



The Transformation Center Board of Directors Nomination Form

The Board is composed of 19 people:

- 2 people from each of 6 geographic regions of the state
- 6 at-large members
- 1 past president

Nomination Forms are due in The Transformation Center's Office
no later than **October 9, 2009**

You will receive a call or email confirming we received your nomination. **If you do not hear from us please call before October 9th.** Should the nomination form be lost in the mail, this will give you time to fax it before the deadline. Thank you very much for your help in this!

Nominees have to live in Massachusetts and have experience of a mental health diagnosis or extreme emotional states. We are open, interested and welcoming to people from varied cultures and life experiences. Don't hesitate to nominate someone you know who is a person of an under-represented community.

Like most non-profit organizations, the Board of Directors will provide a ballot with a recommended list of candidates that would, in our best judgment, provide the most diverse mix of life experience and skills to the Board. However all eligible candidates will appear on the ballot.

The nomination papers of those not elected will be referred to the Community Voices Task Force project which will be formed this year.

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Toll-free: 877-769-7693 – Fax: 617-442-4005

Nominator Information:

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please provide your contact information here and print clearly.

Name:

Address:

Phone or Cell (Where it is easiest to reach the nominator):

Email:

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nominee Information:

Please provide contact information here and print clearly.

Name:

Address:

Phone or Cell (Where it is easiest to reach the nominee):

Email:

Questions for the nominee to answer (feel free to write on the back if you need more room to answer a question):

1) Why would you like to be on the Board of Directors ?

2) What group(s) of 'peers' (any kind of group or organization where everyone is equal) have you been involved in and what kind of work or volunteering did you do there ?

- 3) We are looking for people who will “roll up their sleeves” and work directly on committees that do community organizing, fundraising, strategic planning, personnel and finance oversight. Do you have experience in any of these areas? If not, are you willing to learn ?
- 4) Are there other experiences or skills you have that can help the Board of Directors ?
- 5) The Vision and Mission Statements of The Transformation Center are below. What are some of your ideas for how we can take action on these statements ?

Vision:

We live in communities where people, individually and together, experience well-being, and help each other with mutual respect and compassion, to overcome the challenges we all face.

Mission:

As peers in all stages of recovering our mental health wellness and freedom from addictions

- We promote the growth and voices of people with lived experience, individually, in communities and in organizations.
- We facilitate these diverse voices to impact and transform policy and practice.

The Transformation Center Reorganized as of May 19, 2008

The Transformation Center is a Massachusetts statewide peer-operated training, technical assistance, and peer support networking organization that seeks to effect transformed policy and practice in communities and systems by facilitating the growth, well-being and voice, in its full diversity, of people in all stages of recovering mental health wellness and freedom from addictions.

The Transformation Center was formed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 19, 2008 by September 2007 vote of the membership. Its current three core functions, described more fully below, are Peer Support, Training and Advocacy & Best Practices.

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Leadership:

Leadership consists of a community based Board of Directors of people with lived experience of mental health recovery. In addition, the organization is guided by policy bodies described below as the Transformation Committee and an emerging body called Community Voices Task Force. In addition, a Peer Specialist Certification Panel is in formation.

Board of Directors

Task: Role of non-profit board of directors – personnel, strategic plan, finance, fundraising, program evaluation & quality improvement

Composition: 19 Total Members

12 @ 2 From each geographic region; 6 At Large Members; 1 Past President

Community Voices Task Force – This body will be established this fiscal year

Task: Identify and work with sources of information about the grassroots voice of our community to produce clear guidance from our grassroots, multicultural and cross-disability voice. Methods will include regional Town Hall meetings, web and email / survey, grassroots in-person outreach with focus on multiple cultural/ language etc. communities, document review (CQI, NAMI, DMH etcetera)

Composition: 13- 15 Total Members

2-3 Board of Directors members

6 Regional representatives

5-6 Community inclusion representatives

Transformation Committee (Transcom): A Key Informant Relationship

Task: Function as a subcommittee of the State Mental Health Planning Council. In spring 2009, Transcom held a retreat to create the following three priorities.

- Support, safeguard, and expand peer specialists, peer workers, and peer-run programs
- Information, education and training on innovative recovery practices (for providers, hospitals, peer communities, DMH, legislators, cultural / linguistic communities)
- Advocate for funding for peer workers and innovative recovery oriented services

Composition: Membership is currently under review. Now it consists of representatives from DMH, DPH, MRC, MBHP, HMOs, Community College, VA, at-large peer community members, Boston Recovery Learning Community, The Transformation Center, MHSACM, Mass Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, Consumer Quality Initiatives, Independent Living Center peer, UMass Center for Health Policy and Research

Three Functions of The Transformation Center:

Peer Support

- Promote the growth, voices, well-being, and compassionate mutual support of people with lived experience, individually, in communities and in organizations by hosting individual and group peer support interactions, communications and events

Training

- Provide training for people with mental health and addictions recovery needs to promote their own growth and that of peers, and to engage as paid providers in the human services workforce
- Provide training for human service providers and policy makers to increase skills needed to promote mental health and addictions recovery, to support people in recovery as human service providers themselves and to carry out person-driven services
- Provide training for diverse community groups to learn about mental health wellness and recovery from addictions

Advocacy and Best Practices

- Identifies best practices from evidence available in research, practice outcomes and lived experience
- Disseminating best practice information and resources to the community, providers – including peer-operated providers - and policy makers
- Facilitates the diverse voices of people in all stages of recovering their mental health wellness and freedom from addictions to impact and transform policy and practice at the individual, organizational and community levels