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## CCSM Issues Development Committee Concept Draft

### **Title:** Responsibility of Mental Health Peer Recovery Centers to adhere to the principles of the COSP (Consumer Operated Service Programs) Model

In the 2017 RFP (Request for Proposals) for Mental Health Peer Recovery Centers, the SAMHSA evidence-based model called COSP was included in the contracts. This included site visits from trained peers to assess centers' fidelity to this model by doing meaningful evaluations. In the 2020 contracts that OBH (Office of Behavioral Health) sent to providers they removed the elements of the COSP model which included fidelity review site visits. The CCSM believes that restoring the many aspects and the spirit of the COSP model is important in to ensure that Mental Health Peer Recovery Centers are holding true to a peer run program. It is a critical component to peoples' recovery to utilize models that are clearly in line with their consumer led values.

\*Here is a weblink containing information on what a COSP model can look like:

<http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.567.8142&rep=rep1&type=pdf>