

# Pennsylvania Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

## MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT RITA KRAUS BS, CPRP

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Rita Kraus holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree. She is a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner. Rita has worked in mental health programs and services for 30 plus years. She is currently employed at Dickinson Center, Inc. located in Ridgway, PA. Rita loves and is dedicated to offering high quality psychiatric rehabilitative supports. She has been active and busy with the PAPRS board for six years. Rita enjoys the relationships she has formed with board members, volunteers, and organizational members. She enjoys spending time gardening and reading. Rita finds strength in her faith and family. She looks forward to the challenges and rewards of being President of PAPRS. PAPRS has such a vibrant board and great membership spanning the state of Pennsylvania. Rita states "I will enjoy serving and supporting the mission of the Pennsylvania chapter of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services".



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## 2018 Psychiatric Rehabilitation: Farewell from our past President David Young

*Dear PAPRS*

*It is with deep difficulty that I write my farewell. Over the years, my work with the entire organization has been a wonderful opportunity and special experience for me. I will have many memories to carry with me. Thanks to everyone for their amazing work and contributions towards helping support and grow Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services in Pennsylvania. I'm thankful for the wonderful relationships and friendships that I have been blessed with during my time with PAPRS. I truly will miss each and everyone of you.*

*I will look forward to seeing many of you in future. I am still here as a support, and would be happy to help in anyway I can in the future.*

*I wish you all good luck in continuing to support and develop psychiatric rehabilitation and peer services. I am confident that all of you will continue to do amazing work.*

*Best,*

*David Young*

President

PAPRS



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Finding the Way to Real Connections in the  
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**THANK FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN  
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*DISTINGUISHED CAREER*

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*OUTSTANDING PROGRAM*  
**Recovery & Community Integration Program**  
*Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies*



*DISTINGUISHED PRACTITIONER AWARD*

*Lisa Kramer*



# Pennsylvania Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services



Mr. Jeremy Berquist facilitated a workshop titled “My Recovery Story” at the PAPRS Conference on 4/11/2018.

Below is the Haiku created by workshop participants (and Jeremy) during conference presentation

Haiku poetry was inspired by one of these 4 images:



## Haiku

Peace peaks far away  
From craggy, icy mountain  
Now on the warm grass

I've been here before  
The trees and path are calling  
Solitude is bliss

Clouds drop from the sky  
A darkness promising rain  
The Earth waits to drink

I see the storm coming  
The grass is alive with anticipation  
I see the sun breaking

The flow of water is increasing  
The mountains are cooling off  
The earth is rising

I feel alone  
I'm still growing  
The sun is warm on my shoulders

The lake is does stand  
Great Earth with all its bounties  
Beauty comes apart

Skies are dark and grey  
The storm hovers over me  
It engulfs my mind

Mountains are calling  
Far, vague but never out reach  
Breather deeply at last

The storm hovers over me  
Light dark holding my cove still  
Dancing raindrops splash

When was I here last  
Unsettling colors pushed by the wind  
With the smell of winter's crisp cold



**Pennsylvania Association  
of  
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services**

**Upcoming Continuing Education  
Opportunities**

**Practitioner Orientation:  
Foundations for Recovery-Oriented Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services**

July 17 & 18, 2018	Allied Services, Inc. 475 Morgan Hwy. Scranton, PA 18508
August 9 & 10, 2018	Patton Twp. Municipal Building 100 Patton Plaza State College, PA 16803

**PR Services:  
Documentation Skills that work for Regulators, Payers, and People in Services**

July 10 & 11, 2018	Aurora Services 363 Third Street Beaver, PA 15009
July 19 & 20, 2018	Allied Services, Inc. 475 Morgan Hwy. Scranton, PA 18508

**Online Journey through the PR Domains: CPRP Boot Camp**

Session Dates: Tuesdays July 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 August 8/7, 8/14, 8/21	Online from 2:30pm to 3:30 pm
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**Training dates will continue to be added at  
[www.paprs.org](http://www.paprs.org)**

**Visit the website for complete descriptions of each  
training.**

**Please contact Tricia Fisher, Education Manager to  
discuss your organizations training needs.**



# Membership

## Live Our Mission, Achieve Our Vision

### Ensure you are Receiving the Latest News in the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Field!

Update your organizational and individual PRA and PAPRS contact information NOW:

You need to update your information on both websites as they are not linked to each other.

#### PRA

1. Go to <https://www.psychrehabassociation.org/user>
2. Log in
3. Update Profile/Contact information

Easily update your staff listing online if you are your Organizations Primary Contact Login to the PRA website by using your email address and password (If you forgot your password, simply select the "Forgot your Password" option below the login fields).

Click the **My Information** link on the left, then click on the organization's name under **Organization Information** to access your organization's profile.

Once there you can manage the staff listing and make sure that all individuals are linked and receiving benefits by using the **Manage Org Individuals** feature to add new staff members and request the removal of those who are no longer with the organization.

#### PAPRS

1. Go to <https://www.paprs.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=PAPRS&WebCode=LoginRequired>
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If you need assistance with the PAPRS website, please contact Tricia Fisher at [tricia.fisher@paprs.org](mailto:tricia.fisher@paprs.org)

