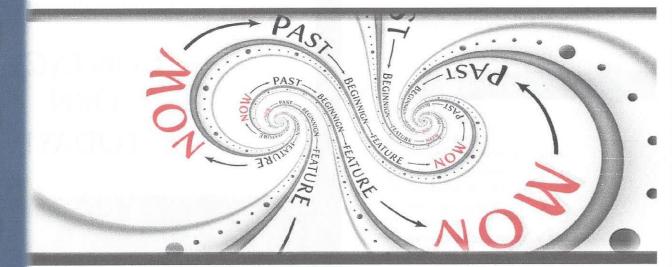
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Understanding Our Own History to Forge Our Path Forward!

In recent years, Executive Director Bill Stauffer of PRO•A has been interviewing key persons in the New Recovery Advocacy Movement (NRAM) and working to document our own history. It is vital that we learn from what worked and the challenges and opportunities we have faced historically as a movement. The movement included the development of peer services. Bill has conducted credited training on this topic as accepted by the PA Bar Association here in Pennsylvania in April, and in Salt Lake City at the Utah Valley University at their conference in March.

A training using this same content has been academically vetted by the Opioid Response Network (ORN) and is available in all 50 states and territories beyond Pennsylvania. A few weeks back, Bill was working with the Kentucky recovery community through the ORN network on the material, and just returned from doing the training through the ORN at the West Virginia Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors.



Bill is doing presentations on our history using this material at the national Mobilize Recovery virtual event in September and for Faces & Voices of Recovery at their National Leadership in Recovery event in Minnesota. Mr. Stauffer, recently presented the material at the NJPN 6th Annual Peer Recovery Support Summit.

Unfortunately, this training is not available for any of our state PCB credentialed workforce. The PCB is a private organization who credentials our entire state SUD peer workforce using their own training developed with public funding. They have denied this training module for any certification credits as it is "ideologically and theoretically driven," or not of a "durable evidence-based" content. They would not share with us any specifics on what could be changed to have it accepted, or an appeal process to have this denial reconsidered. People in PA who are interested in learning about our history without PCB credits should reach out to us.

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We are so pleased to be able to support training across the nation and educational content here in Pennsylvania despite the barriers we face! If we are not able to tell our own past, we do not control our own future. Nothing about us without us!

It is vital that the recovery community embrace and retain control over our own history and ensure that we teach the next generation who we are and what we have accomplished, together.

To find out more about getting this training beyond Pennsylvania, and many other technical assistance and educational opportunities also available here in PA, contact the ORN by going to their <u>Opioid Response Network</u>.

For presentations without PCB credits here in PA, contact Bill Stauffer at Billstauffer@rcn.com.

CONTACT ORN TODAY!

