### **June 2022 Conference Recap Newsletter**



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PAPRS would like to offer our sincere THANKS to our sponsors, speakers, and attendees for participating in our 2022 virtual conference. The conference featured four inspiring and informative keynote presentations, twenty educational and engaging workshops and two meetings. We had 20 sponsors, and 309 people attending part or all of the conference, which provided opportunities to connect with each other, albeit virtually, to share ideas and to become rejuvenated with ideas to bring back to your psych rehab programs and services.

We are grateful for your attendance and hope that you enjoyed the experiences provided!

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## **Facing Challenges:** Resiliency and Renewal

Keynote Speakers provided great information to our participants, providing takeaway handouts, including small group activities and included polls for engaging conversation.



Marcie Cole MA, CPRP

### This presentation provided attendees with a comprehen-

sive overview of how to restore their wellness, wisdom, and self-worth from a Psychiatric Rehabilitation perspective, despite the many unprecedented challenges that individuals are facing today. The Behavioral Health system is changing rapidly, and Providers must adjust their business models to ensure that their employees are well equipped with the proper tools to ensure promising outcomes. Dr. Veronica Carey and Marcie Cole provided attendees with new techniques, strategies, and tools to expand psychiatric rehabilitation knowledge.

Thursday April 21, 2022



Dr. Veronica Carey

### Friday April 22, 2022

Tami Thomas is the Coordinator for the Drop-in Centers of Mercer County. Through the presentation Tami shared her journey of a turbulent dysfunctional childhood, hiding from the truth and her mental illness, learning to live with her mental health diagnosis after deciding to leave treatment, selfmedication and its pitfalls and finally engaging in resources that were available to her. She attributed her recovery to accepting that she was out of options, her own personal strength and meeting good professional people who were honest, and she felt that they wanted her to succeed. She was provided every possible tool and the motivation to use them. Therapy, IOP and Psych Rehab helped her to develop new life skills and coping skills that helped her on her path/quest for mental wellness.



Tami Thomas BA



Susan Poznar CPRP

## Facing Challenges: Resiliency and Renewal

**Keynote Speakers (continued)** 

### Thursday April 28, 20222



Dr. Peggy Swarbrick

Dr. Peggy Swarbrick focused her presentation on Wellness as an inspiring and powerful word. A wellness philosophy supports healthy lifestyle habits that, in turn, have positive effects on quality of life. Wellness involves a lifelong process creating and adapting habit and routines that lead to improved health in the multiple dimensions. This session examined the wellness in 8-dimensional model (8D) as a lens for prevention treatment, and recovery supports. This

interactive webinar gave participants the opportunity to examine personal strengths and areas for personal growth to build resilience. Attendees explored how this model can be personally applied and professionally implemented to support people with a wide range of challenges.

### Friday April 29, 2022



Rep. Mike Schlossberg

Representative Mike Schlossberg (Lehigh) is the Democratic Caucus Administrator and a co-founder of the House Mental Health Caucus. Following the death of Robin Williams, Representative Schlossberg shared his own struggles with mental health, helping to shape a conversation aimed at destigmatizing the challenges millions of Americans face daily and becoming a strong advocate for mental health care to meet the needs of Pennsylvanians. This includes focusing on the need for

increased funding to make care more readily available and breaking down other barriers that make access more difficult.

# 2022 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

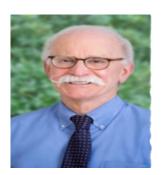
### 2022 Distinguished Practitioner Award Deborah Ferguson CPRP

This award is to honor an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to the principles and ethics of psychiatric rehabilitation in their work with persons in recovery. Nominations are open to mental health direct care and/or supervisory staff who are either an individual member or work for an organizational member of PAPRS/PRA.



## 2022 Distinguished Career Award Dr. Philip Braun

This award is to honor an individual who, throughout their career, has effectively promoted the development and implementation of psychiatric rehabilitation services in Pennsylvania. Nominations are open to members of PAPRS/PRA who are credentialed in Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and have no less than 10 years experience in psychiatric rehabilitation.



### 2022 Distinguished Advocate Award Rita Lane

This award is to honor an individual who has advocated for the inclusion of psychiatric rehabilitation services in their organization, county, region, and/ or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nomination for this award is open to mental health staff, persons in recovery, family members and public administrators.



### 2022 Outstanding Program Award



This award is to honor an agency or program within an agency, which operates psychiatric rehabilitation that effectively meet the needs of persons in recovery. Nominations for this award are open to Psychiatric Rehabilitation agencies or programs that have been in operation for no less than 3 years and are organizational members of PAPRS/PRA.

## 2022 Virtual Conference Sponsors



Please join us in expressing appreciation for our sponsors for this year's conference!

**Platinum Level Sponsor:** 

PA Department of Human Services OMHSAS

### **Gold Level Sponsor:**

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### **Silver Level Sponsor:**

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### **Bronze Level Sponsor:**

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PAPRS introduced a new feature to the conference this year... a game! This game was designed so that attendees could earn points by completing challenges while navigating and exploring conference information in the Attendee Hub. It made for fun conversation and interaction and helped members learn about all the features available within our virtual conference platform. 69 active players completed 199 challenges, and 7938 actions!!!!

