



Build, Heal, Connect with the MUCH Network
Massachusetts United for Community and Healing

Dear Colleagues of the Peer Support Community of Massachusetts,

We are excited to invite you to participate in MUCH - Massachusetts United for Community and Healing. Under the working of title of “Build, Heal, Connect,” the MUCH Network has been further developed since the information session at the recent Peer Support and Recovery Education Forum held on June 19, 2018. Our belief and vision is that through networking we can connect on matters of advocacy, education, and policy, as well as provide continuous support to one another.

The MUCH Network intends to do this by streamlining on multiple platforms information from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for ready availability and easy accessibility. We ask you to join us in our monthly connection call. You may also participate by following MUCH on Facebook and letting us know what is happening in the peer movement in your communities. This will allow the MUCH Network to get the word out collectively. Please be sure to sign up for our email list and newsletter subscription, which will be coming out shortly! This upcoming newsletter will highlight both the historical and the current work done by the people, communities, and organizations in the peer movement. By joining our email list, you will also receive a weekly email update every Monday, as well as information regarding current trainings, events, and job postings. If you prefer, you may request this information be sent via ground mail.

In addition, we will be hosting a kick-off event and picnic for MUCH at Dean Park in Shrewsbury MA from 10:30AM – 2:30PM (refer to added flyer for details). Moving forward, we will frequently host other such events, as well as meetups, across the state that will include a variety of themes. Our hope is to explore and showcase what people throughout Massachusetts are already doing, to connect people who may not otherwise be able to meet one another, and to create a way for people to have consistent access to information relevant to the peer movement.

We acknowledge that it is not always possible to travel far, so let us bring these opportunities to you! We look forward to collaborating with you and your organization to create in-person events and/or

meetups! MUCH cannot achieve these things without the support of **you**, the people whose voices, communities, and organizations are doing the work throughout Massachusetts in so many different capacities!

Most importantly, you are invited to participate in our monthly connection call, where we come together to discuss what is already being done, provide collective support for the work we are doing individually, and brainstorm next steps. This call happens on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 – 6:30PM. The call-in number is (508)556-4226 (no passcode). Please RSVP either through our Facebook event or by contacting a member of our administrative team, so we can approximate how many people to expect. This is not a requirement but will be helpful for us to keep the call organized and running smoothly.

Again, we are very excited to invite you to join MUCH – Massachusetts United for Community and Healing! We look forward to hearing from you and for the possibility of collaborating with you, your communities, and your organizations!

In solidarity,
The MUCH Network

You may contact us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/massachusettsunitedforcommunityandhealing>

...or reach out to one of the members of our Administrative Team.

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