Behavioral Health Funders’ Network

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**About the Network:** The Behavioral Health Funders' Network (Network) is a state-wide network of funders who share a commitment to promoting the behavioral health and well-being of all residents across Massachusetts; to ensuring access to behavioral health services; and to achieving health equity. We are an inclusive group of funders and represent a range of foundation types and sizes. The Network uses behavioral health as terminology inclusive of mental health and substance use disorders.

**Vision:** We envision a future in which all Massachusetts residents live in communities that promote personal and collective well-being and have fair and just opportunities to access the behavioral health care they need to live full lives.

**Goals:** We come together to promote behavioral health equity by providing opportunities to 1) learn from one another and the community, and 2) potentially collaborate on shared efforts.

**These shared values guide our Network:**

- Commitment to the behavioral health and well-being of all Massachusetts residents.
- Humility and integrity in our practice.
- Belief that those with lived experience must be intimately involved in developing solutions and shaping their future. We are informed by community perspectives.
- Respect for our peer colleagues in the Network and the communities with whom we work.
- Curiosity, listening and learning: Being non-judgmental and understanding that learning can be uncomfortable, and we may stumble along the way.
- Confidentiality as to what is discussed in the network.