

# **Community of Practice – Peer Supporter**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose and Benefits of the Group**

The purpose of the community of practice is to provide a forum to provide mutual support, share ideas and engage in activities that develop the practice and profession of peer support.

### **Background**

The group has been established as a result of a committee of the Central LHIN making this recommendation and supporting the establishment of the Community of Practice.

### **Membership**

Membership will be open to all that consider themselves to be Peer Supporters in the mental health and addictions field. While mainly open to those working and living within the Central LHIN, those from outside the Central LHIN are also welcome.

It is encouraged that health service providers support their Peer Supporter staff members to participate as an opportunity for professional development.

### **Accountability**

The Community of Practice will initially be lead and established by the Krasman Centre. Stephen Bradford and Laurie Fortnum will initially act as co-chairs. All decisions by the group will require a simple 50% majority vote of those members attending in person or by teleconference.

### **Review**

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the group once it is established and annually thereafter.

### **Meetings**

Is it expected that meetings will move to different locations in the Central LHIN to enable accessibility for members. The Community of Practice will initially meet at the Krasman Centre. If space is an issue an alternative location in the Richmond Hill area will be found for this first meeting. While members are encouraged to participate in person teleconference arrangements will be made. Members will be responsible for their own costs of transportation.

Meetings will be monthly commencing Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm until 7.30pm. A full meeting schedule will be developed at that time. Meeting notification will be issued shortly.