



April 24, 2020

Dear friends and colleagues,

Recently we planned an event to facilitate a discussion about Recovery Support Services and COVID-19. Unfortunately, we did not include any panel members from communities of color or other marginalized groups. This was an error. On behalf of the Faces & Voices of Recovery Board and staff, we commit to lift the voices of impacted individuals. Within 30 days, we will produce and distribute an action plan to continue this critical work. People of color and all underserved and minority populations have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 at an alarming rate, and as with all individuals with substance use disorders, are at higher-risk for mortality when contracting this deadly disease. Recovery principles tell us to acknowledge when we are wrong, make a plan to correct it, and follow-through. We aspire to be servant leaders for all people and the recovery movement. Walk with us as we move forward together.

In solidarity,

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The Rev. Jan M. Brown

Board Chair

Faces & Voices of Recovery

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patty McCarthy".

Patty McCarthy

Chief Executive Officer

Faces & Voices of Recovery

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