

## October 2019 Peer Networking Meeting!

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### ***Greetings!***

We hope you will join us for our monthly Long Island Peer Networking Meeting hosted by our very own Emily Vaianella, Outreach and Training Peer Specialist, and Ralph Matalone, Peer Support Line Peer Specialist.

### **“The Theft and Perversion of the Consumer/Survivor/Ex-Patient Movement”**

*This workshop, hosted by Billy the Pig, will feature a spirited discussion on the pitfalls of trying to marry our civil rights movement with the Peer-run industry.*

The meeting will be held  
**Thursday, October 17th**  
from **3:30-5:00 pm.**

We will meet at the Association for Mental Health and Wellness, Pollack Center,  
**939 Johnson Avenue, Ronkonkoma**  
**in the cafeteria**



*"Billy The Pig was educated by Middletown Psychiatric Center and the State of New York, where he failed miserably at the simplest tasks such as medication compliance, active listening, and gaining insight into his 'dis-ease'. While transitioning out of Middletown PC for the last time (they've closed the facility to prevent his return), Bill was introduced to the fading Mental Patients' Liberation Movement and the fledgling Peer Service Industry. Today Bill lives in a 'NIMBY' neighborhood as a community member, parent, and proud grandparent."*

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**& share with those who may be interested.**


**If you can't make it in person, don't worry! This meeting is also being offered virtually, through the Zoom platform! Click the link below at the time of the meeting to join**

Click here to join this meeting!

*See flyer below & email me with any suggestions for topics or if you are interested in presenting at future meetings.*

**We hope to see you there!**


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## Long Island Peer Networking Meeting

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 pm



**LI Peer Networking Meeting, who are we and why?**

- For and by people who experience emotional distress, extreme and/or altered states of consciousness, labels of psychiatric diagnosis and/or who are trauma survivors to network
- A space to connect, share, discuss, and vibe
  - Email us any Topics of Interest
  - Interested in presenting? Please let us know

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