

MONTANA PEER SUPPORT SUMMIT 2021

November 17, 2021

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Time	Session/Track	Details
8:00-8:30	Networking	Breakfast and Tables: Mountain Plains Addiction Technology Transfer Center (MPATTC), Montana Primary Care Association Trainings, Peer Support Specialists Network Sign Up, Program Survey for all participants, Cover Montana Insurance Portals.
8:30-8:45	Ballroom	Welcome Charlie Smith, Ph.D., M.A., SAMHSA Regional Administrator, Region 8
8:45-9:30	Ballroom	History of Peer Support: The Past, the Present, and the Future Dr. Karen Fortuna, Dartmouth, and Rob Walker, World Digital Peer Support Association
TOPIC	ROLE OF PEERS	
9:30-10:30	Breakout Room ABC: Organization Leadership	Promoting a Culture that Supports Peers Brenda Kneeland, EMCMHC, and Lenette Kosovich, Rimrock
	Ballroom: Peer Support Specialists	Ethics and Boundaries for Peer Supporters Andrew Malby, Rimrock, Dr. Karen Fortuna and Rob Walker
	Breakout Room D: Clinical Supervisors	What does good clinical supervision look like? Jennifer Verhasselt, Rimrock
10:30-10:45	Break	
TOPIC	Native American Peer Support Programs	
10:45-11:45	Ballroom: Organization Leadership, Clinical Supervisors and Peers	Montana Peer Support Survey Data Brandn Green and Matt Filteau, J&G Research
		Using Peer Support Specialists in the Community Megkian Doyle, Roanna Gets Down Often, Tom Mexican Cheyenne, One Health
11:45: 12:30	Lunch	Buffet and General Break
TOPIC	PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM – SHOW US THE MONEY!	
12:30-1:45	Ballroom: Organization Leadership and Clinical Supervisors	Financial Sustainability for your Peer Support Program Scott Malloy Moderator Panel Presenters: Lenette Kosovich, Rimrock, Isaac Coy, BHDD, and Alyssa Clark and Casey Peck. Human Resources Division
	Breakout Room D: Peer Support Specialists	Understanding Peers Role in Financial Sustainability Annette Redding, Andy Pilch and Andy Malby, Rimrock
TOPIC	PEER CAREER DEVELOPMENT	
1:45-2:45	Ballroom: Organization Leadership, Clinical Supervisors and Peers	Peer Program Challenges and Opportunities Moderator: Dr. Charlie Smith, SAMHSA Panel: Brenda Kneeland, EMCMHC, Vee Yang, Center for Mental Health, Annette Redding, Rimrock, and Megkian Doyle, One Health
2:45-3:00	Break	
3:00-4:00	Ballroom	Peer Support Career Pipeline Moderator: Isaac Coy, BHDD Panel: Amanda Brown, PSS, EMCMHC and David Coughlin, PSS/LAC, EMMHC, and Beth Carter, AHEC.
4:00-4:30	Ballroom	Peer Support Innovations Across the United States Mary Jo McMillen, Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA)
4:30	Adios!	Tables and Networking

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Dr. Karen Fortuna, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Dartmouth College, has a PhD in Social Welfare and is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker. Dr. Fortuna works in partnership with vulnerable populations, including adults with a diagnosis of a serious mental illness, in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa, and New Zealand in co-producing and empirically testing digital peer support technologies and trainings. Dr. Fortuna served as an international expert on the International Standards Advisory Committee to develop the first-ever accreditation standards for behavioral health care for older adults with CARF International.

Rob Walker is the President of the World Digital Peer Support Association and has worked in various peer roles in Massachusetts for over 15 years, recently managing the contract for Peer Specialist Training and certification in Massachusetts. Rob is an older adult with lived experience and uses his lived experience to create programs that involve peer specialists, and to extend the reach of peers into programs with Older Adults and people who are involved with the criminal justice system, as well as individuals who are unhoused.



Mary Jo McMillen has been in long-term recovery from substance use since September 16, 1985. She has worked with people who have Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders as a licensed Counselor since 1988. Since 2010, Mary Jo has been the Executive Director of Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness (USARA), a non-profit peer-run Recovery Community Organization serving individuals and family members throughout Utah. USARA's mission is to connect and inspire communities to advocate for addiction recovery.

Charles H. Smith, Ph.D., MA, Regional Administrator Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Region VIII (*Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and 33 Tribal Nations*). Dr. Smith is the Regional Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Region VIII. Dr. Smith is the former Director of the Colorado Division of Behavioral Health and Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for the State of Colorado. He is a Licensed Psychologist with over 30 years of experience in fields of forensic psychology, addiction psychology, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, integrated care and behavioral health policy and administration.

