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Wednesday April 12

8:30  Welcome
Dr. Ron House, President, John A. Logan College

8:30 - 10:00  Therapeutic Benefits of Humor, Mark Sanders

10:00 - 10:15  Break

10:15 - 11:15  The Scope of Opioid Problem: The 1990’s to Now
(Overdose Death Investigation and PMPs)
Vic Fazzio & Marc Gonzalez

11:15 - 11:30  Break

11:30 – 12:30  Breakout Round 1

12:30 – 1:45  LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN!!

1:45 – 2:45  Breakout Round 2

3:00 – 4:00  Breakout Round 3

Thursday April 13

8:30 - 9:30  Breakout Round 4

9:30 - 9:45  Break

9:45 - 10:45  Breakout Round 5

10:45 - 11:00  Break

11:00 - 12:00  Breakout Round 6

12:00 - 1:30  LUNCH - PROVIDED IN THE ATRIUM!!
Dr. Monique Anawis, Medical Director, IL Attorney General

1:30 - 1:45  Break

1:45 – 3:30  Personal Story, John Steve, House of Hope
Tired, Wired, and Mired: Self Care for Addictions Professionals, Mark Sanders

3:30 - 4:00  Closing and Door Prizes
Breakout Sessions Round 1:

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Meth 101 | Brant Blackburn & Jonathan Edwards
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Breakout Sessions Round 2:

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Breakout Sessions Round 3:

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Breakout Sessions Round 4:

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- Prevention - Harm Reduction | Chad Sabora
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- Sleeping with the Enemy: The Snare of Chemical Solutions to Sleep and Restlessness | Shane Reister
- Human Trafficking: in Small Town America | Joe Moyers

Breakout Sessions Round 5:

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**Therapeutic Benefits of Humor in Addictions Treatment**
Mark Sanders

In this informative and fun keynote address you will learn; how laughter can help clients deal with the pain of detox; how laughter can improve client's physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health; how to use humor to increase rapport and decrease resistance to addictions counseling; how to use humor in individual, group and family therapy; how to use humor to increase organizational morale.

Objectives: You will learn

- How laughter can improve client health and overall wellbeing
- How to use humor to build rapport with clients with substance use disorders
- How to use humor to increase organizational morale

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**When the Titanic Meets the Iceberg: Addressing Trauma Beneath the Addiction | Mark Sanders**

In this presentation, you will learn: How to assess and clinically address 5 types of trauma common among clients with substance use disorders, including: acute stress disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder; complex trauma; 24-7-365 terror; and historical trauma. Emphasis will be placed upon the use of evidence based practices and integrated approaches to addictions and trauma recovery.

Objectives: You will learn

- The difference between acute stress disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder
- The differences between post-traumatic stress disorder and complex trauma
- Evidence based, integrated approaches to addictions and trauma recovery
Engaging Difficult to Reach Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders
Mark Sanders

Nearly 60% of adolescents with substance use disorders miss their second outpatient session and drop out of inpatient treatment prematurely.

In this workshop you will learn how to increase first attendance rates by 30%; how to increase second session attendance by 66%; how to engage difficult to reach adolescents within the first five minutes of contact; and evidenced based approaches to adolescent engagement

Objectives: You will learn

- Seven strategies for engaging difficult to reach adolescents within the first five minutes
- How to increase second session attendance by 66%
- Three evidenced based approaches to adolescent engagement.

7 Areas of Reassessment for Clients who Relapse Chronically
Mark Sanders

There is often a hidden reason why clients relapse continuously. In this workshop we will examine seven areas which play a major role in relapse, including: a hidden psychiatric disorder, a process addiction, unresolved grief, unresolved trauma, addiction to a drug subculture, involvement in an addictive relationship, or a lack of community. Clinical implications for each area will be discussed.

Objectives: You will learn

- You will learn how to assess seven areas that lead to chronic relapse.
- Understand three tools that will help with the reassessment process.
- The final objective is to explore the clinical implications of the reassessment.
Tired, Wired, and Mired: Self Care for Addictions Professionals  
Mark Sanders

Addiction professionals are vulnerable to emotional exhaustion, apathy, burn out and compassion fatigue. As a result, the turnover rate is extremely high. In this closing session, you will learn how to measure success in a way that leaves you feeling hopeful, how to prevent burnout and compassion fatigue, and how to create greater balance in life.

