

Review of: "Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Substance Use Disorder"

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Thank you for the opportunity and trust lent to me in reviewing this article.

The content meanders and needs an objective and more tightly structured. The objective is not clearly stated in the beginning paragraph. Upon reading, it seems to be a timeline narrative, tracing the agency and its broad services, and their development over time from inception to the present. It could be that simple.

The appropriate use of acronyms should not be avoided; these add clarity to the reader and heighten comfortable syntheses while reading.

Vocabulary:

1) The term "drugs" can be very confusing. It is better to call misappropriated medications just that, and "not drugs" the term misappropriated medications. "Drugs" can be confused as validly prescribed medications. Then there is the matter of all other substances, which should be called substances, not drugs.

2) Please consider exchanging the word "catered" with "served," as "catered" has negative, even untherapeutic connotations, which, of course, are to be avoided.

Where is the representation of the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)? I see broadly nursing staff and nursing services noted, but the APN is omitted, and these practice in India. The practice of the APN differs from that of the RN level and is quite valid in India; it elevates/broadens nursing services and program services across the board. Are APNs omitted or lumped into Nursing service? Or are APNs not being utilized in any of the programs offered? If the APN is part of this vast compendium of services, please provide them with the appropriate recognition they deserve in the article.

Tables:

1) Tables are long and need to be more concise.

2) One more table, diagram, or other type of illustration would be very helpful:

An outline or picture of the services offered, location, types and numbers of staff (profession) in each setting, years in effect, and total number of participating patients per year served.

This is an impressive and forward-thinking agency, and with a few tweaks, its offerings deserve to be outlined and published in the literature of healthcare, substance use service advances.

