



Recovery to Practice Project*

Recovery to Practice (RTP) is a five-year project of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to increase awareness, acceptance, and adoption of recovery principles and practices among mental health providers.

NAADAC has just recently been initiated into this project. Therefore, we are in the midst of our Situational Analysis. Below will inform the reader regarding the steps we have accomplished thus far since March 2012.

- 1.1 Attended Kick-off meeting on March 5, 2012 for clarification of roles, responsibilities, lines of communication.
- 1.2 Identified Key Informants/Agencies/Organizations and Literature Review Sources to gather data on status of recovery principles and practices in the addiction field.
- 1.3 Developed interview protocol based on questions in SOW, identified and trained interviewers and recorders on protocol.
- 1.4 Conducted interviews, compile and analyze data, and perform lit review.
- 1.5 Developed Situational Analysis outline and submitted for review and feedback to Abt, SAMHSA and the RTP Advisory Board.

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, represents the professional interests of more than 76,000 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2011) addiction counselors, educators, and other addiction-focused health care professionals in the United States, Canada, and abroad. NAADAC's members are addiction counselors, educators, and other addiction-focused health care professionals, who specialize in addiction prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support, and education. As an important part of the healthcare continuum, NAADAC members and its 44 state affiliates work to create healthier individuals, families and communities through prevention, intervention, quality treatment, and continuing recovery support. NAADAC's inclusion in the Recovery to Practice Initiative is natural, as recovery is organic to the work that addiction counselors and administrators have historically concentrated their efforts. Further, the Recovery to Practice Initiative is core to NAADAC's mission and fits within the framework of its training, public awareness and public policy/advocacy efforts.

"NAADAC's Mission is to lead, unify, and empower addiction focused professionals to achieve excellence through education, advocacy, knowledge, standards of practice, ethics, professional development and research." - NAADAC Mission Statement adopted 1998

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