



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

Recovery Support Services (RSS) Initiative
Update

February 13, 2025

Event Survey Feedback

Thank you for your feedback on the January 13th RSS Kickoff event.

Key takeaways from the event survey administered following the Kickoff:

- 70% of respondents indicated the meeting met their expectations, while 30% indicated the meeting somewhat met their expectations
- Attendees **appreciated being in person** together, having opportunities to discuss in breakouts, and receiving information about upcoming activities
- Attendees expressed that it is helpful to **receive key datapoints ahead of meetings** to allow time for digesting information internally prior to discussions
- Attendees are looking forward to receiving **additional information about the timeline, expectations and next steps** for Medicaid benefit implementation and RSO and PRSS Certification processes



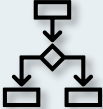

We appreciate your feedback to help inform future meetings!

Reflection on Statewide Time Study Results

Follow-up on Recovery Center Board Governance Survey for Executive Directors

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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) using the existing Recovery Coach certification requirements.	VDH-DSU is working with OPR to address public comments on the PRSS Certification Rule . Prevention Works is reestablishing the recovery board with IC&RC.
 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 approved by LCAR on 1/30 ; the final adopted rule will be submitted to the Secretary of State with a 7/1/25 effective date.
 Foundation Building Exercises	To learn more about Recovery Center operations and areas of support needed for upcoming certifications and for Medicaid.	Virtual prep sessions for the foundational visits begin late February , with Recovery Center-specific time study reports provided in advance of each prep session.
 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.	The VDH-DSU team is working to develop the Medicaid benefit model for the initial scope which will include Recovery Coaching as a reimbursable service.