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September 21, 23, 28, 30



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Program Highlights

Tuesday, September 21

10:45 am	Yoga with Dagny
11:15 am	Guided Meditation with Ruth
11:30 am	Prelude
11:45 am	Welcome Remarks <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>
12:00 pm	Keynote I <i>Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Services; SAMHSA Administrator</i>
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Interlude
1:15 pm	Workshops Round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living and Working in the Most Integrated Setting <i>Len Statham, NYAPRS; Doug Hovey, Independent Living; Amanda Saake, NYS Office of Mental Health; Moderator: Harvey Rosenthal</i> • Navigating our Trauma and Grief: Looking at Recovery, Wellness and DBT in our Challenging Times <i>Helle Thorning, Beth Brodsky, Abaigeal Duke and Luis O. Lopez, Center for Practice Innovation</i> • Getting Ready for 9-8-8 <i>David Covington, RI International; John Draper, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and National Networks, Vibrant Emotional Health</i> • Cultural Exhibition Center
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Interlude
2:45 pm	Workshops Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unapologetically Black Unicorns <i>Khatera Aslami Tamplen, Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Office of Peer Support Services; Jei Africa, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, County of Marin; Chyrell Bellamy, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health; Rayshell Chambers, COO/Co-Founder, Painted Brain; Moderator: Keris Myrick, JED Foundation</i> • Peer Run Crisis Innovations <i>Steve Miccio, People USA; Shannon Higbee, Recovery Options Made Easy; Lisa St. George, RI International; Moderator: Harvey Rosenthal</i> • Perspectives in Peer Supervision <i>Dana Foglesong, Magellan Health Services; Jonathan Edwards, National Association of Peer Supporters</i> • Cultural Exhibition Center
4:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting with NYS Mental Health Commissioner Ann Sullivan
5:00 pm	Closing Remarks <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>

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Thursday, September 23

10:15 am	Yoga with Dagny
10:45 am	Guided Meditation with Ruth
11:00 am	Prelude
11:15 am	Welcome Remarks <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>
11:30 am	Keynote II "Stories of Hope, Stories of Power" <i>Lindsey Sizemore, George MH Consumer Network; Taina Lang, Baltic Street AEH, Kelly Davis, Mental Health America</i>
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Interlude
1:15 pm	Workshops Round 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforming OMH Services to Advance Recovery, Rehabilitation and Peer Support <i>Robert Myers, Nicole Haggerty, Amanda Saake, Denise Balzer, Emil Slane, Suzanne Feeney, NYS Office of Mental Health</i> • During COVID-19: Virtual Peer Support Group (VPSG) <i>Clarence Jordan, Lisa Kugler, Anathaleo Blake, Beacon Health Options</i> • New Pioneers: Matthew Petite, Garrett Smith, Community Alternatives, TBA <i>Moderator: Len Statham</i> • Cultural Exhibition Center
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Interlude
2:45 pm	Workshops Round 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Allies to Accomplices: Gender Diversity, Trauma, and Liberation <i>Elise Diamond, Apogee Center, MHA of Columbia-Greene County</i> • Added Value in Crisis Care: Specific Strategies and Surprising Lessons <i>Mike Hogan, Crisis Now Task Force of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention</i> • Cultural Competence: Is It Enough? A Call to Action! <i>NYAPRS Cultural Competence Committee Members</i> • Cultural Exhibition Center
4:00 pm	Closing Comments: <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>
6:00 pm	Prelude
6:15 pm	Welcome Remarks <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>
6:30 pm	Evening Programs I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand Up for Mental Health! <i>David Granirer and Company</i> • Wellness and Resilience Story Circle <i>Dr. Deborah Wilcox, Poetry for Personal Power Arts and Advocacy (P3) and panel</i> • Open Mic <i>Michael Skinner, Surviving Spirit</i>
8:00 pm	Evening Programs II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Story Circles Within Your Organization <i>Dr. Deborah Wilcox, Poetry for Personal Power Arts and Advocacy (P3) and panel</i> • Open Mic <i>Michael Skinner, Surviving Spirit</i> • Artists for Change: Politically, Personally and Socially Part I <i>Gayle Bluebird, Deb Trueheart, Jen Padron, Bonnie Schell, Ken Segal and Cynthia Cristensen</i>

