

NYAPRS 36th Annual Conference
Dignity, Recovery and Justice for All!
September 12 – 14, 2018
Honor's Haven Resort & Spa Ellenville, New York

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

10:00 am	Health, Healing & Arts Fair (ongoing: see below for details)
11:30 am	Conference Registration Opens
12:00 pm	Lunch
	Opening Remarks

WORKSHOPS ROUND 1 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

E&A	Beyond the Mental Health Bubble: How We Can Unite Social Justice Movements to Create Positive Change Doris Schwartz, Harvey Rosenthal and panel
IN	SAMHSA Wellness Recognition of Excellence Awardees Taina Martinez, Laurie Vite and Michael Nugent Baltic Street AEH, Brooklyn, NY Stephanie Natelli, Kathy Hagendorf and Alicia Lore-Grachan, The Guidance Center, Mount Vernon, NY
TR	Trauma-Informed Yoga in Behavioral Health Settings Altrovisse Walcott, Erin Palmer, Services for the Underserved, Bronx, NY Zoe LePage, Exhale to Inhale, New York, NY
MR	New Choices in Recovery! David Ferencz, Colleen Sheehan, NYAPRS, Albany, NY
FAM	Successful Families Can and Do Look Different Anne Dox, Bill Gamble, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY Tracy Puglisi, George Badillo, Association of MH and Wellness, Ronkonkoma, NY Digna Quinones, NYS Office of Mental Health, New York, NY
PS	Outcome and Evaluation Tools for Peer Support Services Amy Colesante, PSNY-IPA, Albany, NY Ellen Healion, Hands Across Long Island, Central Islip, NY Todd French, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY
IN	Playing our Part: Shared Decision-Making in the Era of Recovery Robert Statham, Ruth Colon-Wagner, NYAPRS, Albany, NY
ADM	Healing Stigma through Trauma-Informed Approaches Patty Blum, Ruth Gonzales, Terry Paterson, Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc., Sacramento, CA

IN **MHANYS CarePath Program**
Deborah Faust, Mental Health Association of New York State, Albany, NY

2:00pm – 3:00pm **KEYNOTE: Pat Deegan**

WORKSHOPS ROUND 2 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

PS **Medicaid Funded Peer Innovations from Across the Nation**
Sherry Jenkins-Tucker, Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, Decatur, GA
Anthony Fox, Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association, Nashville, TN
Elise Padilla, Star Center, Arlington, VA

IN **Challenging the Status Quo: Breaking the Mold in the 21st Century**
Clarence Jordan, Lisa Kugler, Beacon Health, Memphis, TN

HHR **HaHa and Soul**
Steve Holmes, Albany, NY

CJ **Working for Criminal Justice Reform in NY**
Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement; Elena Kravitz, NYAPRS

ADM **The Culture of Customer Service: Developing Agency Collaboration for Greater Outcomes**
Jeffery McQueen, MHA of Nassau Co, Hempstead, NY

ADM **Consumer Satisfaction: Survey to CQI to Innovation**
Erin Palmer, Carlos Cortez, Sasha Marie Robinson,
Services for the Underserved, New York, NY

E&A **Social Networks: A Means to Assess and Facilitate Community Integration**
Rohini Pahwa, New York University, New York, NY
Helle Thorning, NYS Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY

PS **Creating Anti-Oppressive Service Systems**
James Rodriguez, McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, NY, NY

TR **The Spirit of Survival**
Michael Skinner, Mary Murray, Goffstown, NH

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Break

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Cultural Diversity Bash, music by DJ Jenkins**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner

WEDNESDAY EVENING FESTIVAL

7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

- **Healing through Hip Hop**

Luis Lopez, Chacku Mathai, Celia Brown, Amanda Saake, Noah Gokul

Films and Discussion

- **Vicarious Resilience, MHA in Ulster County**
- **You are Not Alone**, Antoine Craigwell, DBGGM, Inc., New York, NY

8:15 pm – 9:15 pm Support Meetings

9:15 pm – 11:00 pm Chess, Checkers and Dominoes Club

9:15 pm – 11:00 pm Open Mic with Mike Skinner

9:30 pm – Midnight DJ & Dancing

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Yoga** with Dagny Alexander; **T'ai Chi** for Beginner with Bryon Abrams

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Conference Registration

WORKSHOPS ROUND 3 8:30 am – 9:45 am

- MR **At the Heart of Medicaid Redesign**
Peggy Elmer, NYS Department of Health, Representatives of NYS Office of Mental Health and the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- CJ **The New Frontier: Peer Specialists Working in Criminal Justice Settings**
LaVerne Miller, Policy Research Associates, Delmar, NY
- CI **Addressing the Social Determinants of Health**
Christopher Coyle, Regina Shoen, NYS Office of Mental Health, Albany, NY
- PS **Peer Support in the Context of Managed Care:
Keeping our Values in Peer Services**
Bill Gamble, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY
Tracy Puglisi, Association for Mental Health and Wellness, Ronkonkoma, NY
Denise Ranaghan, NYAPRS, Albany, NY
- E&A **Addressing Intersectionality within the Peer Movement**
Sarah Felman, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Troy, NY
Chacku Mathai, Mental Health Association of Rochester, Rochester, NY
- CC **From Cultural Competency to Cultural Humility**
Clinton Green, Liz Breier, Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, New York, NY
- HHR **Art and Creativity in Recovery & Social Justice**
Sigfrido Benitez, Westbeth Artist Community, New York, NY
- IN **Innovations to Promote Wellness and Recovery**
Tom Lane, Magellan Health; Madison, WI

