31st Annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference



The Role of Collaboration in Forensic Practices What We Do Matters

December 6 and 7, 2023



WELCOME

Greetings to our esteemed colleagues:

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Virtual PA Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference. We have a dynamic educational event that addresses topics such as human trafficking, moral distress in human services, grief and resilience experienced by individuals and their families and working with juveniles. Additionally, we will feature an application of crisis intervention teams (CIT) used by police when working with persons with serious mental illness. Please join us for the award celebration which will be on Wednesday December 6, 2023, at 11:45 am. The DOC Lance Couturier award and the 2023 Conference awardees will be presented at that time.

Using the model from the several past years, this virtual event will allow you to earn additional continuing education credits by viewing sessions at your convenience. The conference will be available to registrants until December 31, 2023, and you will be able to see all the workshop offerings. Once you complete the evaluation tool and a validation tool, you will receive your CE credit.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Clinical and support staff, program managers, advocates, and administrators
- Corrections, probation/parole, prisons/jails, officials and officers
- Specialized mental health, drug, and alcohol program providers
- Psychologists, counselors, social workers, nurses and educators working in all systems
- Other constituents interested in this area of behavioral healthcare.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- ➤ Cite the value of CIT in working with behavioral health and criminal justice populations.
- Identify the complicated issues surrounding human trafficking.
- Explore the utility of evidence-based and non-traditional approaches in criminal justice.
- ➤ Analyze moral distress in human service professionals.
- Visualize a narrative of hope and recovery.

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PLENARY BIOS

Plenary I:

Frederic G. Reamer, PhD has been on the faculty of the School of Social Work, Rhode Island College since 1983. His teaching and research focus on professional ethics, criminal justice, mental health, health care, and public policy. Dr. Reamer received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and has served as a social worker in correctional and mental health settings. He chaired the national task force that wrote the Code of Ethics adopted by the National Association of Social Workers and served on the code revision task force. He has lectured nationally and internationally on social work and professional ethics, including in India, China, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and in various European nations. His books include Risk Management in the Behavioral Health Professions: A Practical Guide to Preventing Malpractice and Licensing-Board Complaints; Heinous Crime: Cases, Causes, and Consequences: On the Parole Board: Reflections on Crime, Punishment, Redemption, and Justice: The Philosophical Foundations of Social Work; Social Work Values and Ethics; Risk Management in Social Work; The Social Work Ethics Casebook; Ethical Standards in Social Work; Boundary Issues and Dual Relationships in the Human Services; Ethics and Risk Management in Online and Distance Social Work; Moral Distress and Injury in Human Services; and The Social Work Ethics Audit, among others. Dr. Reamer has served as an expert witness in many court and licensing board cases throughout the United States.

Plenary II:

Rev. Dr. Lori E. Banfield has interdisciplinary expertise in psychology and practical theology. She has dedicated her life, research, and service to fostering spiritual resilience and liberation paths in marginalized communities, especially those returning home from incarceration. An attachment-narrative clinician and clergyperson, she remains dedicated to local service as the executive director at Redemption Housing - Reentry Services which is a 501c3. Additionally, she has an impressive career in academia as a lecturer of psychology at Eastern University, Assistant Director of Instructional Design for Palmer Theological Seminary and College, and Member of Practical Theology at Meachum School of Haymanot in St. Louis, MO. She is an author of the spiritual formation book *Walking Worthy of My Calling: Journey Back to the Likeness of God,* numerous academic journal articles, and a contributing author of multiple books and periodicals across the disciplines of psychology, theology, and social justice. She also serves on the Editorial Review Board of Urban Ministries, Inc (UMI) - the largest independent, African Americanowned and-operated Christian media company. Dr. Banfield continues to build an atmosphere for change agents and restore sacred space within and beyond church, school, and prison walls.

