

Self-Determination- The Fierce Urgency of Now

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Welcome & Introduction

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The Fierce Urgency of Now

“ We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late...We must move past indecision to action. ”

-M.L. King



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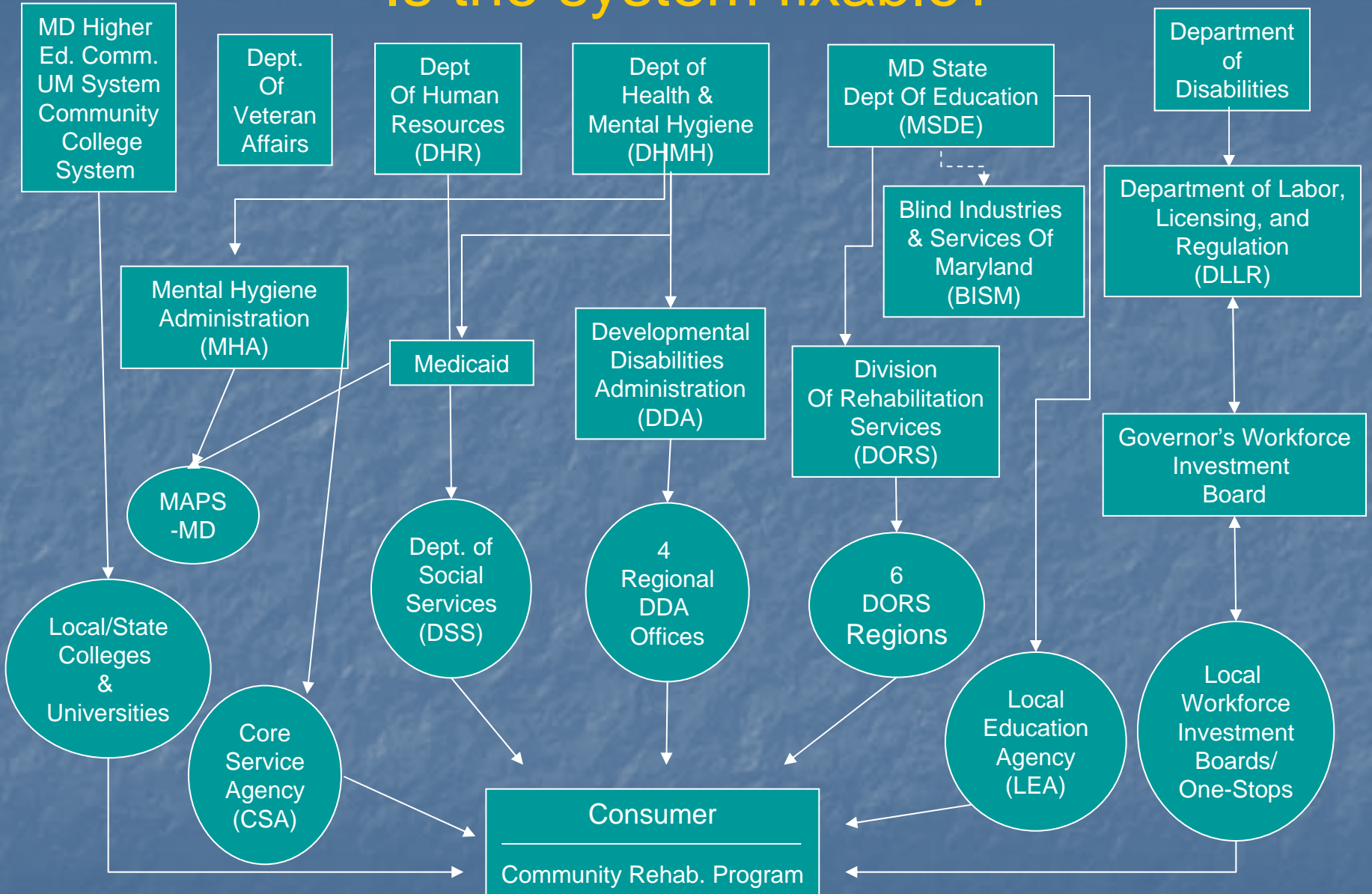
Will The new administration make
a difference?



Or is it really up to us to make change happen?



Is the system fixable?



Or do we need a public mental health system at all, if it only limits choice?



What are we building?



How can we ensure it includes everyone?



Why are we absent from discussions about healthcare reform?



How can we get a seat at the table?



"Each of us must accept that none of us will get everything that we want, and that no proposal for reform will be perfect. . . .

But when it comes to addressing our health care challenge, we can no longer let the perfect be the enemy of the essential."

