Connections App for 24/7 Recovery Support
Agenda

• Why We’re Here

• eRecovery & the Connections App
  – Solution Overview
  – Impact/case studies
  – Richard Hall CMHC Experience (Emmy Fletcher)

• Opportunity to use DMHAS DISCOVRS Grant to cover the full cost

• Questions & Comments throughout

• Schedule detailed demo as follow-up
Is this your Situation?

1. You’re treating more individuals than ever
2. You’re staffing challenged
3. You want to support your clients’ recovery and keep them in treatment (and alive)
4. You want data to show your better outcomes
5. You’re open to digital recovery support if it works, is easy, is proven, won’t burden staff, pays for itself, and clients will like it
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**Recent Additions**

- Support mental health needs
- Address SDOH needs with ‘Channels’ in the app related to local resources
- Programs for Special Populations
  - Pregnant & Postpartum Women with SUD
  - Parenting with SUD
  - Teens in Recovery
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![Diagram](image)

- **Week 1-3**: Residential Treatment
- **Week 4**: Intensive Outpatient
- **Week 5-13**: Outpatient Treatment

**Hours of the day & night**

**Week**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

**Early Recovery**
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98% of waking hours at risk of struggles with:
- Triggers, Cravings
- Isolation
- Anxiety
- Negative thinking
- Relationship troubles
- Risky situations
- Difficulty sleeping

Relapse Risk Moments

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Outpatient Treatment

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Early Recovery
Minimizing and Managing Relapse Risk Moments

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Early Recovery

Peer Community
- Anonymous Discussion Forums
- Recovery, mental wellness, and fun/social topics

Support Group Meetings
- Video

Moderated by CHESS Engagement Team
CHESS Peer Engagement Team

- Team of certified peer recovery support specialists (not bots!)
  - Variety of backgrounds, lived experiences, recovery pathways
  - Currently hiring bilingual peers

- Primary task: Moderate online discussion groups in the app 24/7
  - Prompt topics, be active in discussions, review for intervention
  - Read every comment in real-time, all day & night long

- Lead ‘Alongside’ video support meetings
- Provide 1:1 support when necessary, via messaging or video
- Protocols for alerting an individual’s provider/case manager
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July 28: Support at 1:28 AM

Persephone Moon

I now have 41 days sober. But, I get why I numbed myself for so long. I can’t stand this pain now. How will I ever get through this sober? I feel like I die a little more every single second that I don’t have my daughter.

CHESS replied via a private 1:1 message at 1:40 AM

“Hi Persephone Moon, I’m XXXXXXX with CHESS. I saw your message that you posted and wanted to reach out because you are sooooooo worth fighting for your recovery”

“I’m sorry. I feel like I’m constantly having a breakdown since being separated from my daughter.”

“Absolutely no need to apologize! I’m so glad you are not trying to fight your thoughts by yourself. Your daughter sounds like someone you love a whole lot!”

More messages followed
CHESS also alerted her provider per Escalation Plan on file
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Scott

OK listen the time away from your loved ones and your family does hurt! Its one of the hardest things that we’ve got to persevere through, but this to will pass! Use this pain as the way of your gift of desperation! It can become your greatest asset it can and will remind you of what you never want to go back to ..you’re going to be better for your family when you’re not the old you! They need a brand new you! The person your struggling to find will emerge through this pain, a new, better gift to them not a burden ... hope this helps, start trying to forgive yourself and love you first ...

Britt

I’m with you too Persephone. My situation may been different but I know it was really hard on me when I didn’t have mine but I just reminded myself that it is temporary and I needed to do whatever I could to stay sober so I could be with them. Congratulations on 41 days sober and I know you said you have a sponsor but if you get to the point you want to use or you just need to vent and need more support please reach out on this app these people really do care and you can message me anytime.
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Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
Self-guided programs to teach durable recovery skills

- Work of Kathleen Carroll, PhD. ("CBT4CBT")
- Demonstrated effective in seven randomized clinical trials sponsored by NIDA and NIAAA

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Recovery Support Tools
- Daily motivations
- Sobriety tracking
- Recovery tracking via assessments (e.g., BAM, PHQ-9, TEA surveys)
- Appt & Rx Reminders, Goal tracking
- High-risk location alerts
- Journaling
- Educational and motivational content

Actionable data, Outcomes data

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Care Team Connections

CASE MANAGER / PEER SPECIALIST

PROVIDER

Messaging

Video Calls (1:1 & group)

Recovery Tracking

Appt & Rx Reminders

Alerts!

