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So it's mid 1980s when this Mayor's Action Task Force report was produced and you can already see that the landscape is changed; Pat Capponi psychiatric survivor is on the committee of this report and this is a pretty big deal because it's taken and will continue to take on going efforts to be included in discussions about what mental health reform should look like. The charter is just and passed in 1982 the psychiatric patient advocate office was shortly formed afterwards to protect the rights of patients in hospitals and the seminal Graham Report will include consultation of service users probably the first big ministry report that will take service user feedback into consideration. So by this point this report is produced because it's quite clear that there's a disconnect between mental health service delivery and dumping people and to the community where there is insufficient support. Again, it's no 2013 when I'm speaking and landscape is still the same, the Ministry of health which is now an organized regionally into something called local health integrated networks are still battling the same challenges except here that's different provinces suffering a major deficits in all hospitals are going to be receiving zero budget increase, the small percentages increase that be allocated in the community is specifically geared towards the elderly, dual diagnosis [the word that replaces mentally retarded unit] and youth. Community agencies have more pressures for performance accountability; numbers of clients they see counts, what they actually do with the clients counts and is recorded in sophisticated technology that can be directly connected back to the LHINS in this climate the opportunity for spontaneous, creative work is quickly being eroded. I feel afraid for people in some of the rhetoric sounds so good.