 people who attended the Virtual Leadership Retreat on November 2, 2020 held by the Southeast Regional Community Support Program (CSP) Committee via Zoom. The Southeast Region includes the counties of Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia.

Nancy Scheible, former CSP Coordinator for Bucks County, gave a really comprehensive presentation about the history of CSP, calling herself a CSP nerd at the beginning of the presentation. Scheible was honored during the event with an award acknowledging her advocacy and dedication to CSP. Many, many people at the Retreat talked about how Nancy inspired them and helped them to become aware and involved in CSP.

According to AJ Derro, current Bucks County CSP Coordinator, Scheible was his mentor and a strong, persistent voice for CSP in the mental health community.

“Nancy had very strong opinions about CSP and she wouldn’t stop talking about it,” Derro said. “She was unapologetic.”

Derro said he’d known Scheible for many years and she encouraged him or “voluntold” him to take part in the CSP process and to become a Certified Peer Specialist.

“It’s been an effective way of getting people involved,” Derro said of Scheible’s way of encouragement.

Derro led a breakout session at the Retreat which included reviewing a PowerPoint called “Nothing about us without us.” The presentation provided crucial information about CSP and showcased some of the activities southeastern CSP committees have been doing. To see the presentation, go to:

<https://www.montcopacsp.org/regional-and-state-committees> and click on “Presentation”.

Kim Renninger, Director of Community Advocates of Montgomery County, talked about the role of CSP in the mental health system in Pennsylvania, and Kathy Quick, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association, talked about the relationship between PMHCA, CSP and advocacy.



Nancy Scheible



Mark Boorse, of Access Services, led a training about the structure of CSP and how people can work together and become leaders at CSP. A big part of his presentation was having everyone discuss the picture in the PowerPoint of the rowing team - the roles of each of the people on the boat and how the person in the back of the boat steers, and the person in the front of the boat keeps a cadence so everyone moves together.

Kathie Mitchell contributed to this story.

GIVINGTUESDAY



HOPEWORX, INC. celebrates

GivingTuesday with **The Ferns Peer Respite** #Giving Tuesday Campaign, joining millions around the world participating in the global generosity movement on December 1, 2020.

Join **Hopeworx, Inc.** this GivingTuesday as we strive to inspire generosity by launching a fundraiser to raise awareness and support for **The Ferns Peer Respite**, a proposed alternative to mental health medical services which provides peer support and a welcoming space for individuals to relieve distress.



The Ferns Peer Respite is a proposal by the Peer Respite Council, a group of mental health stakeholders who seek alternatives to traditional mental health services that focus on the person rather than the problem. **Hopeworx, Inc.**, a member of the Council, has agreed to be the fiduciary for the Peer Respite.

Hopeworx, Inc. joined the GIVINGTUESDAY campaign this year to help raise funds for the startup of the Peer Respite. The Peer Respite will be located in Montgomery County but open to individuals in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Those who are interested in joining **Hopeworx, Inc.**'s GivingTuesday initiative can visit <https://www.hopeworxinc.org/what-we-do/ferns-peer-respite/givingtuesday.html>.

Contact: Sue Shannon, Hopeworx Executive Director
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Peer Run Respite Is Community Help Us Sow, Watch Us Grow



Stay safe and stay home

ACLU

Election: The ACLU worked tirelessly this cycle, through nonpartisan, issue-based media campaigns and voter education, to ensure people could cast an informed vote all the way down the ballot.

