

SCRA Interest Group
Transformative Change in Community Mental Health
Notes on the Business Meeting
April 26, 2016, 12:50-1:50pm, EST

Chair and Recorder: Geoff Nelson

Participants: Tim MacLeod, Liz Stone, Jiji Voronka, Molly Brown, Greg Townley, Jose Ornelas, Tim Aubry, Nick Kerman, Jennifer Rae

Welcome!

- Geoff welcome people to the call

Discussion of article:

- Tim Aubry provided an overview of a recently published an article in the *American Journal of Community Psychology* on landlords and Housing First
- Greg commented that it was encouraging to learn about landlords who want to rent apartments to people with lived experience and noted the ethical dilemmas of discussing tenants' backgrounds with landlords or neighbours
- Molly asked if tenants mentioned landlords talking with clinical staff about them and asked about ways that could specify in advance some direction on such conversations to provide them with more control
- Tim MacLeod commented that he has been reviewing interview transcripts of tenant experiences with landlords and this issue does not come up very much in the interviews
- Jennifer noted that in some of interview transcripts in Moncton tenants wanted landlords to speak with them first before talking with clinical staff
- Jiji commented that in the At Home experience, landlords sometimes attribute behaviours, even smoking or having friends over, to mental illness
- Liz noted the need to anti-stigma work through a speaker's bureau and she questioned the terminology around supported housing and Housing First
- Greg and Tim talked about changing terminology and the challenge of finding clear language to describe independent, scattered site housing

TCP column

- Spring, 2016 –thanks to Molly Brown and Martina Mihelicova for their article which is now published in the Spring, 2016 issue
- May 15, 2016 – Geoff will remind Eric Macnaughton of the due date for the Summer, 2016 issue
- August 15, 2016 – Liz volunteered to write something on power in helping relationships for the Fall, 2016 issue

Website development:

- Nick gave an update on the website; Geoff will work with Nick on a housing webpage

Potential projects for upcoming year:

- Special issue of *AJCP* on innovation in community mental health – Greg Townley and Molly Brown reported on the development of this issue that they are planning with John Sylvestre; AJCP editor, Jack Tebes, has suggested that they revise and resubmit their proposal to avoid any duplication with previous work done by this group and the planned Swampscott issue for AJCP which is broader than community mental health
- Jiji might contribute something on user-led research; she indicated that Nev has edited a special issue on this topic that is coming out in the fall, 2016 in the *Journal of Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology* she will share the issue with the group when it is out

Chair transition – After two years as Interest Group Chair Geoff will be succeeded by Jose Ornelas; Jose thanked Geoff for his contributions

Next meeting:

Sometime in September, 2016