

SCRA Interest Group
Transformative Change in Community Mental Health
February, 2017
Minutes

Chair: José Ornelas

Participants: José Ornelas; Beatrice Sacchetto; Maria Vargas-Moniz; Geoffrey Nelson; Betsy Davis; Jean Hill; Jijian Voronka; Stephanie Rattelade; Fátima Monteiro; Naoko Yura Yasui; Greg Townley; Brandy Ethridge; Bret Kloos; Elizabeth Stone; John Sylvestre; Berta Britz

Recorder: Beatrice Sacchetto and Maria Vargas-Moniz

I- Welcome!

José welcomed everybody

II- Topic discussion

- Consumer/survivor movement (Jijian Voronka)
Jijian presented emerging areas of influence of the consumer perspectives on research and action, namely Disabilities Critical Studies and Mad Studies, as branches of interest for people with psychiatric disabilities.
- There is also the need to pay attention to the increasing body of experts by experience in Mental Health, both in services and academia, and its implication on research about experiential knowledge.
- At this stage we may not affirm that a consumer/survivor movement has reached an agreement for foundational values, but we understand that an ecological and social approach could play a role on the movement acknowledgement;
- Jijian informed participants (links bellow) about a study aimed at mapping service-users led research over the last 20 years.

<https://kclpure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/diana.rose.html>

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/ioppn/news/records/2016/September/Professor-Diana-Rose-receives-Wellcome-Trust-Investigator-Award.aspx>

- HOME_EU research project with an European grant to study homelessness (Maria Vargas-Moniz)
Grant achieved through Horizon 2020; it's about providing opportunities to use HF as mainstream policies to reverse homelessness and extreme poverty; involves 12 partners and 9 EU countries chosen following the

criteria of north/south/east/west distribution and the criteria of different languages (8 at all); the research project is inspired in community psychology and aims to generate a relevant theory of justice, and to develop a new generation of public policies and social programs with practices that contribute to end long-term homelessness in the EU; Different ecological level of analysis, namely EU Citizens perceptions/ People who are currently long-term homeless, and people that have integrated in Housing First Programs/ Service providers for the currently Homeless, and those in Housing First Programs/ Key-stakeholders on policy development and EU social policies intended to respond to homelessness; multi-method design; different workpackages distributed within the partners depending on their expertise; all the studies are interdependent and will start at the same time; the whole research project will last three years
(for more information please see the power point presentation)

III- SCRA Biennial

- IG meeting will be on the 23rd, during breakfast time (8:00-8:50)
- List of presentations of IG members
Beatrice has volunteered to collect the individual presentations of the IG members in order to disseminate it within the group
- Flyer dissemination
We have a budget to construct a flyer in order to disseminate the IG during the SCRA Biennial;
Beatrice and Maria will work on a draft and will send it to the group
(deadline by **April 13**)

IV- Website

- Update
Nick and Alexia confirmed their availability to work on the website
- Homelessness/housing page (Geoffrey Nelson proposal)
Geoffrey will ask Sam Tsemberis and Beth Shinn for permissions;
John Sylvester and Bret Kloos will send some additional information about their work;
The IG was invited to read Geoffrey proposal and to send written comments/suggestions/additions in two weeks (deadline by **March 24**)
Jean Hill informed that SCRA is constructing a new website and asked the IG to think about which contents are supposed to appear

V- TCP Column

- Next submissions

José suggested to develop the next two TCP columns from the today presentations; the columns consist in 5 pages double-space; Jijian accepted to send a proposal for the next submission (**deadline for submission by May 15**; may send it sometime earlier to José); while Maria Vargaz-Moniz will prepare a proposal for the following one (deadline for submission by August 15)

VI- Others

- Announcement of the new book of Sylvestre, Nelson & Aubry
John Sylvestre announced the new book; it includes theory, research, practice, and policy issues related to the provision of housing and the supports that people rely on to get and keep their housing (see flyer for more information);
It includes some international perspective and landlords experiences
Available in Amazon; a kindle version is also available
- During the Biennial a roundtable of authors presenting their book publications will take place, including the new Community Psychology Handbook;
- Greg Townley remembered that they are searching for reviewers for the AJCP Special Issue; if anyone is interested, please contact guest editors

VII- Next meeting

- Sometime in April 2017
- Potential topics/article discussion: Bret Kloos will send a proposal of a title