Plenary III:

Amy Thurston is the Co-Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Hope Inspire Love. As CEO, she is passionate about leading the organization's daily operations and strategic planning efforts. As a seasoned executive, she is guiding the mission of eradicating human trafficking and sexual exploitation, empowering survivors of sex trafficking to flourish and thrive. Fueled by her passion for justice, she has spent nearly two decades building innovative programs that apply a social justice lens to teens and young adults experiencing trauma. By empowering survivors to outgrow the label of 'survivor' and fostering their strengths, she has cultivated critical efforts to uplift, inspire, and encourage others to be their best selves. She currently spearheads Hope Inspire Love's Trauma-informed Mentorship Program, where she works with survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. She also sits on the board of Greenlight Operation,

PLENARY BIOS CONTINUED

a nonprofit that strategically combats human trafficking through educational initiatives and serves sex-trafficked women through a continuum of restorative care. Ms. Thurston is a Certified Clinical Trauma Specialist in Sex Trafficking and Exploitation. She also has certifications in Recognizing and Caring for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims from Shared Hope International and trauma-informed training from Trauma Institute International and Penn Medicine. She is also a life coach, credentialed minister, speaker, and educator.

Ken Lang, PhD is a retired 25-year law enforcement veteran where 15 years were dedicated to investigating violent crimes of rapes, robberies, and murders. Since his retirement in 2014, He transitioned into higher education where he currently serves as an associate professor and the Director of Criminology and Criminal Justice program at Milligan University. In addition to teaching, Dr. Lang is an expert witness in criminal investigations, police practices and procedures, and police composites and sketches. He works as a peer-reviewer and ethics board member with the Internet Journal of Restorative Justice and as an advisory board member with Hope Inspire Love.

Plenary IV:

Ernest (Ernie) Stevens is a published author with a #1 best-selling book on Amazon titled: *Mental Health and De-escalation: A Guide for Law Enforcement Professionals.* Ernie was also a contributing author for *Police Mental Health Barricade.*

Mr. Stevens was a police officer for 28 years, serving 26 of those years with the San Antonio Police Department where he was a founding member of the Mental Health Unit. Ernie has been featured on the Emmy Award Winning HBO Documentary, *Ernie and Joe: Crisis Cops.* He has also been featured in NBC's documentary, *A Different Kind of Force.* Ernie was interviewed by ABC's Nightline's Byron Pitts regarding officers trained to respond to mental illness calls. Mr. Stevens has been featured in over thirty publications and deemed an expert in Crisis Intervention Training. Ernie was one of the founding members of the San Antonio Police Department's Mental Health Unit. Ernie continues to assist law enforcement agencies around the nation by providing technical assistance and best practice approaches to mental health crisis calls. Mr. Stevens currently serves as the deputy director of law enforcement for the Council of State Governments Justice Center (CSG.)

Plenary V:

Anthony Stukes, LCSW has over 25 years of experience providing mental health service to adolescents, young adults, and families in various therapeutic settings. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Temple University and attained his master's in social work from Widener University. Anthony currently provides clinical mental health support to individuals of all demographics at his private practice in Coatesville Pennsylvania. Mr. Stukes's professional settings have provided him with the opportunity to support thousands of youths and their families in the areas of emotional regulation, family dynamics and the importance of goal setting and aspirations. He discovered early in his career that adolescent mental and behavioral struggles are commonplace and can be used as a source of identifying resilience. Utilizing a combination of ego supportive techniques and objective listening, he has found success in opening lines of communication between adolescents and their families, utilizing community resources, as well as improving abilities in meeting their personal goals.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday December 6, 2023

9:00 – 9:05	WELCOME AND OVERVIEW — Donna N. McNelis, PhD (Conference Co-Chair)
9:05 – 9:30	UPDATE FROM DOC – Dr. Laurel R. Harry, Acting Secretary, DOC
9:30 – 10:30	Plenary Session I: Frederic G. Reamer, PhD – Moral Distress in Human Services
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:45	PLENARY SESSION II: Rev. Dr. Lori E. Banfield, MTS, DMFT – Disenfranchised Grief and
	Resilience: Justice-Involved Individuals and Their Families
11:45 – 1:00	AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCH
1:00 – 2:30	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS I: W01 – W05
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 4:15	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS II: W11 – W15

