

People with Lived Experience: Achieving Their Meaningful Involvement in Advisory Groups



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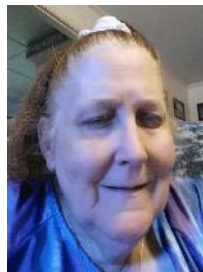
Agenda for Today



- Discussions with:



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- Questions and answers
- Closing

CHAT: Time Well Spent



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Type in the chat box and tell us:

**What needs to happen today for
this webinar to be time well spent?**

**What will make this
webinar a “win” for you?**

Today's Presentation

- Three peers involved in advisory groups will talk about their experiences.
- We'll discuss:
 - The transformative role peers play in advisory capacities;
 - The value of including peers in advisory roles to
 - The advisory body;
 - The individuals occupying these roles; and
 - Individuals experiencing homelessness; and
 - Recommendations for further integrating peers into advisory roles.



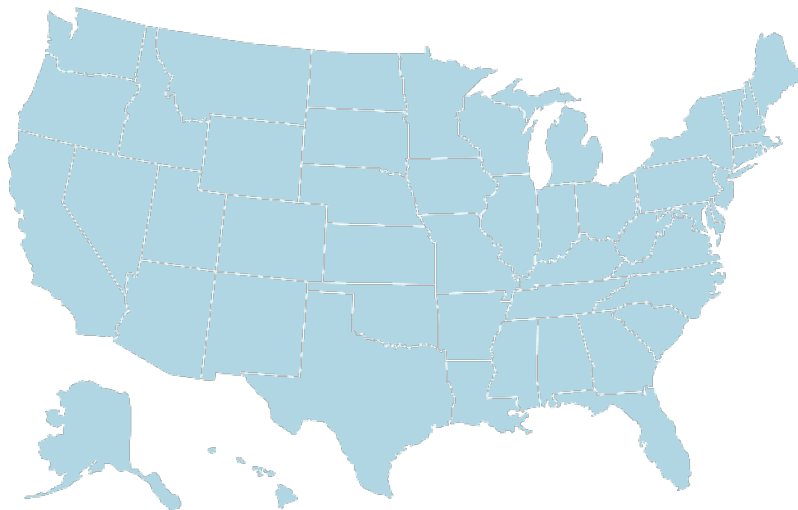
BACKGROUND

Purpose of Advisory Boards

- Advise localities and policymakers on implementation and collaborative initiatives to end homelessness
- Review policies related to ending homelessness
- Review current and potential programs and activities to support people who are experiencing homelessness
- Participate in shaping the size, scope, and effectiveness of services

Essential Component for Service Coordination

- Nationally
- State-wide
- Locally
- Programmatically



HUD requires all Continuum of Care programs
to establish a representative board.

Continuum of Care Program, 24 C.F.R. Part 578 (2017).

Who Serves

- Membership size varies; 10–20 board members is typical.
- Terms vary; appointments are typically 2–3 years.
- Membership includes:
 - Local business leaders;
 - Local non-profits;
 - Faith community leaders;
 - Providers supporting people experiencing homelessness; and
 - People who have experienced homelessness.

Vital Voices of People with Lived Experience

- Inspire hope
- Offer perspective
- Promote systems reform
- Bring the reality of people's lives to the advisory body, including issues related to safety, mental health, and substance use
- Encourage development of effective partnerships
- Offer feedback on resources, including outreach approaches and materials
- Share lived experiences and knowledge about exiting homelessness
- Enhance access to housing and resources

Meaningful Involvement

- Enhances the advisory's ability to act
- Offers real-world opportunities to test possible solutions
- Honors the participant's contributions
- Creates a way to reach out to others experiencing homelessness to engage them in advisory activities
- Provides opportunities to enhance personal skill development, community involvement, and connection

Example: Los Angeles

“The purpose of a Regional Homelessness Advisory Council is to provide an enduring and consistent forum for broad-based, collaborative, and strategic leadership on homelessness in Los Angeles.”

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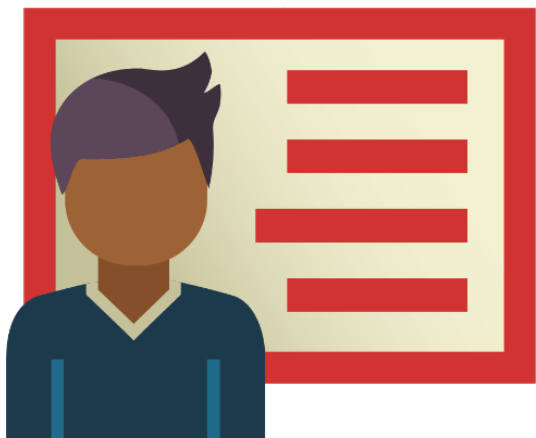
LET'S TALK: A CONVERSATION WITH TODAY'S GUESTS

**Tell us about your personal involvement
with the mental health system.**





What would you
like to share about
your **experience**
of homelessness?



What **life experiences**
inspired you to get involved
in an advisory group?



What are the **unique perspectives** you bring to your role on an advisory group?

How does the life experience you bring to advisory groups **make a difference** for the mission of that group?



How does your advisory role
as a peer **impact individuals**
experiencing homelessness?



How has your experience
on an advisory board
been **helpful to you?**



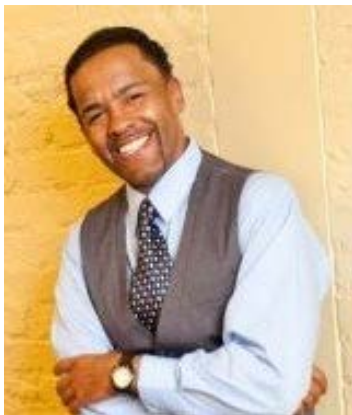
If you could give any **advice** to policymakers or program managers about working with peers on advisory groups, **what would it be?**



DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS



Q&A With the Audience



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CLOSING COMMENTS



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What is one thing you learned today that surprised you?

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