HHR **Rhythms for Connections: Self Care and Community Care Outdoors**
Chrys Ballerano, NYSCASA, Albany, NY
Deborah Faust, Mental Health Association of New York State, Albany, NY

10:30 am – 11:30 am **Honoring our NYAPRS Annual Award Winners**

WORKSHOPS ROUND 4 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

PS **Peer Workers as Change Agents: Building our Collective Power**
Sascha Altman DuBrul, OnTrackNY & the ACT Institute
Angel Serrano, NYC HHC, New York, NY others TBA

CI **Strategies to Serve New Yorkers with Disabilities in the Most Integrated Settings**
John Allen, NYS Office of Mental Health, Albany, NY
Shelly Weizman, Assistant Secretary for Mental Hygiene, Albany, NY

HHR **The Practice of Self-Appreciation**
Sara Goodman, Baltic Street AEH, Inc., Brooklyn, NY

ADM **This Is How We Do It! Providing Effective Skills Training Interventions**
Amanda Saake, Marlo Pasion, Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies, NY, NY

CI **How Accredited Clubhouses in New York and Around the Globe Address the Social Determinants of Health**
David Plotka, Venture House, Jamaica, NY
Michelle Rabelo, Stuart Warren, Clubhouse NY
Michelle Rodriguez, Fountain House, Bronx, NY

PS **Why do We Put Boundaries around Peer Support?**
Patrick Hendry, Mental Health America, Alexandria, VA
Lisa St. George, Recovery International, Phoenix, AZ

ADM **Peer Supervision: What's Working, How and Why?**
Jeremy Reuling, MHA of Westchester, Tarrytown, NY
Jessica Wolf, Decision Solutions, Stratford, CT

IN **Bridging the Gap: Expanding Roles and Building Partnerships in Behavioral Health**
Mary Hanrahan, Whitney Ale, Matthew DeMasi, NY Presbyterian Hospital, NY, NY

CI **Increasing Employment Outcomes**
Regina Kaiser, Dreamcatchers Empowerment Network, Fairfield, CA
Ruth Gonzales, Terry Paterson, Crestwood Behavioral Health, Sacramento, CA

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:45 pm **Keynote Panel: Our Stories Tell Us Why We're Here**
Stephanie Campbell, Sascha Altman DuBrul, Carlton Whitmore and Phil Schulman

WORKSHOPS ROUND 5 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

- IN **Self-Directed Care in New York and Nationally**
Keith Aquiar, Community Access, New York City, New York
Bryan Cranna, Independent Living, Newburgh, New York
Don Zalucki, NYSOMH, Albany, NY
- PS **Genuine Peer Support as an Innovative Outreach and Engagement Tool**
Guy Fessenden, Choice, New Rochelle, NY
Matt Canuteson, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY
Steve Miccio, PEOPLE Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY
- CC **Healing Trauma through Applied Life Style Medicine and Cultural Competence**
Deborah Wilcox, Confluency Consultant and Associates, Denver, CO
Theresa Hall, NYAPRS, West Babylon, NY
- TR **The Mindful & Trauma-Informed Lens: Exploring Trauma-Sensitive Care & Healing Potential of Mindfulness**
Perryn Dutiger, Ruth Colon-Wager, NYAPRS, Albany, NY
- E&A **The Power of Language**
Luis Lopez, Sascha Altman DuBrul, Center for Practice Innovations, New York, NY
Angel Serrano, NYC HHC, New York, NY
Kate Hewlett, Otsego County Behavioral Health Services, Oneonta, NY
- FAM **Parenting with Dignity: A Recovery Oriented Perspective**
Celia Brown, NYS Office of Mental Health, New York, NY
Ellen P. Lukens, Columbia University, New York, NY
Helle Thorning, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY
- CCR **LGBT Mental Health Consumers in the Mental Health System**
Bert Coffman, Zappalorti Society, New York, NY
Loraine Nunez, Fountain House, New York, NY
Michael Livote, Ali Fomey Center, Bronx, NY
John Keeley, Staten Island, NY
Phillip Williams, East Village Access, Bronx, NY
Simone Skeen, NYC DOHMH, Queens, NY
- ADM **Supervision and Successful Employment Overview of the National Peer Worker Supervision Survey**
Jessica Wolf, Decision Solutions, Stratford, CT
Dana Foglesong, Magellan Complete Care, Fort Myers, FL

CI **Employment Yes!**
Paul Margolies, Karen Broadway-Wilson, Raymond Gregory, Thomas Jewell, Gary Scannevin, Jr., New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY
Len Statham, NYAPRS, Inc., Albany, NY
Kathleen Herndon, MHA in Putnam County, Brewster, NY