Thursday December 7, 2023

8:50 – 8:55	WELCOME AND OVERVIEW — Bill Holt, MSS, CCCJS (Conference Co-Chair)
8:55 – 9:15	UPDATE FROM OMHSAS – Dale Adair, MD, Medical Director, OMHSAS
9:15 – 10:15	PLENARY SESSION III: Amy Thurston and Ken Lang, PhD – Human Trafficking: Awareness, Impact, Treatment and Recovery
10:15 – 10:30	Впени
10:30 – 11:45	PLENARY SESSION IV: Ernest Stevens – Ernie and Jo Crisis Cops Panel: Daniel Beauchamp, MS, Erin O'Donnell, Jessie St. Pierre
11:45 – 12:45	Plenary Session V – Anthony Stukes, LCSW – A Story Worth Hearing: The Role We Play As Helpers
12:45 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:45	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS III: T21 – T24
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:30	Concurrent Workshop Sessons IV: T31 – T34
4:30	EVALUATIONS AND CLOSING

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 - CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS I

W01 - Competency Restoration: Challenges & Collaborative Approaches
Clarence Watson, JD, MD
Christy Giallella, PhD
Chris von Zuben, PhD
Stephanie L Fulmer, PsyD

Addressing the needs of individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial requires balancing legal and treatment interests while considering the availability of resources. The heterogeneity of this population has given rise to mental health courts and collaborative efforts of local and state-level behavioral health agencies. Rising restoration referrals have strained available resources, resulting in varied strategies to deliver restoration services and provide options for non-restorable individuals. This presentation will describe those collaborative efforts.

W02 - Returning home: The Re-entry Process Within the Family

Tricia M. Mikolon, PhD, CRC, LPC(PA), BC-TMH Debra Perez, PhD, LPCC-S, BCTP-II, SCPG

Sarah J. Littlebear, PhD, LPC, CPCS

Re-entry is a complex event, one supported by services on behalf of the offender. However, the family of the returning offender is impacted by this change as well, gaining their family members back but also acquiring new responsibilities and expectations. This presentation will provide an overview of the process, how this impacts the family and interventions counselors can take to assist the family.

W03 - Risk Mitigation: Using Collaboration to Mitigate Risks of Individuals Entering
The Justice System
Lindy Mishler, MS
Pamela Treadway, MEd

Often, when an individual enters the justice system their support team will feel that nothing could have been done to prevent the circumstances from occurring. However, this is not the case. This presentation will explore how support teams can proactively identify risks and the strategies that can be implemented with the individuals they are supporting to mitigate risks that increase the likelihood of entering the criminal justice system.

W04 - Mental Health Services in State Prison: Current and Future Directions Brian Schneider, PsyD, ABPP

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PA DOC) is one of the largest providers of mental health services in Pennsylvania. While the overall population of the DOC is declining, the mental health population is on the rise. This workshop will demonstrate to participants the mental health services currently available to individuals housed by the PA DOC and future directions.

W05 - An In-Depth Analysis of Incarcerated Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the PA Department of Corrections

Elicia Stein, PsyD.

Lucas Malishchak, DBA

This presentation will provide an in-depth analysis of the incarcerated population diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The identification process within the DOC, demographics and statistics will be reviewed. Additionally, enhanced services and specialized management of this population will be discussed. In conclusion, a list of common offenses, in conjunction with a neurodevelopmental framework, may help to explain factors leading these individuals to become justice involved.

