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# United We Stand

Responding to America's Opioid Crisis

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Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice

# Residential Substance Abuse Treatment, Jails, and Prisons

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# RSAT Track

## Two-Hatters: Their Role in Recovery

AHP, Inc.

Moderated by:

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# Learning Objectives

After this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify at least two ethical issues recovering individuals who work in the field must resolve
- List at least one benefit programs derive from the perspectives of staff in addiction recovery and one benefit derived from the perspectives of staff who do not identify as recovering
- Articulate an awareness of anonymity issues involved when working with two-hatters and explain at least two different options for dealing with them
- Describe at least one principle that can help RSAT staff manage and support peers in recovery who work with RSAT clients



# Purpose:

To discuss the unique perspectives professionals in recovery bring to the field and the impact the work has on their personal recovery



## *Panel and Discussion*



# Meet the Panelists:

- Steve Valle, AdCare Criminal Justice
- Bradley Bullock, TASC
- Honesty Liller, McShin Foundation
- Niki Miller, AHP

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# Panelists: Backgrounds and Professional Affiliations

Steve Valle, AdCare Criminal Justice  
President and CEO

- Licensed psychologist
- Licensed alcohol & drug counselor
- Founder of Grace House
- Associate editor *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*

Bradley Bullock, TASC

Director, Criminal Justice and Treatment Services

- Certified alcohol and drug counselor
- Worked in re-entry and post-release services
- Directs statewide diversion programs
- Ongoing community advocacy work



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Honesty Liller, McShin Foundation  
Chief Executive Officer

- Leads a recovery community organization
- Recipient of the Vernon Johnson Award
- Certified peer recovery specialist (VA)
- Co-Founder of CARE Talks, LLC



Niki Miller, AHP  
Senior Research Associate

- Former certified addiction professional
- Certified prevention specialist
- Founded the Taskforce on Women and Recovery
- Research and technical assistance



## Benefits and Risks

*Combining recovery-grounded experiential knowledge with the most rigorous historical and scientific methods of inquiry might indeed reshape the future of addiction and addiction recovery*

–William White, 2016



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*Pursuing avocations/vocations in addiction treatment or community education and advocacy does not constitute a viable strategy for personal recovery. The history of addiction in America is strewn with the bodies of those who believed otherwise*

-William White, 2018



# Stigma

*One of the challenges of the recovery movement will be how to reduce the stigma attached to a condition and those who suffer from it with a cultural language that is heavily laden with that stigma*

–William White, 2000



# Anonymity

*“The decision to share one’s recovery status and the decision to share the details of one’s recovery story are quite different decisions as they represent far different levels of intimacy and vulnerability and require attention to the way in which these different levels of disclosure serve different purposes”*

*-William White, 2010*

# Discussion: Questions, Comments and Sharing

- Questions for the panel...
- Share your own experience...
- Recovery in the workforce...
- Impact of the opioid crisis...
- Self-care and boundaries...
- Concerns and insights...
- Thanks to all!



# Questions and Answers

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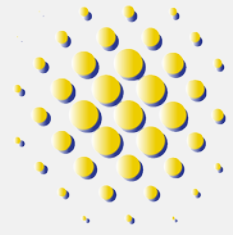
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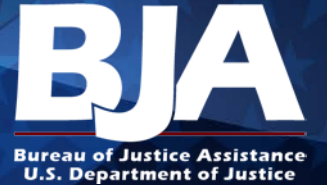




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