Objectives:

- The differences between burnout and compassion fatigue
- How the most successful people achieve balance
- How to identify strategies to practice daily acts of self-care

Current State of Medical Cannabis in Illinois | Ami Ruffing

This presentation will review the regulations surrounding the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program in Illinois; the current status of permitted cultivation facilities, dispensaries, patients and physicians; challenges for the program; possible directions for the future; and a brief comparison of the Illinois program to other states’ cannabis programs.

Understanding the Military Mind | Thomas Kadela

We interact with former or current members of the armed forces on regular basis. These men and women who are/were Active Duty, Guard or Reserve represent a unique culture. Being culturally competent, having a better understanding of development, training, ethos, and unique stressors, helps us customize our interactions and treatment for the best possible outcome.
**Medication Assisted Treatment, Following the Data to Implement Cultural Change Organizationally | Robert Riley**

With the innovation of science and new scientific findings to support the use of medication assisted treatment in treating opioid use disorder, the cultural change within an organization can be challenging at best. This session will provide all the latest data to support the use of medication assisted treatment and best practices. We will then further discuss the organizations cultural change and steps needed to support that change. The complexity of changing practice within an organization is overwhelming and leads to inadequate client care and ultimately outcomes of treatment. It is critical to consider the complexity of usual client care in changing routines in clinical practice and in the implementation of innovations.

1. Identification of the problem within the organization
2. Identification and analysis of the knowledge or scientific findings relevant to solving the problem
3. Adaptations of these insights to the local setting
4. Analysis of barriers to using these insights
5. Selection and tailoring interventions to stimulate the use of the insights and to implement change
6. Monitoring the use of the insights
7. Evaluation of outcomes of the use of the insights
8. Maintenance of the change

**Meth 101 | Brant Blackburn & Jonathon Edwards**

Meth 101 will discuss the current trends in methamphetamine manufacturing and use in southern Illinois as well as the rise in crystal methamphetamine.

**Medicated Assisted Recovery | Aaron Newcomb**

Topics of this breakout include addiction as a disease, medication assisted recovery, and Buprenorphine as outpatient treatment.
Sleeping with the Enemy: The Snare of Chemical Solutions to Sleep and Restlessness | Shane Reister

Our fast-paced and every-changing society is fertile ground for poor sleep and restlessness. Too many people attempt to meet the demands of work and home by developing troubling styles of living which paradoxically contribute to the very insomnia and internal turmoil they seek to alleviate. There are so many media messages emphasizing medication solutions for sleep that alternative approaches may become under-utilized or dismissed as approaches only for “those with minor sleep disturbance.” Some may seek medications for more than the intended purposes while others might misuse prescriptions without even acknowledging their own behavior.

This presentation will look at how and why people misuse prescriptions. It will also explore what kinds of thinking place people at risk of developing addictive patterns of use. Misconceptions about what constitutes effective results will be explored as a barrier effective use of medications and alternate interventions. We’ll also explore how expectations of happiness and normalcy may be part of the problem, especially for those with addictions. Finally we’ll explore how a non-judgmental collaborative approach to lifestyle change and serenity enhancement can enhance all types of intervention.

Current Drug Trends K2/Spice/Synthetic Drugs | Tom McNamara

There is a tremendous surge in designer drugs such as bath salts, Molly, and synthetic cannabis such as “Spice”. Almost entirely internet-driven, these drugs are difficult to monitor. Learn the current trends, treatment and law enforcement consequences, and what can be done to address this very dangerous group of drugs.

Prevention - Harm Reduction | Chad Sabora

We will be examining the two major harm reduction strategies, needle exchange services and Narcan distribution. I will highlight their effect on substance users and the surrounding communities when these programs are initiated. We will also be covering how to implement these services across the board for all service providers. Finally, we will be examining new and emerging harm reduction strategies such as safe injection facilities.
Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex & Drugs, and Some You Didn’t! | Steven St. Julian

A blunt and fun talk about the link between sexual behavior and drug use, focusing on HIV and Hepatitis, as well as other STD’s. Participants will learn about transmission, testing, treatment and prevention of these diseases. Using straight talk and humor, attendees will have a better understanding of available resources and how to help those you help to get help. Caution: if you blush easily, this one might not be for you!

