



**Transcom: People with Lived Experience, Providers,
State Agencies and Community Leaders**

WORKING TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Transcom Meeting Minutes - 1000 Washington St. Boston - February 28, 2020

Attendance: James Eby, Sera Davidow, Rafael Rodriguez, Andy Beresky, Mike Macinnis, Colleen Sondrini, Clara Carr, Nan Donald, Manny Hernandez, Joel Danforth, Yuka Gordon, Kirsten Doherty, Jon Bowen-Leopold, Jo Bower, Chris Savage, Deborah Delman

Announcements & Events on Transcom's priorities: MBHP Consumer Advisory Council positions are open and the Recovery Forum will be in April, MOAR Policy Forum in March, Statewide Peer Networking Awards in May.

Transcom Updates: Members reviewed and discussed the Coalition Building chart for group self-assessment, our role and actions as a subcommittee to advocate and advise, and changes over time that may impact Transcom's priorities. The group agreed that updating Transcom's goals and objectives was overdue. Members reported back on the meeting with MRC in which Commissioner Wolfe was supportive of MRC doing a presentation to Transcom. In addition she invited us to provide her with action steps for moving forward. We will invite MRC to address topics in a presentation.

Summit III Planning

We will offer EOHHS dates in the last week of July and also in October / November.

We reviewed the draft survey to be sent to previous Summit participants. The next step will be incorporating these suggestions, and then an equity review by external partners who are involved in racial equity work.

In framing the survey, we discussed keeping the focus on "What is your organization's ability to attract, hire and support peer support staff? And then, how is the organization doing the work with a racial equity lens? When the next draft is available, members offered and will bring it to colleagues including MBRLC members, DMH office on equity and BSAS consultants. Notes on specific changes to the draft survey were taken by the Survey subcommittee. The group agreed that language used on the survey matters, including concerns and differences among Transcom members about the terms recovery, resilience, addiction. A "disclaimer" will be put on the survey that acknowledges our language choices will not be perfect. Help to identify the Summit III site was discussed as well as needs for the site we select including: free parking, feeds up to 100, has an outdoor space, accessible architecturally & in outdoor spaces we would use.

Member Presentation

James Eby of Eastern Mass Peer Network (EMPN) presented the EMPN Fidelity Tool, a 28-page evaluation tool focused on implementing peer support roles within an agency. In addition to emphasizing strengths sought for as the INAPS evaluation tool does, it addresses practices that should not be in place. James works at Bay Cove Human Services in Boston.

March Agenda Setting

Implicit bias exercise

Strategic planning activity needed

Summit date setting, workplan, survey

Member presentation - Chris

Minutes at the beginning of the meeting