2:30 - 2:45: BREAK

2:45 - 4:15 - CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS II

W11 - Sensory Integration Techniques for Multidisciplinary teams: Meeting the needs of Our Patients

Erin M. Naggy, OTD, OTR/L

Adults with mental illness experience atypical neural responses in sensory gating and mismatch negativity associated with sensory processing. Sensory integration techniques provide a way to learn self-organization and regulate reactions to sensory inputs in a graded and adaptive manner. Multidisciplinary teams can utilize these techniques to prevent further escalation and management of psychiatric symptomology. This course teaches these techniques and how to incorporate their use into patients' routines.

W12 - Dismissive No More: Tackling the Issue of Perpetual Criminal Justice Oversight for Individuals Found Unrestorable to Competency Stephanie Fulmer, PsyD Jaymes Fairfax-Columbo, JD, PhD

In Pennsylvania, individuals found unrestorable to competency but not dangerous are released to the community. However, until recently, their charges remained hanging overhead—in some cases, indefinitely. The recent case of *Commonwealth v. Humphrey* (2022) has changed this; trial court judges now have discretion to dismiss charges for unrestorable individuals. This workshop will review the *Humphrey* decision and explore factors to consider when identifying individuals appropriate for *Humphrey* dismissals.

W13 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: An Intervention Strategy for Justice-Involved Clients Examining the Benefits and Limitations Lauren Helga Cifoni MA, MS / MSW & PhD Student

Cognitive behavioral therapy is an effective, evidence-based therapeutic practice that strongly influences recidivism, even with the most challenging justice-involved clients. This session conveys diverse literature associated with CBT and justice-involved clients. This presentation will demonstrate that using CBT as an intervention strategy may significantly reduce criminal behavior in correlation with mental health disorders. However, the limitations regarding the cognitive component within the criminal justice system, due to the influence of legal leverage with justice-involved clients, will be examined. In addition, it is intended that participants will gain further knowledge in applying CBT intervention strategies to assist justice-involved clients with mental health disorders who continue to

W14 - The Role of Collaborative Care When Working with Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Deafblind, and Deaf New American Forensic Populations.

Sarah Nunes, NIC, LMSW

revolve around the doors of our criminal justice system.

Participants will explore the intersectional axis of language, Deaf culture and access in relation to forensic systems. Practical skills will be developed regarding how to increase the effectiveness of collaborative care and advocacy when working within the Deaf community. Topics will strive to honor and center Deaf communities' narratives, experiences, and culture in a respectful and nuanced way, leading to deeper understanding, better engagement and successful outcomes across disciplines.

W15 - Behavioral Health Navigation Support for Justice-Involved Individuals: Creating Access to Care at all Intercepts

Joy Walters, MSW

Emily Schreck, MSW

Danielle Nyitray, BA

This session will begin with a brief overview of the sequential intercept model and the existing BHJD initiatives that are based on the model. Additionally, the session will explore the background of behavioral health navigation, our current framework for behavioral health navigation and our vision for the future. It will also include discussion of the ongoing challenges of behavioral health navigation work and creative solutions to create access to care at all intercepts.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023

1:15 – 2:45 – CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS III

T21 - De-stigmatizing Medications for Opioid Use Disorder: Labels, Language and Lived Experiences Mandy Fauble, PhD, LSW Jason Snyder

This workshop will assist participants in identifying how language can reflect implicit bias, and how language can also be used intentionally to counteract biases toward those with substance use disorder. The workshop will further explore the context of an evidenced-based treatment, medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), and how biases and language about MOUD influence its implementation in clinical practice settings, including the criminal justice system.

T22 - Forensic Peer Support: The Missing Link Ethan Frost, BA, CPS, CRS, CFRS

Katrin Fieser, LSW, CPS, CRS, CFRS, CTP, NCPRSS

Are you curious about forensic peer support and how your community can benefit from their services? In this workshop, participants will hear the history of forensic peer support in Pennsylvania and how to implement the sequential intercept model across the state. Participants will also identify how they can collaborate with stakeholders to implement expanded services and reduce recidivism within their communities.

