



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

### **WORKING TOGETHER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

#### **Transcom Meeting Minutes ~ Zoom/Virtual Attendance Only ~ Friday April 24, 2020**

**Attendance:** Manny Hernandez, Jo Bower, Julia Ojeda, Nan Donald, James Eby, Sera Davidow, Rafael Rodriguez, Clara Carr, Andy Beresky, Chris Savage, Anne Whitman, Jonathan Bowen-Leopold, Deborah Delman

**Announcements & Events related to Transcom's priorities:** All the Peer Recovery Support Centers are offering virtual support; MBRLC has expanded warmline operators; WMRLC holding virtual and some in-person peer support; concern about current need for in-person peer support.

**Minutes:** February 2020 were approved with amendments made the previous month and March 2020 minutes were read and approved as written.

#### **Transcom Updates & Summit III Planning**

The committee edited the revised survey and discussed strategies will we use to reach supervisors and managers. The survey is planned to go out in June. BSAS currently has a list of supervisors because they are required to be trained to qualify. CPS supervisors are behind/not required to qualify; resource people to attain list to be surveyed on the mental health side are DMH leaders, DMH and providers' "Recovery Directors", the CPS Program, Young Adult Peer Mentor leaders at DMH, ABH, and RLC Directors. Committee members offered to gather lists available to them or reach out for them.

#### **Transcom Goals, Objectives and Strategies: 1<sup>st</sup> Step in the Refresh Process**

Deborah reviewed how Transcom was formed and an overview of its history (handout: Transcom Timeline) in three phases beginning as the stakeholder committee of a grant (2003 – 2006), transitioning to a subcommittee of the State Mental Health Planning Council/SMHPC (2007-present) and Transcom's response to a DMH request for guidance on peer support workforce integration within expanding integrated healthcare (2013-present). Deborah provided information on the SMHPC and Transcom's role in it (handout: Transcom is 1 of Many SMHPC Committees). Anne Whitman, co-chair of the SMHPC, shared that the Council is preparing updated information for the public that may be available to Transcom at June's meeting and noted Transcom's work on racial equity as in keeping with the SMHPC's goal that racial equity be infused in every subcommittee's work.

Kirsten facilitated the initial phase of becoming grounded in members' reasons for participating in Transcom: why we joined, what it is about Transcom that is relevant for our roles, and what about Transcom is relevant to our organizations. Four themes that came out of the discussion were:

1. Workforce development/career ladder
2. Unified voice/shared goals (addiction and mental health)
3. Change agent/policy influence
4. Value to organization (Transcom big picture/ambassador/champion for peer participation)

**May agenda Items:** Next steps on the survey and refresh process, how Transcom minutes and documents are accessible to members/public. Members were invited to email other items to the group.