Together, we made an impact. Here are a few key civil liberties that also won in this election:

- **Marijuana legalization in states across the country.** Voters nationwide voiced one thing very clearly: It's long past time to end our country's racist War on Drugs. New Jersey, Arizona, Montana, and South Dakota all voted to legalize recreational cannabis. Mississippi and South Dakota voted to legalize the medical use of cannabis in-state. And Oregon became the first state in U.S. history to decriminalize all simple drug possession. [Read more on this and other criminal justice reform advancements here.](#)
- **Immigrants' rights and criminal justice in South Carolina and Georgia.** In 3 key sheriff races – [Charleston, South Carolina](#), and [Cobb](#) and [Gwinnett](#) Counties in Georgia – voters supported holding the police accountable, promoting racial justice, and ending local collaboration with ICE.
- **Privacy rights – and less police surveillance – in Portland, Maine.** [The city strengthened its ban on police use of face recognition technology.](#) This is important progress in the fight to defend our privacy rights and stop the over-policing and surveillance of our communities. *(This link brings you to a third-party website, [twitter.com](#))*
- **Racial justice and economic justice in Nebraska.** [People voted to stop predatory payday lending in the state](#), which disproportionately targets people of color, veterans, and other marginalized communities, trapping them into a cycle of debt.
- **Reproductive freedom and housing rights in Colorado.** [Voters defeated Proposition 115](#), rejecting the ballot measure that would ban abortion later in pregnancy – and ensuring safe, compassionate abortion access for all. Meanwhile, Boulder, CO became [the 7th jurisdiction to secure the right to counsel for residents facing eviction.](#) This is a huge win to fight mass evictions and a critical racial and gender justice issue.

October 30, 2020



Dear Honorable Senator Patrick Toomey:

The Southeast Regional Community Support Program (CSP) Advocacy Sub-committee, is concerned about dire need for federal assistance for the PA budget. The PA budget is only continuing through November because the state was hit so hard from COVID-19 which impacted tax revenues. Serious mental illness has usually cost America \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year. Mental health crises happen much more frequently without services and are much more costly than having accessible treatment in the first place.

Mental health services started being cut in 2012 in Pennsylvania and are in danger getting less and less funding. According to the [Pennsylvania Real-Time News](#):

“Lawmakers in Harrisburg cut \$84 million that counties used to fund programs for people with intellectual disabilities, mental health challenges, and other needs.”

Emergencies, such as COVID-19, create a lot of distress, and it may be the first time in the country that **mental health** has been raised as an **important** issue in **health**. **Mental health** systems need to be invested in after an emergency and now is an opportunity to invest in them and make systems better than they were before. Having services stay open is vitally important for maintaining individuals' wellness. Some of these important services that have helped individuals who are struggling:

- Supportive Housing
- Acute hospital treatment
- Crisis intervention teams and crisis stabilization programs
- Targeted, intensive case management services
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) programs
- Peer Support
- Access to psychiatric medications and outpatient therapy

Here is a statement from an anonymous individual on NAMI's National website:

“I have Schizoaffective disorder. I used to have a case worker, access to a counselor and group therapy, which were all part of my plan and helped me stay healthy and well. In July of 2010, due to budget cuts, the clinic here in town closed, and they laid off all the staff. I no longer have a case manager and only have peer support once a month, if I am lucky. I don't know how I will stay well without the medical care and treatment I need.”

CSP is concerned if mental health doesn't receive the proper funding there will be a lot more stories like this. It is crucial that mental health services continue to be fully funded now more than ever, through the rest of the fiscal year and beyond.

Please let us know your position in this matter and if we can count on your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Joann Mills-Johnson

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Co-Chairs

Southeast Regional Community Support Program Committee

28th Annual Forensic Rights and Treatment ‘Virtual’ Conference

“THE NEW NORMAL”

How-to Provide MH-Informed Services so Folks Thrive While Justice-Involved and Beyond
December 2, 2020 and December 3, 2020

