PEER RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS:

SERVICE MODELS AND SUSTAINABILITY

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Fully Independent Organization with 501-c-3 Owned, managed, controlled by traditional mental health service organization
Peer-controlled and operated

- Peers are at least 51% of governing body
- Managers and staff are peers
- Peers control all financial decisions
- Peers make all hiring decisions
- Members participate in decision-making
- Independent 501-c-3 status
PRIMARY COS MODELS

Peer Support Groups

Drop in/Recovery-Wellness Centers

Specialized Peer Services
  (crisis, employment, housing)

Multi service agencies

Warm Lines

Education/Advocacy
Policy Issues that Impact Sustainability
TENSIONS

- Cooptation: Taking the King’s coin
- Professionalization of peer services
- Standardization of peer services
- “Medicalization” of peer support
- Leadership development and succession
- Exploitation of lower-cost workforce
- Second-class status