



Vermont Department of Health: Substance Use Disorder System of Care Enhancement



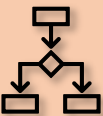

Recovery Support Services (RSS) Initiative
Monthly Recovery Center Director Touchpoint
April 3, 2025

Agenda

- Welcome
- Status Update by Workstream
- Draft RSO Certification Timeline
- Individualized Recovery Plan (IRP) Next Steps
 - Takeaways from Examples Submitted
 - Breakout Room Discussion
- Live Survey Question: Frequency and Setting of Off-site Recovery Coaching
- Announcements & Reminders
- Closing

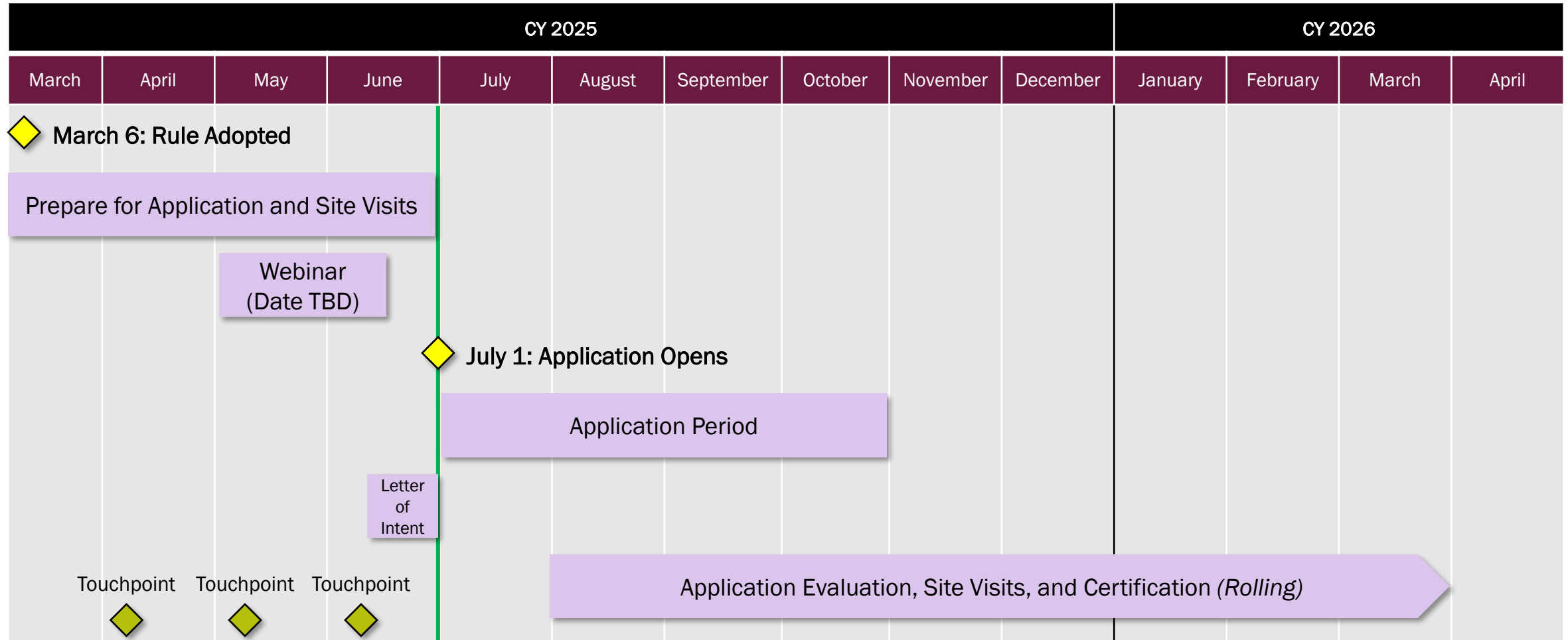
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Component	Objective	Status
 Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) Certification	To develop and operationalize a process for PRSS certification via the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) based on the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) Peer Recovery credential.	VDH-DSU is working with OPR and DMH to address public comments on the PRSS Certification Rule . Proposed rule filing with LCAR is anticipated for April. There is an agreement in place with Prevention Works to serve as the credentialing body overseeing IC&RC credentialing of applicants.
 Recovery Services Organization (RSO) Certification	To develop and operationalize a process for certification of RSOs, building upon existing work to accredit organizations who maintain a high standard of service.	The RSO Certification Rule was adopted with an effective date of July 1, 2025. VDH-DSU is currently developing the application and site visit process .
 Foundation Building Exercises	To learn more about Recovery Center operations and areas of support needed for upcoming certifications and for Medicaid.	In-person Foundational Visits with each Recovery Center will continue through April. Topics of discussion include Governance/Board, Time Study Results, Referral Networks, and RSO/PRSS Certification. Board development coaching calls have been scheduled.
 Medicaid Benefit Design & Rollout	To design and implement a Medicaid benefit system for RSS and to make any necessary adjustments to support Medicaid reimbursement of RSS.	VDH-DSU is currently developing key components of the Medicaid service delivery design , including a template for Individualized Recovery Plans and criteria for medical necessity .

Draft RSO Certification Timeline

Recovery Services Organization (RSO) Certification Draft Timeline



Individualized Recovery Plan Next Steps

Individualized Recovery Plan Examples

Thank you to those who submitted example Individualized Recovery Plan templates and tools to VDH. If you would like to submit the tools that you use for developing recovery plans, please do so [here](#).

Key Takeaways

- Some Recovery Centers use the same template across different settings and others use different templates for different settings
- Some Recovery Centers do not use a recovery plan template in the Emergency Department
- A variety of tools are currently in use, including the My Wellness Plan and Recovery Management Plan within RDP
- Sample templates include sections on recovery management planning, life domains assessment, stages of change, action planning, setting SMART goals, and prompts for participants to reflect on their daily planning and support systems

Breakout Room Discussion

In your breakout groups, take some time to discuss the following questions:

- 1. How are recovery plans currently documented at your Recovery Center?**
 - a. Is the documentation on paper and entered online (e.g., via the RDP)?
 - b. Is the documentation maintained in a protected file?
- 2. Do recovery coach supervisors or Center Directors review this documentation?**
 - a. If so, at what frequency is the documentation reviewed or audited?
 - b. What are you looking for in the review process?
- 3. Where, if anywhere, are there inconsistencies in your team's current process of documenting and reviewing recovery plans?**

Live Survey Question: Frequency and Setting of Off-site Recovery Coaching

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- Recovery Data Platform (RDP) updates
- Board development coaching sessions scheduled for the **first Monday of each month**
- June RCD Touchpoint will be rescheduled



Reminders

- Share **your questions about the RSO Certification process**, along with your anticipated timeline for applying, through the survey [here](#)
- The **RSS Connect Newsletter** is issued quarterly and includes updates and reminders
 - **Encourage your board members to subscribe** through the link [here](#)

Questions? Comments?

Closing



Thank you!

We appreciate your time this afternoon and look forward to seeing you in upcoming Foundational Visits, board development sessions, and our next virtual touchpoint in May.