Creating Supportive Communities to Sustain Recovery for Re-Entry Populations | Nikole Justice

Currently, a large number of offenders are caught in the repetitive cycle of recidivism. Many communities in Southern Illinois are significantly impacted by the cycle of incarceration and reentry. There are 47,000 men and women serving time in Illinois state prisons and approximately half of them will end up back in prison within three years of being released. Each new recidivating event represents additional victimizations and costs to the community, which accumulate over time. Evidence-based interventions can effectively interrupt this cycle and help put offenders on the path to successful reentry into the community. Research suggests that nearly 70% of released offenders have reported levels of pre-incarceration substance use that is consistent with substance use disorder criterion. Although research has found prison treatment programs to be generally effective, only a mere fraction of offenders are able to receive these services during their incarceration. Additionally, most studies report that without therapeutic follow-up in a community setting, parolees in recovery are at a high risk of relapse, despite a long period of forced sobriety. In recent years, researchers have identified specific principles that are proven effective in reducing recidivism. When implemented correctly and consistently, the principles of Risk, Need, and Responsivity will help to decrease the likelihood that an individual will reoffend. A detailed understanding of these principles will help administrators and practitioners focus their resources where they will have the greatest impact on reducing recidivism and meeting the needs of offenders in recovery that are returning to their community.
“Bad Drugs”: How the media, public opinion, and misinformation may impact professionals’ ability to provide appropriate and effective services to consumers | Shane Koch

This presentation will identify how expansions in the drug menu as well as changes in routes of administration/delivery of psychoactive substances have resulted in identifiable “drug eras”. Participants will then explore how public and professional responses may have been shaped by misperceptions and misinformation about psychopharmacology, treatment effectiveness, and the impact of specific substances on individuals, families, and communities.

Learning Objectives:

1.) Participants will be able to identify how drug eras have been defined.
2.) Participants will be able to identify how “bad drugs” have “dominated” public attention during specific time periods.
3.) Participants will be able to identify how response to the perceived threat posed by specific substances has influenced public policy and the service delivery system.
4.) Participants will explore how professionals may respond to emerging “drug eras” so as to advocate for ethical, affective, and appropriate responses to changes in the drug menu.
Opioids and Opiates: The Ethical and Clinical Challenges Associated With Providing Appropriate and Effective Services to Consumers | Shane Koch

Increased access to opioids and opiates has resulted in a significant increase in the incidence and prevalence of both opioid use and misuse. As a consequence of the addictive potentiation of these substances, their use by consumers may result in the rapid progression of substance use disorders. However, many consumers may safely utilize these substances for pain management and response to chronic disability. This presentation will focus on increasing awareness of the clinical and ethical complexities associated with providing appropriate, effective services to those effected by opiate/opioid use.

Learning Objectives:

1.) Participants will be able to accurately identify how opioids and opiate use has increased and how increased use has affected both individual consumers and our communities.
2.) Participants will identity the pharmacological properties of these substances that may lead to increased addictive potentiation.
3.) Participants will become aware of the challenges inherent in assessing opioid use disorders.
4.) Participants will be able to identify the ethical challenges presented when clinicians become aware of their clients’ opioid use.
5.) Participants will learn how they can develop an ethically sound methodological response when confronted by dilemmas arising from serving consumers who are involved with opioid/opiate use and misuse.
Ethics and Ethical Decision-Models | Shane Koch

Ethical decision-making is an evolving science with increased attention being paid to organizational variables, introduction of measures of moral intensity, reconsideration of traditional principle based decision making models and introduction of complex, critical thinking models as an alternative to static ethical formulas. This presentation will compare ethical systems and explore how professionals may use appropriate critical thinking to identify and resolve ethical challenges and dilemmas.

