



**VCPI is Doing Amazing Things!
This is OUR Co-op!
And it is Time to Renew your Membership!**

A message from the VCPI Steering Committee:

Thank you for being a Founding Member. The members of the Co-op (VCPI) have worked hard this year to take our organization to the next level. We are proud to be inviting Founding Members to re-join at our new self-sustaining membership rate. We are here to stay!!

We are a MEMBER driven organization (see Leadership/Steering Committee member list)

- MEMBERS are at the table and making key decisions - **MEMBERS have set the new rates.**
- MEMBERS are empowered – we decide together what practices to implement and how to do it!
- MEMBERS have created the business plan and rate structures to sustain the co-op.
- Your organization’s representative(s):

We are becoming self-sustaining!

- Membership is growing – thank you!!
- Practice improvement projects are moving forward
- More practice improvement projects are coming our way
- We have established credibility for bringing added value to our members and partners.

System Wide Participation!

- **We need you! Your membership counts!**
- We have representation in our membership from across the VT System of Care
 - State agencies, all types of Adult, Child, MH, and Addiction Provider Agencies, including Hospitals and Peer Providers, Training Organizations, Consumer/Family Advocacy, Private Practitioners, etc.
- State agencies (DMH/ADAP) have jumped on board due to the visible member commitment to the Co-op

What We Did in FY '16 (See RBA Data) – Which ones have your organization been involved in?

- Six Core Strategies to reduce Seclusion & Restraint
- Co-Occurring Competency E-Learning Community – Pilot
- Open Dialogue – Pilot
- DBT Institute and Learning Community
- And more...

What is Coming in FY '17 - Let us know what you need for your organization in the coming year.

- DBT Institute with Ongoing Learning Community –Starting September 2016
- Collaborative Networks Approach (based on Open Dialogue) Training– Starting October 2016
- Six Core Strategies – next phase
- Co-Occurring Competency E-Learning Community - expanded
- Core Orientation Trainings for ALL Providers to use for all types of staff
- And more...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY NOW (BUT YOU CAN 😊) - YOU CAN HELP JUST BY TAKING THE PLEDGE!!

To join visit our website: www.vtcp.org | complete and return the attached pledge form | call for more information

See What Members Have To Say!

"The VCPI Co-Occurring Competency E-Learning Community Pilot was the best continuing education experience! The flexibility of utilizing the online learning modules, combined with the monthly phone consultations was a fantastic model to facilitate learning for busy professionals. It was amazing to have access to renowned experts in the Co-occurring realm both in the online learning modules and the monthly calls. VCPI had an organized schedule, excellent communication and clear expectations that made participating in the 5 month learning experience helpful and enjoyable"

Karen Kurrle, WCMHS

"The co-op has been an amazing group to work with. Through my membership I have been able to work with fellow Vermonters to develop Open Dialogue practices into new and effective ways of working with people. The camaraderie and fellowship have been awe inspiring."

"Working with the co-op has been an enlightening experience. I am learning new ways of approaching problems, issues, service gaps and new promising practices. The energy and enthusiasm around the co-op is hard to resist."

Vic Martini, United Counseling Services

"Our team at UCS participated in the "Core Orientation to Integrated Treatment" modules. Wow-what an opportunity! Not only did we each gain access to 15 online training modules chock-full of examples of how to work with people who have co-occurring issues (mental health + substance use), we also participated in regular "learning community" conference calls that gave us the opportunity to connect with others learning this practice here in Vermont."

Vic Martini, United Counseling Services

"Implementing the Six Core Strategies at VPCH has provided an opportunity to engage all staff with creating a safe and therapeutic treatment setting. In addition to identifying training needs and ongoing support and educational opportunities, the initiative has enhanced communication between staff and hospital leadership. This process has resulted in ongoing evaluation of how we prevent seclusion and restraint and promote a violence-free environment for individuals hospitalized at VPCH."

Sarah Sherbrook, Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital

"I did participate in the Co-Occurring Competency E-Learning Community as did 4 other Central Vermont Substance Abuse Services and Central Vermont Addiction Medicine clinicians. The training definitely increased competencies around co-occurring treatment. Sharing our learning experience with other agencies who participated in the phone conferences gave us practical examples of these evidenced based practices.. The training helped inform our treatment culture as we assess every client for potential mental health issues. We also learned effective practices being used by other providers. The module format provides a wide range of subjects presented in a very effective structure. I highly recommend this training to other service providers who interact with our clients."

Anthony Zarriello, Central Vermont Addiction Medicine

"Six Core Strategies provides a mutual framework along with skills and strategies, it is moving the system towards a recovery oriented culture with a common language"

Disability Rights of Vermont

"What impressed me most of the Vermont DBT Institute was how the presenters, Sue Swindell and Jodie Bisson, were able to take complex experiences in people's lives and break them down into simple components. With thoughtful planning, compassion and a sense of humor the showed us how to shape experiences so that people would become aware of, and have the chance to take action on, new and positive directions in their lives."

Bob Doran, Counseling Services of Addison County



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