

## Peer Supports throughout Dane County

### 1. Does your agency currently use peer supports

- Madison PD and McFarland PD uses peer supports for internal purposes
- Madison PD has Peer Specialists as part of their Addiction Resource Team. The team consists of an MPD Officer, an MFD Community Paramedic and three Peer Specialists who have rotating schedules.
- Department of Corrections uses peer supports in their Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) and the Division of Community Corrections.
  - DAI has trained 111 persons in their care as Certified Peer Specialists since 2017. They are currently providing services at every max institution and half of the medium institutions, with the goal to expand to all institutions.
  - DCC funds and/or partners with agencies to provide peer support in multiple counties throughout the state
  - Dane County contracts with Safe Communities to provide a recovery coach to any client interested in receiving this service. Agents are required to refer to Safe Communities following an overdose, unless the client indicates they are not interested
- NAMI uses peer supports throughout their agency
- Treatment courts offer participants access to peer supports through Safe Communities. Participants are generally in treatment court programs as part of their sentence or as part of a diversion contract, so in either case, after being charged with a crime.

### 2. Where do you think peer supports are needed across the intercepts?

- Every intercept could benefit from peer supports
- CARES team
- Within the Emergency Services Unit at Crisis
- Crisis Triage Center once built, and in the ERs (at least until the Crisis Triage Center is established)
- Possibly within Madison Police Department's Mental Health Unit
- Possibly within the Victim Witness Unit or somewhere else within the DA's Office
- Hopefully as part of a comprehensive Mental Health Court someday
- Jail/court process
- Continuing to expand peer supports within Division of Community Corrections (DCC)
- Post release support
- Peer supports can be helpful to people who have to navigate multiple systems to get the help they need

### 3. Other comments regarding peer supports