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Introduced by Sens. JACOBS, O'MARA, PHILLIPS, RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to opioid overdose reversal and peer to peer support services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 19.18-b to read as follows:

§ 19.18-b Substance use disorder peer to peer support services program.

1. For purposes of this subdivision "peer to peer support services" means participant-centered services that emphasize knowledge and wisdom through lived experience in which peers are encouraged to share their own personal experience and first-hand knowledge of substance abuse, addiction, and recovery to support the recovery goals of individuals who use drugs and/or alcohol.

2. The commissioner, in consultation with the department of health shall develop and administer a certification process and standards of training and competency for substance use disorder peer support services.

3. Certified peer to peer support services shall include but not be limited to:

(a) developing recovery plans;

(b) raising awareness of existing social and other support services;

(c) modeling coping skills;

(d) assisting with applying for benefits;

(e) accompanying clients to medical appointments;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (f) providing non-clinical crisis support, especially after periods of
2 hospitalization or incarceration;

3 (g) accompanying clients to court appearances and other appointments;

4 (h) working with participants to identify strengths;

5 (i) linking participants to formal recovery supports, including, but
6 not limited to, medication assisted treatment;

7 (j) educating program participants about various modes of recovery,
8 including, but not limited to, medication assisted treatment;

9 (k) peer engagement coordination with hospital emergency services to
10 assist any patient that has been administered an opioid antagonist by a
11 medical provider to establish connections to treatment, including, but
12 not limited to, medication assisted treatment and other supports after
13 an opioid overdose reversal or after discharge from another substance
14 abuse related emergency department visit; and

15 (l) peer engagement coordination with law enforcement departments,
16 fire departments and other first responder departments to assist any
17 individual that has been administered an opioid antagonist by a first
18 responder to establish connections to treatment, including, but not
19 limited to, medication assisted treatment and other support services
20 after an opioid overdose reversal.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
22 effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
23 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
24 tive date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or
25 before such effective date.