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm **NYAPRS Annual Meeting**

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm **NYAPRS' World Famous Annual BBQ under the Tent
Dancing Music by DJ Jenkins**

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm **Stand Up for Mental Health! with David Granirer and this year's
crop of hilarious comics**

8:30 pm – 9:30 pm Support Meetings
9:15 pm – 11:00 pm Chess, Checkers and Dominoes Club
9:15 pm – 11:00 pm Open Mic with Michael Skinner
9:30 pm – Midnight DJ & Dancing

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Intro to Qi-Gong** with Bryon Abrams

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Registration

WORKSHOPS ROUND 6 8:30 am – 9:45 am

HHR **The Overdose Plague and the Life Support System in our Communities:
How Can We Save Our Loved Ones?**
Shannon Landy, Jaileen Rivera Diaz, Community Access, New York, NY
Stephanie Campbell, FOR-NY, Albany, NY

MR **Everything You Wanted to Know About Value Based Payment**
Daniella Labate, Yves Ades, NYAPRS, Inc.

HHR **Take Your Life Back: Shopping for Good Person-Centered Treatment for
Smoking**
Forrest Foster, Noah Lipton, Nancy Covell, NYS Psychiatric Institute, NY, NY
Digna Quinones, NYS Office of Mental Health, NY, NY

MR **HCBS and Self-Directed Recovery**
Honora Stephan, Julie Erdman, Federation of Organizations, Patchogue, NY

CI **ACCES-VR: Assisting Individuals with Disabilities to Go To Work: A
Dialog with Us**
Jennifer Semonite, Access VR, Albany, NY

- MR **How to Build Cross-Sector Partnerships: Lessons from the Healthy Together Referral Network**
Steve Strauss, Unite Us, New York, NY
- CC **Supporting LGBTQI People Comfortable to Share Their Stories; One Man’s Account of Surviving Trauma**
David Ruiz, Baltic Street AEH, Inc., New York, NY
Joe Dennee, Geneva, NY
- FAM **Interdisciplinary Whole Person Care for Older Adults**
Rebecca Heller, Michael Blady, The Bridge, Inc., New York, NY
Not Your Grandparents Palliative Care
Shannon King, Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, NY
- HHR **Peace Work – Bonded Community Heals**
Noelle Pollet, Peace Work Heart Circle Consulting, Woodstock, NY
- 10:00 am – 11:30 am **KEYNOTE: Vet to Vet: Thank You for Your Service!**
Moe Armstrong, Jeff McQueen, Luis Lopez, John Javis
- WORKSHOPS ROUND 7 11:45 am – 12:45 pm**
- CJ **Crisis Intervention Teams and The Community: Partnerships, Responsibility and “MORE”**
Major Sam Cochran (ret), Chairperson of CIT International, Bartlett, TN
Steve Miccio, PEOPLE, Inc.
- CC **Confronting Health Inequity**
Lenora Reid-Rose, Coordinated Care Services Inc and panel
- HHR **Paving a New Path ...for the Arts in New York State**
Gayle Bluebird, Arts Consultant and Entrepreneur, Gainesville, FL
- PS **Unique Qualities of the Practice of Peer Support**
Carrie Hermance, PSNY-IPA, Albany, NY
Joe Woodward, Housing Options Made Easy, Gowanda, NY
Kevin Smith, Mental Health Peer Connection, Buffalo, NY
Sara Goodman, Baltic Street AEH, Inc., Brooklyn, NY
- PS **Academy of Peer Services – Preparing for the “Real World” of Peer Support and Supervision**
Rita Cronise, Amy Spagnolo, Karen Richards, Annette Backs, APS, New York, NY
- CI **Health Disparity Projects and the Recovery Movement**
Corinna West, Poetry for Personal Power, Lawrence, KS
- IN **Certified Community Mental Health Clinics (CCBHCs): A Year Later**
Wanda Cruz Lopez, James Chavez, Sasha Marie Robinson, SUS, New York, NY

- E&A **Lessons Learned From Community Access' Tenant Advisory Group**
 Eli Bean, Eugene Smith, Phyllis Fisher, Community Access, New York City, NY
- CC **LGBTQ+ Inclusive Language**
 Krista Zanfardino, Diane Lotto, Melissa Marino, CoveCare Center, Carmel, NY
- 1:00 pm **Lunch, Grand Raffle, Closing Remarks**

Healing Fair

- Shiatsu** with Dagny Alexander
Acupuncture with Susan Batkin
T'ai Chi with Bryon Abrams
Spiritual Sharing with Phil Schulman
Health Fair with Elena Kravitz
Creative Explorations with Julie Erdman

Workshop Tracks

- CI:** Community Inclusion
CC: Cultural Competence
HHR: Health, Healing and Recovery
IN: Innovations
E&A: Empowerment & Advocacy
MR: Medicaid Reform

- PS:** Peer Services
TR: Trauma
FAM: Families
ADM: Administration
CJ: Criminal Justice