

### **Lived Expertise Advisory Council (LEAC) Meeting: 03/11/22**

**In attendance:** Jeffrey Rawlings co-chair, Alyce Knaflich co-chair, Rachelle Dugan, Melissa Hewitt, Jaime Stepp, Laurel McNamee staff, Sarah Murray staff

**Inspiring Uplift:** Rachelle Dugan: RBG “fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that others will follow you”.

Conversation of how to counter negative media and cultural narrative about people experiencing homelessness.

### **Subcommittee membership/Recruitment:**

- There are officially 2 seats to fill on the LEAC. Discussion of how to prioritize goals of increasing diversity of identities and geographic representation vs. filling open seats.
  - Proposal to go back to the CEC and request that we have 1 name submitted from each region. This would require a greater budget than what is currently allowed. Set as a goal for next year.
  - Proposal to advocate for additional seats and increase the funded LEAC positions to 13.
  - Immediate next steps will be for staff to create a values document to guide recruitment and clarifies values.
  - Group concluded that increasing diversity of representation was a higher priority than filling seats and set this as a goal.
- Group decided that after multiple unsuccessful attempts by both staff and co-chairs to reach LEAC members Thomas Roberson and Samantha Thronburg, that they should be removed from the group and those seats offered to new members.

### **Bringing It Home Conference:**

- NCCEH staff Sarah Murray joined to discuss the upcoming LEAC presentation at the state conference.
- Tentative presentation time 2:30 – 3:30 on 5/10. Free registration for speakers to the entire conference, each is getting \$200 honorarium for participation.
  - Need bios and pictures by 3/24
  - Deadline for slides
  - Will need to schedule a tech meeting as well.
  - Conference will be entirely virtual
  - Deadline of April 14<sup>th</sup>, need to submit a title and brief description
  - Deadline of April 25<sup>th</sup> for slides and materials.
- Reviewed previously discussed agenda for the panel presentation at the Bringing it Home conference, that each member will introduce themselves, discuss an aspect of their experience of homelessness that defies the stereotypes of homelessness, one aspect of the service system

that helped end their homelessness, and one aspect that was a barrier to regaining housing. Will then discuss the LEAC, it's history and its goals for the year.

**Announcements:**

- Melissa Hewitt has officially joined the Funding and Performance Subcommittee. The group congratulated her and is looking forward to hearing her updates from future meetings.

**Adjourn.** Next meeting April 08, 2022 at 11:30am.