-Barack Obama

Let us not try to be perfect



Self-Determination



Four Summit Themes

Show us the Money



Accountability in MH Financing

Why do federal policies encourage work but not economic security?



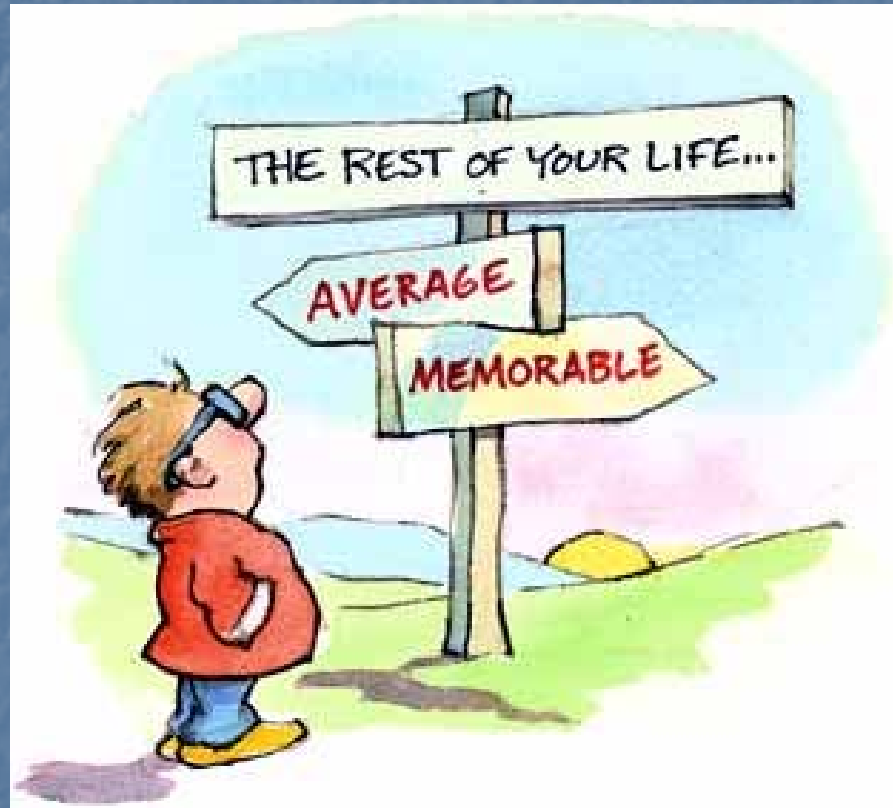
Employment & Economic Security

How can peers best help each other?



Self-Help & Peer-Led Services

are we the source of our own wellness?



Person-directed services

What answers do we seek?



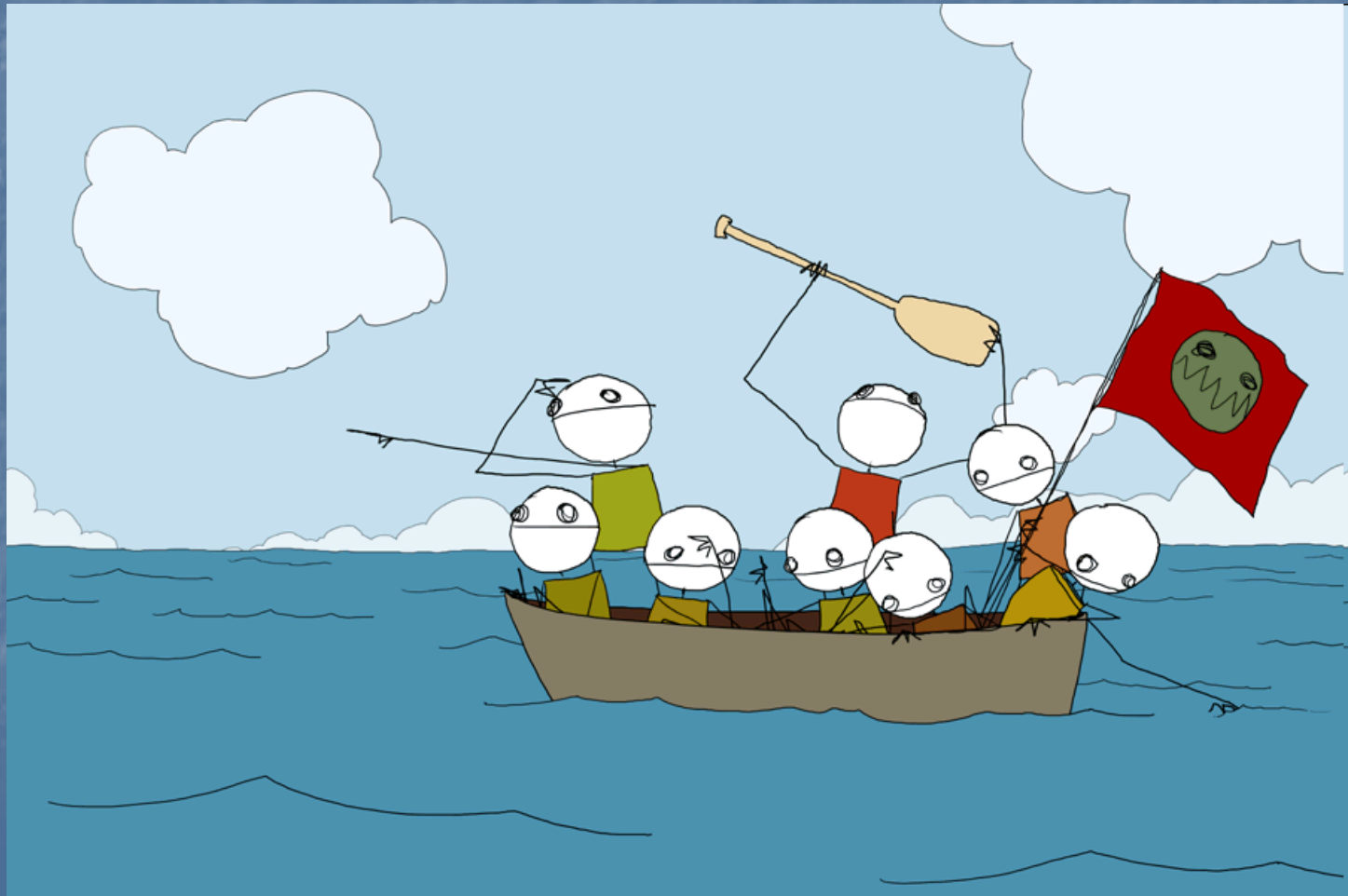
Research – friend or foe?



