

SCRA Transformative Change Interest Group

January 18th, 2016, 12-1pm EST

Participants: Greg Townley, John Sylvestre, Nick Kerman, Alexia Polillo, Sean Kidd, Julian Hasford, Kathleen Worton, Laura Kurzban, Yura Yasui, Jennifer Rae, Maria Fatima Monteiro, Pamela Long, Jose Ornelas, Beatrice Sacchetto, Berta Britz, Tim Macleod, and Elizabeth Stone

Regrets: Molly Brown, Tim Aubry, Michael Kral

Chair: Geoff Nelson

Note taker: Courtney Pankratz

Welcome & Introductions

- Geoff welcomed everyone to the call and facilitated a round of introductions

Columns for Community Psychologist

Jose's column was published in the Fall edition, and Greg and his students in the following edition.

- Molly Brown and a student have volunteered to do the next column (Spring Issue).
- Volunteers for the next issue (May or August)
 - o Eric Macnaughton may be interested, as well as Elizabeth Stone
 - o Greg may have something for the August column

Discussion of Article on Collaborative Research and Capabilities Questionnaire

Beatrice provided an overview of the article

- Collaborative process with a group of consumers from two mental health organizations in Lisbon
- Considers how we do research, emphasizing empowerment of consumers

Conversation was opened up to questions:

Greg: particularly liked the ecological of the instrument was assessed

- were you envisioning as a full scale, or 10 sub scales according to the capabilities dimensions?
 - A scale with 100+ items could be too much for some agencies to use

Beatrice: One issue of the scale is that it is too extensive – it is a problem in the application of the measure.

- The next stages of the project have started - checking for content validity
 - o 260 participants have participated in this process
- This stage of the research is another collaborative process with consumers and academic researchers
- The scale is now down to 98 items
- Next Stage: exploratory analysis in order to determine whether there will be 10 dimensions or discover another structure?

Tim MacLeod: Were there issues with using the 10 capabilities – refuses to define capabilities – it is a qualitative exercise for communities to do themselves.

Beatrice: Something that was considered when writing the paper

- Considers the similarities and differences between the different approaches
- Interested in determining what makes sense for consumers who are receiving services – tried to adapt a general list to try to make it more concrete and useful - a tool to give consumers a voice and to be used in service utilization

Nick Kerman: – Interested to see the measure in a later stage/what the content of the measures actually are – measuring functionings or capabilities

Beatrice: It is difficult to develop a measure of capabilities, it is easier to develop a measure of functionings (more observable than a capabilities questionnaire)

- Believe it is necessary to identify capabilities – perhaps this could be done through a qualitative process

Geoff: How might the measure be used in practice once it is developed

- Existing measures are deficit based
- The capabilities measure might be used as an outcome measures that is strengths focused

Beatrice: The measure doesn't focus on deficits but on potentials – it was also developed through consumer collaboration, which is not frequent

- We believe the capabilities questionnaire could be a different and complementary outcome measure for service utilization
- The measure could be used for service providers – it could be used throughout the recovery process (a repeated measure) that could be used to assess the development of the consumer who is accessing the service

Jose: Currently has a contract to validate in Italy

- Is interested in knowing if there is a PhD student who would like to work on this in the US once the initial validation study is complete in Italy and Portugal
- Open to putting together a small working group
 - o Contact Beatrice if interested, sacchetto.beatrice@gmail.com

Website Development

- Nick and Alexia have put together the main page including links to the meeting minutes
- Tried to make subpage but couldn't get anything on it – the dashboard connects to the file manage but is not available
- Nick emailed Jean Hill at SCRA who will help us figure out the dashboard
- The website is located on the SCRA page under Interest Groups
- The website provides an overview of the mission of the interest group, how it came about, some resources, and a statement around the vision of the group
- Looking to expand the webpage to include subpages
 - o This will be an opportunity to provide more information to the public or others interested in the projects that the transformative change group is working on

Take a look at our cool new main page: <http://www.scra27.org/who-we-are/interest-groups/transformational-change/>

Jean Hill has now made the changes necessary so that we can add multiple pages, including the photos that Courtney will upload.

Thanks to Nick, Alexia, and Courtney for their work on our SCRA web page.

International Housing First Conference

Next international conference: Limerick, Ireland, July 7-9, Limerick

- The abstracts are due Feb 24, 2016
- Tim Aubry & Geoff are planning to facilitate a workshop on fidelity
- Jose is helping to plan the conference
- Is anyone interested in attending and possibly putting together a session/workshop/symposium/poster?
 - o Put a note up in the listserv if you are interested
 - o Jose has requested everyone to advertise in their networks
 - o Would really like to see North American attendants!
 - o Geoff to send invitation to SCRA listserv and Canadian CP listserv

Next International CP Conference

- Conference will be held in Durban, South Africa, May 27 – 30, 2016
- Geoff has submitted to host a symposium on homelessness and mental health with Tim Aubry, Jose Ornelas, Beth Shinn, and Ernest Khaleema of South Africa.
- Nick has submitted an abstract for a poster

Special Issue of AJCP

Greg is working on a special issue of AJCP

- Will focus on topics related to 50 years since Swampscott/how far we have come/new directions/advances in theory, research, and practice

- The process will require a summary, 1-2 paragraph rationale, contributions, potential reviewers, a draft of call for papers, estimated timeline
- Guest editors to edit abstracts before submitting papers
- Greg is working on a review article – welcome other ideas or people who might be interested in contributing
- Greg is looking for Co-editors, please contact Greg if you are interested, Gregory.townley@gmail.com

The following people have indicated that they are interested in submitting an article for the special issue

- Tim MacLeod, Kathleen Worton
- Deadline: TBD – next 6-12 months
- Will discuss further on the next call

Annual Report

- Future directions
- We might want to consider developing a couple of other areas (in addition to housing), possibly writing review articles
 - o e.g. community integration and citizenship; consumer-led research
- Geoff to contact Nev Jones about consumer-led research

Next Meeting – will be scheduled for sometime in April, 2016

- Members have indicated an interest in continuing article discussions
- If you have an article that you would like to put forward, contact Geoff
 - o We will send it around and have a discussion about it