



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

WORKING TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Transcom Meeting Minutes ~ Zoom/Virtual Attendance Only ~ Friday March 27, 2020

Attendance: Nan Donald, Andy Beresky, Yuka Gordon, Sera Davidow, Kirsten Doherty, Julia Ojeda, Mike Macinness, James Eby, Jo Bower, Catherine Quinerly, Joel Danforth, Clara Carr, Deborah Delman, Chris Savage, Jon Bowen-Leopold

Announcements & Events related to Transcom's priorities: The MBHP Recovery Forum is cancelled, the Statewide Peer Networking Awards event is postponed. The Childrens' BH Knowledge Center has a young adult video library available with helpful, youth-friendly information. 90+ attended the (Zoom) MOAR Policy Forum.

Minutes: February draft minutes were read & edited; members may review and send edits for 2 more weeks.

Transcom Updates & Summit III Planning: All agreed that Summit III must be held in the fall or later. The Survey Committee reported about their meeting this month and will provide the next draft to Transcom at the April meeting after more work on it. Given postponement of Summit III, the plan is to get it out by June, receive it back and compile results by August to inform Summit planning.

Refreshing Transcom Goals, Objectives and Strategies

We reviewed, discussed and amended a draft plan and calendar for updating Transcom's goals, objectives and strategies. Kirsten will facilitate the process, and different co-facilitators volunteered to join her each month. See calendar attached. The process will consume about half of each meeting through September. We also reviewed discussion points made by members in two earlier meetings on why members wanted to devote time to this task and members' thoughts on using the assessment / planning tool:

- Maintaining and sustaining a coalition is challenging by the very nature of coalitions, and the varied perspectives & priorities at the table
- Refreshing a coalition includes self-assessment to see if adjustments are needed that will strengthen the commitment and energy of members, and attract missing voices
- We haven't done a refresh in years
- The policy landscape continues to change, language and perspectives of partners evolve
- Some partner voices have changed or are missing, new partner voices are needed
- Help with retention of members and inform membership recruitment
- Inform future activities
- A way to "measure" our work as a committee
- Branding – consistent messaging re: our work/work product
- Using a set of questions helps draw attention to many aspects impacting a coalition
- We discussed the public health coalition tool below as a foundation for group evaluation
- It can be used every year to learn over time and adjust our actions as we go

Informal Transcom participant presentation: Chris Savage is Recovery Support Specialist at BSAS, Office of Youth & Young Adult Services, focusing on young people from 18-25; each region has different strengths. Six young adult Activities Coordinators are hired and one task will be to increase youth connection at Recovery Support Centers (RSCs) in Marlboro, Greenfield, Brockton, Worcester, Hyannis and Quincy. The value of online connection is clear in their work.

April Agenda setting: Review Draft Survey; take on the first segment of "Transcom Refresh," if there is time, Jo will do the informal member presentation.