

## CPS Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

### CPS Program Update

- Changes in the Training Team for the current class were described and a written program update report was circulated. Whether the changes will continue has not yet been decided.
- Trainings have been held at the Transformation Center on gender diversity and the “bystander role,” emphasizing how to intervene while respecting everyone’s voice.
- There is no plan at present to open a search for a new CPS Program Director.
- The current training is going extremely well, although the online platform (Moodle) is not complete and has had mixed reviews. The training has reverted to paper assignments with shortened deadlines. The training process now uses more demonstrations and practices than previously. There is also a longer lead-in to the “recovery story” module where trainees share their own stories.
- Transformation Center Board members are observing the training.
- The Oversight Committee discussed eligibility for the CPS exam. Currently, there are only two avenues to taking the CPS exam in Massachusetts—either successfully completing the entire CPS course or applying for reciprocity after getting a CPS elsewhere. Other CPS programs that result in a certification, including DBSA and other states (NY has an online CPS program), as well as a new academic certificate program in peer support offered by Rutgers University.
- The Transformation Center’s CPS program is “official,” according to the DMH but for employment at DMH, a CPS must be “from an approved program.” There is no list of approved CPS programs at this point (GIFT training is not approved; others have been). The Massachusetts CPS exam is not required for people with a CPS from another entity, but passing the exam is required for people who attend the Massachusetts training in order to become certified.
- *Exam pass rates:* The graph circulated earlier indicates a recent rise in pass rates. A change in the exam may be warranted after this class, given the change in curriculum and its greater emphasis on skill development. This will be discussed further at future Oversight Committee meetings.

### Old Business

- The notes from the last meeting were approved with minor edits. The minutes will be posted on the website.
- The Training Team will be invited to the CPS Oversight Committee meeting in May (to be discussed further at the March meeting).
- The next meeting will be on March 8.