Georgia Community Service Boards

Presentation to House Rural Development Council
November 13, 2019
Eatonton, Georgia
Recommendations to ARC’s 13 Governors

- Develop a recovery ecosystem model that addresses stakeholder roles and responsibilities as part of a collaborative process.
- Develop and disseminate a playbook of solutions for communities addressing common ecosystems gaps and services barriers.
- Fund community pilot projects to demonstrate strategies that address common recovery-to-work issues that negatively impact regional workforce and employment gaps.
- Map effective best practices in legal diversion programs as well as state programs that incentivize hiring of persons in recovery with criminal records related to drug charges.
SUD Recovery Ecosystem Community Resource Map

Key person

Organization

Contact/Link
Current CSB Challenges

- Investment of crisis funds
- State Health Benefit Plan costs
- Workforce pipeline
- Opioid misuse
- Criminal records as a barrier to employment
Panel Discussion with CSB Leadership

• Mark Johnson, MD, CEO – Gateway
• Dr. Shannon Gordon, CEO – River Edge
• Melanie Dallas, CEO – Highland Rivers
• Kirsten Infinger, OP Director – Georgia Pines
Recommendations:

- Reduce crisis reliance and improve access for Georgians by
  - Supporting the growth of core outpatient services
  - Pass the Georgia PEACH Act to ensure coverage meets parity standards
  - Work with federal partners to include all licensed masters level clinicians in Medicare reimbursement models
- Provide CSBs the same SHBP status as FQHCs
- Support workforce pipeline development
- Ensure equity distribution of opioid misuse dollars
- Enact Second Chance law
- Support making healthcare a priority in Georgia’s WIOA
Thank you for allowing us to be part of the conversation