

WA State's Initiative 1

Table 1: Key Enhancements to the National Program Standards for ACT Teams

Enhancements	WA-PACT Program Standards	National ACT Program Standards
Psychiatric Prescriber	Allows ARNP or CNS to substitute for the psychiatrist	Psychiatrist required
Peer Counselor Certification	Peer Specialist must be certified by the WA State Peer Counselor Certification program within one year of PACT employment	No peer counselor certification or minimum training requirements specified
Co-occurring Disorders Services	A more fully articulated set of assessment and treatment interventions following an integrated, stage wise approach to services	While focused on stage wise treatment, interventions are not well-specified
Wellness Management and Recovery Services	Specifies a range of wellness management strategies, inclusive of evidence-based approaches such as Wellness Recovery Action Plans (WRAP) and Illness Management and Recovery (IMR)	Minimal specification of peer support services (e.g., peer counseling, self-help) only
Strengths-Based Assessment	Added one domain of assessment of consumers' strengths and resources. Provided guidelines for facilitating a strengths-based approach to the required ACT Comprehensive Assessment	Not included