Welcome Hi all. Well here we are, with another virtual event. When the COVID19 pandemic began, the conference planning committee had a good deal of discussion in March 2020 and believed that by December, we could hold a live conference. We all know now, that is not the case. We have assembled the 2020 Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference with a combination of recorded and live events. We are addressing cogent topics such as gun violence, prison reform and the managing the pandemic within the walls. Dr. Rachel Levine, has been a national scientific leader in managing the pandemic and she will offer greetings along with Executive Deputy Secretary George Little from PA Department of Corrections and Deputy Secretary Kristen Houser from PA Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services. In offering some recorded sessions, the faculty listing in this brochure includes e-mail addresses of the presenters. This will allow you to contact them should you have questions related to their session. The award ceremony will be held on Wednesday December 2, 2020 at lunch time and we are offering a session about hope, featuring Rocky Bleier, former Pittsburgh Steeler on Thursday. The advantage of a virtual event is that you can earn additional continuing education credits by viewing sessions at your convenience. The conference will be available to registrants until December 31, 2020 and you will be able to see all of the workshop offerings. Once you complete the evaluation tool and a validation tool, you will receive your CE credit. Get your coffee cup, some snacks and join the Drexel team as we offer “The New Normal: How to Provide MH-Informed Services so Folks Thrive While Justice-Involved and Beyond.”

Conference Chairs

Bill Holt

Donna McNelis

CONFERENCE FEES

Full Conference –
December 2-3, 2020 - \$100

One Day Conference - \$50

Educational Objectives

At the completion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- o · Identify practices developed during the pandemic.
- o · Explore safety issues related to gun violence.
- o · Describe advocacy reform issues within the walls.
- o · Cite virtual adaptations that were quickly employed by essential staff.
- o · Recognize the power of hope.

Visit our website at
www.drexelmed.edu/bhe
Click on the Conference tab for
complete information on the
Forensic Conference program.

COVID-19 RESOURCES



Find [food assistance resources near you](#).



[Mental health and substance use disorder help](#) is available.



If you are unable to work due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for [unemployment benefits](#).



Learn more about COVID-19 testing and [find a testing center](#).



See the latest COVID-19 guidance on [phased reopening](#).



Find COVID-19 [resources and guidance for Pennsylvania drivers](#).

Montgomery County Office of Mental Health Update on COVID-19

For current updates in Montgomery County, please go to the County’s COVID Hub: www.montcopa.org/COVID-19. People are encouraged to call ahead to service providers to confirm there have been no changes to delivery as public health best practices are evolving. Please utilize the Community Connections program for general questions or help navigating getting connected as well as Mobile Crisis and the Peer Support Talk Line.



ACCESS SERVICES

Creating better ways to serve people with special needs

Access Services is proud to provide behavioral health services to Montgomery County.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MOBILE CRISIS SUPPORT
855-634-HOPE
(855-634-4673)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PEER SUPPORT TALK LINE
855-715-8255
text 267-225-7785

Justice Related Services
610-500-2111

teentalkline
teens helping teens / no judging no pressure

Starting Point
Mobile Psych Rehab
215-540-2150

Homeless Street Outreach
610-482-5483

CSP Reports for October 2020

Advocacy Subcommittee - Kim Renninger reported that the committee talked about evictions – when the moratorium is lifted, it looks like there may be many evictions. The advocacy committee is looking into resources for people, including links to Legal Aid, and information for people so that they can advocate for themselves. There are some resources in Montgomery County through Your Way Home for rent and utilities payments for people who have been affected by COVID. They also discussed the PA state budget – the initial budget that was passed is only through November, so the state has to pass another budget. There is advocacy needed to urge the state to earmark money for human services, including mental health services. They are organizing to get people to contact their representatives. Abby said that NAMI has a standard letter people can use if they want – she will send it to the committee.

Social Subcommittee - The Social Subcommittee had one Community Connection grant to consider from the Mattie Dixon food pantry in Ambler – they requested \$500 towards a project to paint a mural on their wall, welcoming people and making the pantry easier to find. They're going to be partnering with Brush with the Law to do the mural, involving many people in the community. Penny, who temporarily chaired the meeting today, asked the entire CSP committee to vote on the request, since it is more money than usual for Community Connection grants. The committee voted to approve the request.