Learning Objectives:

1.) Participants will be able to identify the philosophical systems that provide a foundation for professional decision-making.
2.) Participants will be able to identify specific ethical principles that have guided the development of codes of ethics and professional standards of practice.
3.) Participants will be able to apply methods of critical thinking to identify and accurately examine ethical challenges and ethical dilemmas.
4.) Participants will be able to identify how contextual factors influence ethical decision-making and professional practice.
5.) Participants will become familiar with effective and appropriate strategies for resolution of ethical challenges in professional practice.
**Coexisting Disability: Responding to Consumers Who Experience Disability and Substance Use Disorders.** | Shane Koch

Changes in demographics, re-entry of OEF/and OIF veterans who have experienced significant physical disabilities and increased incidence and prevalence of consumers who experience chronic pain have resulted in an increased need for human service professionals to understand the complex relationships between disability and addictive disorders. This presentation will identify how onset of disability and addictive disorders influence the type and severity of consumer challenges and may determine the appropriate course of intervention. Service system delivery issues; development of appropriate, accessible, effective services; changing drug menus; and utilization of medication assisted therapy will be explored in the context of serving consumers with coexisting disabilities.

**Learning Objectives:**

1.) Participants will be able to identify the three types of onset of coexisting disabilities and understand how onset affects assessment, treatment planning, and case management.

2.) Participants will be able to identify the impact of expanded drug menus and medication assisted therapy may impact the treatment process for persons with coexisting disabilities.

3.) Participants will be able to identify specific barriers within service delivery systems that may negatively influence consumer’s ability to successfully complete treatment programs.

4.) Participants will become aware of how to utilize evidence based practices to provide appropriate, accessible, and effective interventions for consumers with coexisting disabilities.
Clinical Supervision in Times of Rapid Change | Shane Koch

Rapid changes in American cultural beliefs and behaviors as well as the impact of technology and expansion of drug menus have resulted in new and unexpected consequences for human professionals and their consumers. Clinical supervisors must be prepared to respond to challenges arising from rapid change. This presentation will focus explore how supervisors can utilize ethical decision models and best practices to enhance their ability to meet the needs of their supervisees and consumers.

Learning Objectives:

1.) Participants will be able to compare and contrast traditional cultural beliefs and values with those associated with modernity and post modernism.
2.) Participants will explore how the therapeutic alliance may be impacted by diverse consumer orientations.
3.) Participants will be able to identify the ethical challenges that emerge when serving consumers from exceptionally diverse cultural orientations.
4.) Participants will be able to apply supervision models and best practices to resolve ethical dilemmas arising from conflicts in therapist-consumer cultural orientations.
5.) Participants will explore the necessity of adapting their understanding about culturally appropriate attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors so as to create an environment where clinicians may be able to provide accessible, appropriate services to all consumers.

Drug Courts | Ericka Sanders

Problem-Solving Courts utilize a nationally recognized and scientifically validated method to address the most pressing issues facing our criminal justice system and our society. How often do we see an individual, newly released from prison or successfully discharged from a rehabilitation facility, fail after he or she returns home to family and friends and a host of issues that he or she is incapable of addressing? Problem-Solving Courts treat the addiction, the mental illness, and the criminal way of thinking in the person’s own environment, not in the sterile confines of a rehabilitation facility, hospital or jail. A team composed of a judge, public defender, treatment provider, case manager, state’s attorney and public defender utilize evidenced based practices grounded in decades of research in the field of human psychology to craft a treatment plan for each participant. Behavior is shaped through the use of immediate punishment and rewards. Criminal thinking is changed through the use of cognitive behavioral
“Human Trafficking in Small Town America” | Joseph Moyers

This presentation will discuss the reality of human trafficking in a rural setting. Joseph Moyers will provide a view into the ugly truth of the relationship between drug abuse and addiction and the sex trade.

Synthetic Drugs - Who Are They and Why Are They Acting This Way? | Bradley Bullock

In this session participants will gain a general understanding of the culture surrounding synthetic drug consumers. Through in depth interviews with professionals and consumers, participants will be introduced into the complex and sometimes unknown behaviors and outcomes associated with synthetic drug consumption.

The Scope of the Opioid Problem: The 1990’s to Now (Overdose Death Investigations and PMP’s) | Vic Fazzio & Marc Gonzalez

This presentation will provide real world examples of addiction and the fall-out of an addicted society.

