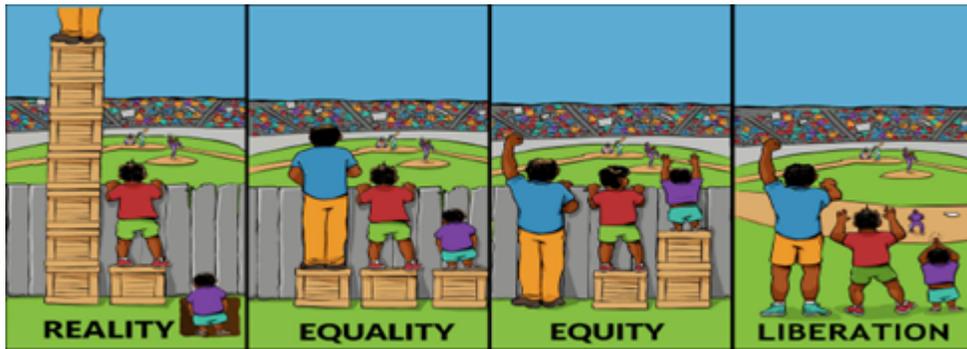


## [NYAPRS Enews] NYAPRS Announces "Continuing the Conversation on Oppression, Racism and Health Inequities Webinar Series", Feb 28 Kickoff

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*NYAPRS Note: In the summer of 2018, providers from across New York State gathered at a conference in Albany to learn about and begin a conversation about advancing healthy equity in service systems throughout the state. NYAPRS, along with our partners Coordinated Services Incorporated (CCSI) and McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, have come together to continue the conversation with you. Together, we are pleased to announce a two part webinar series described below. Join us February 28 from 1:00pm-2:00pm and then again March 20, 1:00pm-2:00pm to continue the very important conversation about oppression, racism and health inequities and let's brainstorm about how as providers, we can begin to understand and transform our system to one that is not only recovery oriented but equitable for all who use it.*



### **Continuing the Conversation on Oppression, Racism and Health Inequities.**

***February 28, 2019 1:00 – 2:00PM***

*We know that this conversation can be uncomfortable but what do they really mean and how do they affect my organization and my practice? Let's continue the uncomfortable conversation by expanding the meaning of oppression, racism and health inequities. These words are often front and center in discussions, trainings and articles concerning our work but are we engaging in the "real" and "hard" conversations concerning these issues? Join our panel as we take a "deeper dive" to understand and define oppression, racism and health inequities and explore their impact on us and those who access our services.*

### **Anti-oppressive Practice is Good Practice!**

**Let's Examine "the why" About Anti-oppressive Practice and Explore How to Implement It.**

***March 20, 2019 1:00-2:00PM***

*What makes anti-oppressive practice good practice and why should we adopt it for ourselves and our organizations? Now that we have a deeper understanding of oppression, racism and health inequities, join our panel as we explore their impact on our organization and our work. Let's not just talk about anti-oppressive practice-let's actually do it as we keep the conversation going about why to commit ourselves to anti-oppressive practice. What makes it good practice for practitioners and those who we serve and good business for our organizations?*

## Panelists:

### *Lenora Reid-Rose, MBA*



Ms. Reid-Rose serves as the Director of Cultural Competence & Diversity Initiatives at Coordinated Cares Services, Inc. (CCSI), located in Rochester NY. With more than two decades of experience in the behavioral health field, she has served as a consultant and educator at the state, regional and national levels. Ms. Reid-Rose has extensive expertise in developing and implementing cultural competence assessments, training initiatives, and programs - helping agencies understand where they are on the continuum of cultural competence and then identifying critical changes in policy, practice, education, and training needed to support continued progress. She brings with her a well-established network of national experts in the field of organizational development, data analytics, and research in the areas of cultural competence and social determinants of health that she routinely taps to remain informed and knowledgeable regarding research, advances, best practices, and emerging works.

### *Nancy Sung Shelton, M.A.*

Nancy Sung Shelton works in the capacity of Senior Consultant, Cultural Competence & Health Equity at Coordinated Care Services, Inc. In her current role, Ms. Shelton provides an array of consultation, technical assistance, and training support to organizations, their leaders, workforce, service recipients, and stakeholders. She has more than twenty years of experience working with diverse populations in a variety of management and leadership positions. Her work experience has included working in the Criminal Justice, Family Law, Child Protection and Advocacy, Human Services, I/DD, Behavioral and Physical Healthcare systems, as well extensive work with community-based organizations and families and youth. Ms. Shelton is especially devoted to serving individuals who have been marginalized by society, and have been under/mis-represented and economically

### *James Rodriguez, Ph.D., LCSW*



Jim Rodriguez is a Senior Research Scientist at the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research. His research, training and clinical practice experience has focused on mental health services for underserved populations. He previously worked as a clinician in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He is Adjunct Faculty at the NYU Silver School of Social Work where he currently teaches a course on anti-oppressive practice. He is also a New York State licensed psychologist and social worker currently in private practice.

### *Ruth Colón-Wagner, LMSW*



Ruth Colón-Wagner currently works with NYAPRS as the Director of Training & Development and has over 29 years of experience in the field of Child Welfare, Homeless Services, Employment, and the majority in Mental Health Care working with children, adults, and families. For 12 years, Ruth served as Director of Mental Health Services and during that time, Ruth brought recovery-based, person-centered and culturally competent approaches to increase staff competency and increase client outcomes. Ruth has worked to bring various trainings on Cultural Competency including discussions on the cultural construct in America, systemic oppression, the racial divide, realities and power of white privilege, micro aggressions and solutions for community transformation. Ruth was trained in Undoing Racism® by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. Ruth's other specialties includes Group Facilitation, Program Management and Compassion Fatigue. Ruth is also certified as a Dialectical Behavioral Therapist, a Functional Family Therapist and a Life Skills Educator. Ruth received her MSW from Hunter College School of Social Work and is licensed as a social worker in New York State.