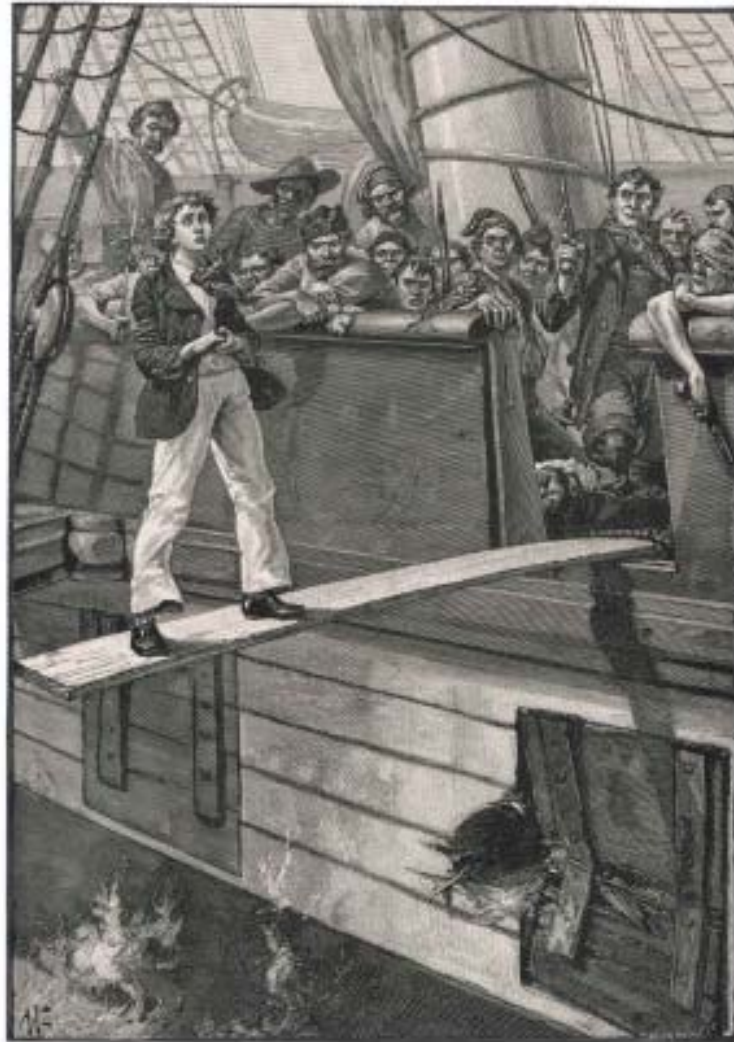


"We may
have all come on
different
ships,
but we're
in the
same boat
now."

This is all of us for the next 2 days



Let's keep everyone on board



Let's try to row in the same direction



Avoid the waterfall!



Let's now begin our journey