Pharmaceutical Drug Abuse Trends | Vic Fazzio & Marc Gonzalez

This presentation will discuss current trends in RX drug abuse and understanding the addiction.
Monique A. Anawis, MD, JD

Dr. Anawis is the Medical Director and an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. She is a Technical Advisor to the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program.

Dr. Anawis is a practicing board-certified ophthalmologist, a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a fellow of the Institute of Medicine, and the Secretary, a fellow and a member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Legal Medicine. She is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. As an attending physician, Dr. Anawis has held the positions of vice-president of the medical staff, co-chair of the medical executive board, and member of the hospital peer review and credentials committees. Dr. Anawis graduated magna cum laude from Brown University and earned her medical degree with honors from Brown University School of Medicine. She currently serves as a member of the Brown University Alumni Medical Board. As past chair and member of the Blindness Prevention Task Force of the NGO and Vision 2020 partner, Health For Humanity, Dr. Anawis continues to teach and collaborate with physicians in the U.S., Europe and Mongolia.

Dr. Anawis has served as the Chair of the Health Care Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association and chaired its health care legislation subcommittee. She is the current Vice Chair of Programming for the Physicians’ Issues Interest Group of the American Bar Association’s Health Law Section. She serves on the Ethics, Education and National Health Law Moot Court Committees of the American College of Legal Medicine. Dr. Anawis has worked as an Adjunct Professor of Health Law at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She earned her law degree with honors and a Certificate of Health Law from DePaul University College of Law. The key goals of Dr. Anawis’s dual careers in law and medicine are to communicate and clarify the complexities of healthcare to her fellow physicians, attorneys and the public. She is a trained mediator and lectures nationally and internationally on health policy, regulatory matters, medical malpractice and ethics.
Wm. Brant Blackburn

Brant Blackburn is originally from Southern Illinois and attended Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois from 1993-1995 working on a degree in Criminal Justice. In the Fall of 1996, Blackburn transferred to West Chester University in Pennsylvania where Blackburn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1999. During his studies at West Chester, Blackburn did a summer internship with the United States Secret Service where Blackburn learned a passion for investigations.

Blackburn began his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff with the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office in February of 2000. During that time, Blackburn worked meth and crack cocaine conspiracy cases on both the State and Federal levels.

In February of 2002, Blackburn was hired as a Cadet by the Illinois State Police where he attended the Illinois State Police Academy. After graduating the Academy as a Trooper, Blackburn was assigned to District 12 (Effingham) Patrol. During that assignment, Blackburn continued to work meth and other drug related cases.

In January 2006, Blackburn was assigned as an Agent to the Illinois State Police Zone 7 Meth Response Team, Du Quoin, Illinois. The Zone 7 Meth Response Team that is tasked with covering a 31 county radius handling meth lab dismantlement and processing for State and Local law enforcement. The Zone 7 Meth Response Team also works their own meth investigations working with local and federal law enforcement. During that assignment, Blackburn attended Basic Clandestine Lab, Site Safety Officer and Advanced Tactical Clandestine Lab schools at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Academy in Quantico, Virginia. While at the DEA academy, Blackburn also taught a block of instruction regarding Shake and Bake (one pot) meth labs.

In 2014, Agent Blackburn became a member of the Illinois State Police Region 4 Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT) and is an FBI certified Crisis Negotiator. Currently Agent Blackburn is assigned to the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force working narcotic cases on both state and Federal levels and assists local Police Agencies with narcotic investigations. Blackburn also does drug trends and safety presentations for community groups, fire/EMS personnel and other law enforcement agencies.

Bradley Bullock

Bradley Bullock is an Administrator for TASC, covering courts services programs in the 1st and 2nd Circuit and Corrections programming for Southern Illinois. Bradley has worked primarily with recovering methamphetamine and heroin users on supervision throughout Southern Illinois. He sits on many community-based committees and is a strong advocate for justice-involved individuals throughout Southern Illinois. Bradley has presented at conferences throughout the state addressing substance abuse and mental health professionals, teachers, and criminal justice professionals.
Jonathan Edwards

