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
A Word of Thanks to our Funders

- U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitation Research
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services
Will The new administration make a difference?
Or is it really up to us to make change happen?
Is the system fixable?

MD Higher Ed. Comm. UM System Community College System

Dept. Of Veteran Affairs

Dept Of Human Resources (DHR)

Dept of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH)

MD State Dept Of Education (MSDE)

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Blind Industries & Services Of Maryland (BISM)

Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR)

Governor’s Workforce Investment Board

MD State Dept Of Education (MSDE)

Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

Division Of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

Local/State Colleges & Universities

Core Service Agency (CSA)

MAPS-MD

Department of Human Resources (DHR)

5 Regional DDA Offices

6 DORS Regions

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Local Education Agency (LEA)

Local Workforce Investment Boards/One-Stops

Core Service Agency (CSA)

4 Regional DDA Offices

Community Rehab. Program

Consumer

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

Perfection is a myth...
Self-Determination

Four Summit Themes
Show us the Money

Accountability in MH Financing
Why do federal policies encourage work but not 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