

**The ASH Brain Health System Redesign
Peer & Family Work Group - Charter
June 4, 2020**

1. Charter Overview

The Peer & Family Work Group, in alignment with the first Core Principle of the planning process in which “people first,” is tasked with engaging individuals and families in the Austin State Hospital service area for their input and feedback on the plan as it develops. The Work Group is entrusted with ensuring peer and family support organizations within the region are engaged and thereby can secure robust person input into the new care models.

The work group will be formed by family members and individuals who have lived experience in navigating both the public and private systems and who have a broad network of engagement with members and representatives of consumer and peer support organizations and entities throughout the service area. Feedback and input will be gathered through variety of methods.

2. Work Group Members

Name	Role/Organization	Role
Greg Hansch	Executive Director, NAMI Texas	Co-Chair, Family Member
Karen Ranus	Executive Director, NAMI Central Texas	Co-Chair, Family Member
Francela Brazil Williams	Hospital Planning Specialist, HHSC	Member
Sonja Burns	Mental Health Advocate	Member, Family Member
Colleen Horton	Hogg Foundation for Mental Health	Member, Family Member
Jason Johnson	Director, Peer Services, Hill Country MHDD	Member, Peer
Cindy Klempner	NAMI Central Texas Advocacy Committee Member	Member
Patricia Pickles	Mental Health Advocate	Member, Family Member
Amy Pierce	PSI Field Liaison, Via Hope	Member, Peer
Paula Pollei	NAMI Temple Area	Member, Family Member
Jody Schulz	Retired NAMI Brazos Valley ED, Current MHFA Coordinator, MHMR Brazos Valley	Member, Family Member

Parker LeCombe	Director of Peer Services, ASH	Member, Peer
Rachel Samsel	Director of Policy and Projects, HHSC	Member
Pat Sumner	Hope Fort Bend Clubhouse, NAMI member	Member, Family Member

3. Integration into other Subcommittees and Work Groups

In its commitment to ensuring a cascading of peer and family voices into the larger system redesign, a number of the work group members have been integrated into other subcommittees and work groups:

- Karen Ranus: Steering Committee, Competency Restoration Work Group, Campus Planning Partners Work Group,
- Cindy Klempner: Competency Restoration Work Group
- Colleen Horton: Campus and Continuum Clinical Strategies Work Group
- Jason Johnson: Steering Committee, Hospital Clinical Strategies Work Group
- Greg Hansch: Campus Planning Partners Work Group
- Parker LeCombe: History of ASH Work Group
- Sonja Burns: Campus and Continuum Clinical Strategies Work Group
- Francela Brazil Wililams: Campus Planning Partnerships Work Group, History of ASH Work Group

4. Data/Feedback Needs

The work of collecting data and gathering input from family members and peers in the ASH service area will largely be directed and guided through monthly phone conference meetings. The Peer and Family Work Group anticipates some of the following will be stakeholder groups with which to engage:

- NAMI affiliate members
- Clubhouse models
- Via Hope
- Veteran groups
- Suicide Prevention groups
- Substance Use groups
- Prosumers
- Mental Health America
- Texas based Advocacy groups
- Additional groups to be added in the future as needed

5. Infrastructure Support

- ASH Redesign Director (planning, logistics)
- ASH Redesign Executive Assistant (coordination, administrative assistance)