Master Sergeant Jonathan Edwards began his career with the Illinois State Police as Trooper assigned to District 12 (Effingham) Patrol. During the majority of his time in District 12, Jonathan was assigned to the Special Enforcement Team primarily focusing on interstate narcotics interdiction. In 2008, Jonathan was assigned to Zone 7 Investigations as a Special Agent with the Methamphetamine Response Team (MRT). He has served as a Special Agent in MRT, General Criminal / Violent Crime Investigations, and the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force (SIDTF). In 2012 Jonathan was promoted to Sergeant and assigned as a Field Supervisor for SIDTF. In 2016, Jonathan was promoted to Master Sergeant and assigned as the supervisor for General Criminal Investigations, serving as the District 4 Commander of the Child Death Investigative Task Force (CDITF). In February 2017 Jonathan was appointed as the Director of SIDTF. The SIDTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force that conducts narcotics investigations and promotes drug awareness/deterrent efforts in Illinois State Police Districts 13 (DuQuoin), 19 (Carmi), and 22 (Ullin) encompassing 21 counties in Southern Illinois. He has served on the advisory board for the Franklin-Williamson Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and is the President of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). Jonathan is a member of the Illinois MEG Directors and Task Force Commanders Association, the Illinois State Police Command Officers Association, the Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association, and the Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association. Jonathan is a 2002 graduate of the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Vic Fazzio

Detective Sergeant Victor Fazio has over 22 years of law enforcement experience and has been assigned to Narcotics at the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for 14 years. Sgt. Fazio is considered an expert in Pharmaceutical Drug Diversion and he has investigated many multijurisdictional / international cases. He has instructed thousands of law enforcement officers for the California Narcotics Officers Association, the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, and other agencies and organizations throughout the country.

Sgt. Fazio has a Bachelor's Degree from UCLA in Political Science and a Master's Degree from Arizona State University in Criminal Justice. He is currently working on his Doctorate in Education at the University of Southern California where his research is focused on reducing harms caused by opioids through physician education.

Sergeant Fazio recently supervised the Ventura County Interagency Pharmaceutical Crimes Unit. The task force's main mission was combatting the transfer of legal prescription medication to the illegal market. Secondary, but equally important missions, were the identification and stopping of new trends of abuse among the county's younger population set and investigating deaths from overdose. Currently, Sergeant Fazio supervises a major narcotic violator task force.
Marc Gonzalez, Pharm.D. earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Gonzalez is the President of Pharmaceutical Diversion Consultants, LLC, providing training to military, law enforcement and health care professionals. His consulting services also include conducting compliance evaluations for all entities registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration, including doctors practicing in pain management; providing education and risk mitigation plans to bring pharmacies into compliance and fulfill their corresponding responsibilities assisting in applying for Prescription Monitoring Programs; providing speakers from federal, state, regulatory and local law enforcement; and, providing assistance to wholesalers who struggle to understand and initiate compliance programs under the DEA "Know Your Customer" wholesaler standards.

Dr. Gonzalez also provides expert testimony on all drug related matters from appropriate prescribing to drug facilitated sexual assault. He also serves as President of the California Chapter, National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, as well as a consultant for the Department of Defense. His responsibilities with the DoD include training and advising military and law enforcement and participating in various projects requested from as high as the Office of the President. Dr. Gonzalez is currently the lead instructor for the Department of Defense's Regional Counter Drug Training Academy at Naval Air Station Meridian. He has also trained at Midwest Counter Drug and Western Counter Drug Training Academies at their resident military bases throughout the country. Dr. Gonzalez has conducted numerous trainings for military investigative services (NCIS, Army, CID, OSI, CGIS and USMC CID) throughout the World. Dr. Gonzalez is currently an instructor for the California Narcotic Officers' Association and the International Chiefs' of Police - Drug Recognition Experts. Dr. Gonzalez developed the original section on "Medical and Psychological Rule-outs" for the IACP-DRE. He is also part of the core course for DRE with the California Highway Patrol, Impaired Driver Unit's Pre-School" and the Los Angeles Police Department's "Re-Certification" DRE School and has re-certified DRE's throughout the country. Dr. Gonzalez is a contributing author and editor for training modules for the Coalition "End Violence Against Women."

Dr. Gonzalez is a graduate of Senator Presley's Institute for Criminal Investigation, which allows him to certify other instructors as California Peace Officer Standards and Training Instructors. He has instructed health care on Advanced Cardiac Life Support and military/law enforcement personnel in the medical aspects of biological and chemical warfare agents. He previously served on a response team for hospitals in the Los Angeles area in the event of an attack.