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Tuesday, September 28

10:15 am	Yoga with Dagny
10:45 am	Guided Meditation with Ruth
11:00 am	Prelude
11:15 am	Welcome Remarks <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>
11:30 am	Keynote III “Caught Up in the Intersectionality Of Systems: Moving From Rage To Fearlessness To Change” <i>Helen ‘Skip’ Skipper, The NYC Criminal Justice Agency</i>
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Interlude
1:15 pm	Workshops Round 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Justice #1: Diversion: Mental Health First Responders <i>Tim Black, CAHOOTS; Christina Sparrock, Ruth Lowenkron, Carla Rabinowitz, Correct Crisis Intervention</i> • Youth Perspectives: Viewing the Mental Health System through the Lens of Youth <i>Kelly Davis</i> • TBA • Cultural Exhibition Center
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Interlude
2:45 pm	Workshops Round 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Justice Reform #2: Rehabilitation and Re-Entry <i>Jerome Wright, Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement; Tracie Gardner, Public Policy Director, Legal Action Center; Jeff Coots, Director, From Punishment to Public Health (P2PH), John Jay College of Criminal Justice</i> • But My Loved One Doesn’t Want Help! <i>Cindy Peterson-Dana, Dialogic Therapy and Training; Ronda (Ro) Speight, MHA of Westchester; Pat Wright, Dmitriy Gutkovic</i> • Artists for Change: Politically, Personally and Socially Part 2 <i>Gayle Bluebird, Deb Trueheart, Amy Smith, Isaac Brown and Patricia Obletz</i>
4:00 pm	NYAPRS Annual Meeting
5:00 pm	Diversity Bash and Fashion Show
6:00 pm	Prelude
6:15 pm	Welcome Remarks
6:30 pm	Evening Programs I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Competency Committee 20th Anniversary Story and Celebration • Open Mic <i>Michael Skinner, Surviving Spirit</i> • Zumba! <i>Greg Parnell, Crestwood Behavioral Health</i> • Support Group
8:00 pm	Evening Programs II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma and Healing Through Hip Hop <i>Luis Lopez, TBA</i> • Artists for Change: Politically, Personally and Socially Part 3 <i>Gayle Bluebird, Deb Trueheart, Lauren Tenney, Meghan Caughey, Anna Pate Glover and Gloria Garrett</i> • Support Group

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Thursday, September 30

10:15 am	Yoga with Dagny
10:45 am	Guided Meditation with Ruth
11:00 am	Prelude
11:15 am	Welcome Remarks <i>Luis Lopez, Traci Ploufe, Harvey Rosenthal and Len Statham</i>
11:30 am	NYAPRS Annual Awards and Memorial Ceremony
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Interlude
1:15 pm	Workshops Round 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope from Behind the Walls and Serving a Life Sentence <i>Lee Horton, Dennis Horton, Mary Ellen Copeland</i> • Partnering with Communities to Create a Trauma-Informed Approach to Racial Justice, Reconciliation and Healing <i>Teena Brooks; Mandy Davis, CTIPP Board Member, Trauma Informed Oregon, Director; Jesse Kohler, CTIPP Executive Director; Leslie Lieberman, CTIPP Board Member, Senior Director of Training and Organizational Development, Health Federation of Philadelphia</i> • Leadership in Action <i>Edye Schwartz, Edye Schwartz Consulting; Kristin Woodlock, Woodlock and Associates</i>
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Interlude
2:45 pm	Workshops Round 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco Use as a Stumbling Block to Community Inclusion: Practical Tips for Minimizing Tobacco as a Barrier to Recovery <i>Nancy Covell, Rusty Foster, Noah Lipton, Center for Practice Innovation; Susan Friedlander, NYS Office of Mental Health; Gita Enders, NYC Health + Hospitals, Office of Behavioral Health</i> • New York as a Center of Healing <i>Amanda Saake, NYS Office of Mental Health; Rita Cronise, Academy of Peer Services; Regina Shoen, Liz Breier, NYS Office of Mental Health Office of Consumer Affairs; Julia Fesko, NYS OASAS and panel</i> • Decolonizing the Gender Binary <i>Vesper Moore, Kiva Centers</i>
4:00 pm	Raffle and Closing Comments



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