Early Recovery
Connections – 24/7 Support during Treatment, Recovery

Kieth it is scary and my mind wants to run away down rabbit holes all the time as fast as they can. I am honestly scared and that's hard for me to admit. I am so glad to have you guys! It helps a lot between my appointments to have someone who understands me and cares... I can't thank y'all enough!
Impact of CHESS’ Connections App on Treatment & Recovery

1. Patients love our Connections App, love the peer community it offers them, and 85%+ tell their providers and researchers that it improved their treatment.¹

2. Using the app correlates with a 40-50% reduction in key relapse risk factors.²

3. Using the app correlates with patients staying in treatment 20%+ longer, including 30-45% reductions in early drop-out from Intensive Outpatient programs.³

4. Clinical trials by both Drs. Gustafson & Carroll, with 6-12 month follow-ups, found 30-50% greater abstinence compared to the control group.⁴

5. A Medicaid health plan measured zero readmissions to higher level of care and a reduction in SUD treatment costs in the first six months of app usage.
Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center

- **Emmy Fletcher**, MSW, LSW, LCADC Intern, Substance Use and Mental Health Counselor
  - Had all the usual pain points of high demand and staffing challenges
  - Implementation went smooth, easy
  - Clients are highly engaged, using app
Opportunity for FREE Use of eRecovery and the Connections App
NJ DMHAS DISCOVRS Grant

- $20,000 available to all non-profit SUD providers in New Jersey to offset qualified expenses incurred related to technology

- The Connections App qualifies as reimbursable grant expense

- Simple process for reimbursement
  1. Apply online with project description -- CHESS has draft language
  2. NJ DMHAS approves project
  3. Submit expenses before February 2023

SPECIAL Pricing for NJAMHAA Providers
- Starts at $750/mo for one location depending on annual patient census

- Includes unlimited use of Connections
- Includes 24/7 support from CHESS' peer engagement team
- Includes setup and training by CHESS
- Includes HITRUST-certified hosting
- Includes upgrades ("Conexiones App")
- No CHESS fees for EHR Integration
CHESS’ Connections App vs Others

• What We Are
  – Evidence-based App
  – 24/7 moderated peer support by certified recovery coaches
  – Video support group meetings
  – Digital CBT for Recovery
  – Integrated video calls
  – Dashboard & alerts for staff
  – Low/Zero effort option for staff
  – HITRUST-certified
  – Integrates with EHRs

• What We Are **NOT**
  – Chat Bot
  – Require prescription
  – Burden for staff
  – Unproven
  – Expensive

**NEXT STEPS**
Email Brenda Berry at bberry@chess.health to schedule demo and get pricing & answer any follow-up questions
Our Solutions – Patient Engagement and Care Transitions

**eIntervention**
Connects the community (EDs, BHs, PCPs, SUD providers) to get individuals into treatment and facilitate care transitions

**Envoy App**
for Individuals & Families
Supports harm reduction and educates/motivates to follow-through on referrals, get help

**eRecovery**
Supports patients during treatment and in recovery

**CBT**
Teaches patients key coping skills for their recovery success

**Peer Community**
Referrals
Connects the community (EDs, BHs, PCPs, SUD providers)

**Enterprise Analytics**
- Referral volumes
- Referral patterns
- Referral outcomes
- Case outcomes
- Envoy app engagement
- eTherapy progress, time spent, quiz answers

**Care Team**
- Patient & activity counts, drill-down
- App engagement
- Recovery progress (survey data) … and more
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