

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.