Points were awarded and Allyson Chludzinski earned 60,320 points

Allyson will receive:
ONE FULL FREE ADMSSION TO OUR
2023 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (\$250 VALUE)



### RESPECT Poster Contest

Resolve to Eliminate Stigma: Practice Empathy Compassion, Truth



67 Total Adult Entries

Adult
First Place
A-42
Dorothy Boyd
Sunbury, PA





Adult
Second Place
A-11
Chuck Wienand
Butler, PA

Adult
Third Place
A-40
Charlene Bartraw
Williamsport, PA



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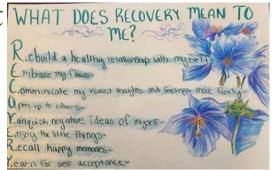


20 Total Youth & Young Adult Entries

# Youth & Young Adult WHAT DOES RECOVERY MEAN TO RECOVERY M

**Y34** 

Emily James Wilkes Barre, PA





# Youth & Young Adult Second Place:

Y65

McKenzie Nichols Meadville, PA

# Youth & Young Adult Third Place:

Y44 Abbi Radcliff Claysville, PA





# **Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities**

### **2022 Virtual Practitioner Orientation**

#### Members \$175; Non-members \$300

This four-day, 12-hour orientation provides an overview of the larger field of psychiatric rehabilitation. The foundation topics include PR history, principles, values, documentation, types of programs, ethics, collaboration, practice competencies, and more.

This course is approved by OMHSAS and fulfills the licensure requirement that ALL staff in a psychiatric rehabilitation program complete a 12-hour PR Orientation. You must attend the full 12 hours to obtain your certificate. (55 PA Code Chapter 5230.56)

This Course is approved for CPRP Credits!

August 8-9 & 15-16, 2022 – 9AM-12PM October 6-7 & 13-14, 2022 – 9AM-12PM

## Virtual PR Services Documentation: Skills that Work for Regulators, Payers, and People in Services

#### Members \$175; Non-members \$300

This 12-hour skills-based course is designed to enhance practitioners' skills in documenting Psychiatric Rehabilitation services. Developed in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), the course concentrates on documenting functional assessments, rehabilitation plans and daily entries that meet the requirements of PR Regulation 5230. The instructor will also demonstrate how a comprehensive strengths-based assessment provides a strong foundation for goal planning. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply the skills learned though several guided activities.

This Course is approved for CPRP Credits!

June 6-7 & 13-14, 2022 – 9AM-12PM August 22-23 & 29-30, 2022 – 9AM-12PM December 1-2 & 8-9, 2022 – 9AM-12PM



### **Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities**

# Virtual Ethics & Boundaries in Recovery-Oriented Services & Using the PR Code of Ethics in Recovery-Oriented Services \$75/member \$150/ non-member

This 2-day, 6-hour course is designed to address every day ethical challenges in recovery-oriented services. Ethical dilemmas put practitioners at risk to make unprofessional decisions that may negatively impact individuals served as well as jeopardize the integrity of the service system. Faced with increasingly demanding and complex situations, this training will walk participants through an ethical decision-making process and the practical application of recovery-oriented Codes of Ethics. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply the skills learned though several guided activities. **This Course is approved for CPRP & CFRP Credits** 

September 12 & 13, 2022 – 9AM-12PM

## Creating Welcoming Services for LGBTQIA+ Individuals and their Families Members \$75; Non-members \$125

Creating Welcoming and Affirming Services for Persons Who Are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, or Intersex (LGBTQI) is for anyone wishing to become more aware of some of the issues faced by persons represented in the LGBTQI initials. We explore the effects of language, culture, and power dynamics as well as examine our own attitudes, values and thinking that are conditioned by our own upbringing, acculturation, and knowledge. Our focus is on ways to become more welcoming and affirming to all persons who differ from us and to learn from them how to be helpful as part of a healing community of support. This Course is approved for CPRP & CFRP Credits!

June 20 & 21, 2022 – 9AM-12PM OR December 13 & 14, 2022 – 9AM-12PM

### **Engagement Skills in the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Process**

### Members \$75; Non-members \$125

This course is held in **2 three-hour sessions**. This 6-hour course provides an opportunity to develop professional helping skills. The foundation topics include developing basic helping skills, stages of the helping process, integration of Motivational Interviewing techniques, and transitioning through the phases of the psychiatric rehabilitation process utilizing engagement skills. **This Course is approved for CPRP & CFRP Credits!** 

October 20 & 21, 2022 - 9AM-12PM



### **Training Announcement**

Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk for Direct Care Staff Working in Outpatient Health and Behavioral Health Care Settings

This course is a 3.0 credit-hour training for staff who provide direct care to clients and support the clinicians managing client treatment. This course teaches skills in the recognition, assessment, and management of suicide risk and the delivery of effective suicidespecific interventions.

### Free for Members

Discounted Rate for Non-Members \$20.00 Virtual Session Schedule

June 1, 2022 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Registration closes 5/18/2022

August 25, 2022 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Registration closes 8/11/2022

November 30, 2022 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Registration closes 11/16/2022

Additional sessions may be added for summer and fall 2022, and will be announced on our website at www.paprs.org



This training is offered in collaboration with the PA Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services..

Register Now www.paprs.org

\*Please note, this is an interactive virtual workshop via Zoom and will require you to participate with audio and visual technology.

For more info contact Tricia Fisher tricia.fisher@paprs.org

## Have you been considering being more active in PAPRS? Ever wonder what happens behind the scenes?

We have several committees which are working hard to support our membership and the field of psychiatric rehabilitation. The committees include both board and non-board members to facilitate the conference, training opportunities, advocacy and policy, communications, membership and business related affairs, to name a few.

Below are the various committees and the chair people for each. If you think that you would be interested in supporting the work that we are doing in PAPRS and one of these committees sounds of interest to you, please feel free to reach out!

### We are a fun and welcoming group!

#### **Budget and Finance**

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• Head
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• Location in
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