Kickoff Webinar
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Purpose today

• Provide information about Project Propel
• Collect some more information from you
• Talk about next steps for Project Propel
• Leave time for questions and answers
Where we’re from:

(As of 9:00 am today)
A statewide plan

- More paid positions
- Financially sustainable structures(s)
- Organization
- Self care
- Common goals

All with the goal of developing

*Nebraska’s peer support workforce*
Questions you wanted to get answered today

• How do we promote collaboration?
• How can I be sure I am doing a good job?
• How do we stay connected across the state?
• What is the future like for the peer support workforce?
• What can we all agree on?
MORTALITY FROM MEDICAL CAUSES

Peak 1965–1995

Current 2009–2012

Suicide

Stroke (~20,000)

AIDS (~30,000)

Heart Disease (~1.1 Million)

ALL (Leukemia) (~6,000)
Poll question
BHECN and Peer Support

• BHECN’s job is to support all the parts of the behavioral health workforce. (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-830)

http://www.unmc.edu/bhecn/stories/LR592.html

• Peer based interventions are necessary to improve the behavioral health of those in our state.
The nation and peer support

http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/workforce/peer-providers

http://peersforprogress.org/


Poll question
What concerns you about the future of peer support in NE?

- Will we be accepted by the larger community?
- Many see peer support as adversarial and judge those with lived experience.
- Everyone is not seen as equal.
- It could become case management.
Poll question
The best things about peer support in NE

• It is growing.
• It makes a difference.
• It offers alternatives to a medical model.
• New programs are being created.
• We are seeing ourselves as equals.
• The understanding is growing.
NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP
OF THOUGHTFUL COMMITTED CITIZENS
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD;
INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.

- Margaret Mead (1901-1978)
Poll question
What happens after today?

• How to proceed?
• Please do the evaluation that will come to you via email
• You will have an opportunity to indicate your areas of interest
• Please keep an eye out for future announcements via email
• Please share information with others
Questions?

• Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me, amy.holmes@unmc.edu