



The Transformation Center

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THE TRANSFORMATION CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION FOR 2018

DO YOU SHARE OUR VISION, OUR MISSION, OUR VALUES ?

Vision:

We live in communities where people, individually and together, experience well-being, and help each other with mutual respect and compassion, to overcome the challenges in life.

Mission:

As peers in all stages of recovering our mental health wellness and freedom from addictions

~ We promote the growth and voices of people with lived experience, individually, in communities and in organizations.

~ We facilitate these diverse voices to impact and transform policy and practice.

Values: * Self-Determination * Being part of the solution * Independence * Mutuality * Social Justice *

Vision for a Trauma Sensitive Peer Support Movement:

We envision a society that prevents violence and promotes compassion; a society where people live from the knowledge that everyone's individual and collective healing and safety is possible and depends on us all.

The Transformation Center Board of Directors values reflecting the diversity of our communities and includes Massachusetts residents from six geographic areas of the Commonwealth:

Western
Northeast
Southeastern

Central
Metropolitan Boston Suburbs
Boston

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES

Application Deadline: As soon as possible, and received in our office (by fax, email or mail) no later than December 4, 2017. We will email you that we received the application. Please call us if you do not receive an email confirmation!

First Meeting: Saturday January 20, 2018

Annual Celebration: Saturday February 24, 2018 (Snowdate: Saturday March 10)

Regular 2018 Meetings – 9:30 coffee and setting up, chat

10am – 1:30pm, light lunch is provided

These dates are unlikely to change: Saturday March 10, Saturday April 14, Saturday May 5, Saturday June 9, Saturday July 14 at Cochituate State Park, No August meeting, Saturday September 8, Sunday November 10, Saturday December 8 including Holiday Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Annual Events TBA: Fall 5K Flight, Regional Community Voice Gatherings, February Annual Celebration, Statehouse Event, June Conference

Committee Meetings: Held during Board meeting times above



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~ *Thank you for your interest!* ~

What's Involved in being a Board of Directors Member ?

As a potential Board Member, please understand that The Transformation Center Board of Directors is a Working and Governing Board.

To us, a "Working Board" means: While we are volunteers, not employees, and we do not handle the day-to-day operations of the organization, Board Members vigorously participate in meetings and special activities that support the health and growth of the organization.

A "Governing Board" has a special responsibility both to The Transformation Center's mission, and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: The board of directors of a nonprofit corporation is legally and financially responsible for the conduct of the organization and uses the Attorney General's Guide to Non Profit Boards as a foundation to understand its role.

We enjoy collaboration and good will among Board Members, staff and volunteers to drive our Mission forward in keeping with our Values.

Building and maintaining a strong connection with each other, in keeping with "The Lessons of the Geese," is essential. See "About us" on the website to read these Lessons.

We are serious about attendance because we have many things to accomplish.

While aware of busy lives, we expect ourselves to miss no more than three (3) meetings or events. Here are the meetings and events that are on our calendar:

Board Meetings:

Board of Directors meetings are a critical date to keep as a Board member. Board members are asked to alert the organization if they are unable to attend the meeting. Meetings are usually held in Framingham, and sometimes held in Boston or Worcester.

Committee Meetings:

Board Members join one of the following Committees: Finance, Fundraising, Outreach and Education, Personnel / Strategic Planning. Each committee has its own meetings, usually as part of the monthly Board Meetings. Active participation in the committee you choose is expected.

Events:

Your participation in special events is important, valued, and expected as a means for you to learn about the organization and learn from our community as you volunteer at the event. Our main events are: the 2018 5K Event (a Saturday or Sunday in September or October), the 2018 Annual Celebration (Saturday February 24, 2018), a spring Statehouse Event highlights the Peer Support Workforce, and a June 2018 summit/conference will occur again this year. In addition, regional "Community Voice Gatherings" are a means to hear and learn from our community about what is happening and important so that we remain in touch as we make decisions.



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PLEASE PRINT (CLEARLY) OR TYPE:

If you wish, you may continue answers on one (**not** more) additional page.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Why would you like to be on the Transformation Center Board of Directors?

Have you participated in any activity offered by The Transformation Center?

Yes No

If you have, please share what kinds of activities, and your thoughts about your experiences with us:

Are you employed or volunteering as a mental health/peer supporter?

Yes No

If "yes" what do you do?



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Have you been involved in any mental health advocacy?

Yes

No

If "Yes", please share more about this

What skills and interests would you bring to the Board?

Do you have more questions about our description of our "Working and Governing Board"?

Yes

No

What are your thoughts about the amount of volunteering we have described?



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Do you have access to reliable transportation to get to meetings and events?

Yes No

Do you feel confident that you will be able to make the majority of meetings and events listed? Yes No

Massachusetts residency is required. In which area do you reside ?

- Western Massachusetts Central Massachusetts
- Northeast Massachusetts
- Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Boston Massachusetts

Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMPLETELY OPTIONAL:

The Transformation Center prioritizes diversity. We are committed to encouraging board members to express their experience in as multifaceted a manner as possible, including around ethnicity, race, culture, gender, gender identity, sexual preference, geographic region, or as a person with a physical disability. The information in this section is gathered with an intent to better reflect and include diverse voices present in Massachusetts communities. If you choose to answer these questions, please share how you identify yourself.

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Pronoun(s) you use/prefer for yourself: _____

Culture/Race/Ethnicity: _____

Military Service: _____

Languages spoken fluently: _____

Any Accessibility Need: _____

Other: _____

Please submit so it is received (by fax, email or mail) as soon as possible, and in our office no later than December 4, 2017. An email from us will confirm to you that we received it!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE TRANSFORMATION CENTER !!!!