T23 – Mental Health Professionals' Duty to Warn Third Parties about the Risks of Potentially Violent Patients

David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP

In *Tarasoff v. Regents of the University of California*, the California Supreme Court held that mental health professionals have a duty to warn or protect third parties when their clients make threats of harm. Over the past few decades, courts across the United States have adopted rules imposing similar duties on mental health professionals. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court imposed a duty to warn requirement on mental health professionals in *Emerich v. Philadelphia Center for Human Development* (1998). However, in 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision in *Maas v. UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside* significantly modified the boundaries of this duty. This presentation describes mental health professionals' duty to warn, examines the factors courts consider in "duty to warn cases," and highlights important clinical, legal, and ethical considerations for mental health professionals in responding to the new rule articulated in *Maas*.

T24 – Recovery Mapping with Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy (CT-R): A collaborative Approach to Empowerment of Justice-Involved Individuals Lindsey Pinto, LSW Shelby Arnold, PhD

With the shift to rehabilitative and recovery-focused models, streamlining collaboration between mental health providers and justice stakeholders is critical for success. Workshop instructors will showcase the Recovery Map, an instrument that facilitates multisystem and multidisciplinary collaboration, showing how it organizes information, roles, and action plans. Participants will visualize practical ways to operationalize recovery and resiliency in forensic and community re-entry programs, guided by the evidence-based, strengths-focused, person-centered procedures of recovery-oriented cognitive therapy.

2:45 -3:00 - BREAK

3:00 - 4:30 - CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSIONS IV

T31 - Forging New Paths to Collaboration: Incorporating Non-Traditional Partners into Forensic Practices Susan Connor, OTD, OTR/L, CCHP

Forging new partnerships can bring fresh perspectives, additional skills sets and renewed focus on the challenges at hand. These partnerships can take many forms, but how often do they break the status quo? The introduction of nontraditional partners can promote innovative solutions. Occupational therapy professionals, commonly associated with health care settings, are trained to address many issues associated with navigating forensic environments and supporting successful return to the community, making them viable partners in forging new collaborations.

T32 - More than Half: Brain Injury Among Justice-Involved Populations: Implications for Practice MJ Schmidt, MA, CBIST

The prevalence of brain injury is significantly higher in marginalized populations, including those who are justice involved. Whether acquired through physical force or disease, brain injury affects individuals in profound ways. Often undiagnosed in this population, brain injury can impact both risk and responsivity to treatment. This session will offer basic education on brain injury, highlight its intersection with this population and discuss current research in Pennsylvania. Screening tools and resources will also be discussed.

T33 - Non-Uniformed Staff in Corrections: Unveiling the Unsung Heroes Constantine J. Alleyne, MPH, EMBA, PhD Student

Join us for an engaging workshop that unveils the crucial role of non-uniformed staff in corrections. From the perspective of a behavioral healthcare professional, challenges, triumphs, and innovative approaches within the correctional landscape will be explored. This session aims to inspire attendees to recognize and appreciate the impact of these unsung heroes, fostering discussions and collaboration for a more rehabilitative and transformative correctional system.

T34 - Police Chief Suicide: A Long-Neglected Problem Overdue for Attention Tony Salvatore, MA

In recent years, increasing attention has been given to police officer suicides in the U.S. Few reports have looked at suicide among those who head police departments. There appear to be four to five police—chief suicides annually, but their suicide rate may be double that of those they command. Chiefs have the same risk factors as law enforcement officers, plus those that accrue to their role. Chiefs must be the focus of suicide prevention as well as their personnel. This session will explore this often neglected but important topic.

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CONFERENCE FEES

Full Two-Day Conference – December 6 and December 7, 2023 - \$125 One-Day Conference - \$75

You will have the opportunity on the registration screen to choose whether you wish to attend the full conference or choose one of the individual conference days.

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