CSP MEETING CALENDER 2020-21

*Meetings are held every third
Thursday, monthly @
Norristown Public Library from
12: 00-2:30pm
The next meeting will be:*

November	19
December	17
January	21

*Until further notice, these meet-
ings are via Zoom.*

Montgomery County CSP Executive Committee

2020/2021 Co-Chairs

Provider Member: Abby Grasso, Executive Director of NAMI

Person in Recovery: Danny Kuchler

Family Member: Kathy Laws, FEST Program Manager

2020/2021 Sub-Committee Chairs

Social/Media: Ryan Schweiger

Advocacy: Kim Renninger, Robin Campbell

Conference: Erin Hewitt, Lauren Landers-Tabares

2020/2021 Treasurer

Morgan Killian-Moseley, CST Specialist

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CSP Principles

- * **Consumer Centered/
Consumer Empowered**
- * **Culturally competent**
- * **Able to Meet Special
Needs**
- * **Community Based with
Natural Supports**
- * **Flexible**
- * **Coordinated**
- * **Accountable**
- * **Strength Based**

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We have an e-mail list as well as a regular mailing, to join:

Send an e-mail to:

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Or send your contact info to the mailing address below

Meetings:

12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**3rd Thursday
of each month**

Norristown

Public Library Community Room

1001 Powell St.

(at Swede St.)

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ABOUT CSP

Mission Statement:

Montgomery County's Community Support Program (CSP) brings together individuals that receive mental health services, their family members, providers and the Department of Behavioral Health in an equal partnership to promote recovery and excellence in the delivery of community-based mental health services.

The committee strives to include a balance of people who use services, people who provide services, family members, and interested members of the community at large.

The CSP initiatives continue to grow state, regionally and county wide. As the involvement increases CSP has become a place that feedback can truly be given to the county from individuals that receive services and information can be given that suits the needs and requests of those that attend.

CSP Subcommittees:

- * **Advocacy Subcommittee**—Works on legislative, policy, communication, budget, voter education and other issues related to mental health services in the county, statewide and at the federal level when relevant. At the direction of the CSP Committee, the Advocacy Subcommittee gathers information on issues, plans advocacy events and creates a monthly newsletter to provide information to the stakeholder network as well as the community at large about the work of CSP. The newsletter also provides updates on new and changing mental health services provided in Montgomery County.
- * **Social/Media Subcommittee**—Works on facilitating opportunities for people in the CSP community to be more involved in the Montgomery County community. This includes implementing the Community Connections grants, which provide funding for people to participate in a variety of activities. The committee also implements transportation grants that provide gas cards and SEPTA day passes to CSP community members. The annual CSP Poster Art contest is also organized by this committee.
- * **Conference Sub-committee** – The conference subcommittee will plan and fundraise for the annual Montgomery County CSP Conference.
- * **Newsletter Subcommittee**—The newsletter subcommittee works to provide information to the public about CSP and mental health advocacy. The newsletter subcommittee is committed CSP recovery principles which is person centered and empowered by stakeholders. Our goal is to provide information through various media avenue and to create a quality newsletter that includes but is not limited to, legislative advocacy, events, services, personal recovery stories and creative writing such as poems. Please feel free to submit articles and stories to enrich our newsletter. Send to the editor: kathiemitchell8221@gmail.com.

Organizations who regularly send representatives to CSP:

Montgomery Co. Department of Behavioral Health
Central Behavioral Health
Consumer Satisfaction Team of Montgomery County
NAMI Montgomery County
Mental Health Assoc. of Southeastern PA
Salisbury Behavioral Health
Magellan Health Services
Resources for Human Development
Community Advocates of Montgomery Co.
Montgomery County Emergency Services (MCES)
Hedwig House

We invite all peers, family members and providers/professionals to attend.



If you can't attend the monthly CSP meetings but would like to give your feedback on topics we discuss, please email us at amalcolm@hopeworxinc.org