Dr. Gonzalez previously worked for Purdue Pharma, L.P., in Corporate Security as a Law Enforcement Liaison and Educator, training thousands of law enforcement officers, health care professionals, military and military investigative services. Dr. Gonzalez previously worked for
the State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as a peace officer, where he supervised investigations involving violations of state and federal laws and regulations relating to medical practitioners and allied health professionals. Dr. Gonzalez was also a California State Board of Pharmacy Inspector.

Dr. Gonzalez served as Head of the Professional Diversion Intelligence Network/Drug Enforcement Administration, a training and task force dealing with pharmaceutical diversion cases nationwide. As head of this task force, Dr. Gonzalez was awarded the highest award that can be given to a California Peace officer by then Attorney General Dan Lungren. The Certificate of Commendation for outstanding contributions and dedication to California drug enforcement. Dr. Gonzalez volunteered for the Los Angeles Police Department for eight years and named "Volunteer of the Year" by then Mayor Tom Bradley and the City Council in 1990 for the amount of hours he worked and the impact he made on crime at the West Los Angeles Division.

In the University setting, Dr. Gonzalez worked as a Clinical Instructor of Pharmacy at the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Additionally, he was on the United States Attorney General's Speakers Bureau for the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Administration to present topics on pharmaceutical diversion. Dr. Gonzalez is a certified instructor of Arrest and Control techniques, holding the rank of Black belt in three different styles of martial arts. He was the State of California's Lead Defensive Tactics Instructor and developed a complete course of POST Certified techniques and escapes. These included the development of three video tapes for controlling violent suspects. Dr. Gonzalez has physical endurance hobbies and has completed 17 Ultra Marathons, 60 Marathons, 42 Half Marathons and 11 Triathlons. Dr. Gonzalez has forty-nine years of Martial Arts Training and Instructing in Hapkido, Kempo, Kick Boxing, Kung Fu and Aikido.

Nikole Justice

Nikole Justice is a Social Worker II (RANA Specialist) with the Illinois Department of Corrections. Mrs. Justice conducts risks and needs assessments to identify how these may impact the offender’s reintegration into the community. As an IDOC Social Worker, Mrs. Justice focuses on implementation of services that will reduce recidivism rates throughout the state. Mrs. Justice began her professional career in the field of substance use treatment, implementing comprehensive prevention and treatment services to address substance use issues with various populations. Prior to working with the Illinois Department of Corrections, she served as the Assistant Program Director for Adapt of Illinois, which provided psychosocial rehabilitation services to severely mentally ill geriatric patients.

Mrs. Justice holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology and Counseling and a graduate degree in Social Work. She has received specialized training in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and co-occurring disorders. She is a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) in the state of Illinois and holds a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) certification.
Thomas Kadela

Thomas works for the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Marion, Illinois VA Hospital.

He is the Training Director for Behavioral Medicine and responsible for Specialty Clinical Programs. Dr. Kadela is a nationally known speaker in the area of mental health and on faculty at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Shane Koch

Dr. Koch is a Professor in the College of Education and Human Services. His professional background includes extensive work with consumers diagnosed with primary and coexisting alcohol and other drug abuse disabilities. Prior to becoming a rehabilitation educator, he served in various settings as a counselor, program evaluator, clinical director and program director. Currently, he serves as the Co-editor for the Rehabilitation Counselors' and Educators' Journal. Dr. Koch is the author of twenty-six professional publications, nine book chapters and seventeen technical and research reports. He has made over eighty refereed presentations and fifty invited presentations at state, national and international professional conferences. Dr. Koch has served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator on fourteen funded research grants and four teaching grants. While on faculty at the University of North Texas Dr. Koch served as Coordinator of Rehabilitation Studies and Co-Director of the Institute for Studies in Addictions. He served as a past vice president and board member of the National Association on Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability (NAADD) and as a board member on both the Texas Certification Board of Addictions Professionals and the International Coalition of Addiction Science Educators. Dr. Koch served as the editor of the Journal of Teaching in the Addictions from 2005 through 2009.

Dr. Koch is a graduate of the Rh.D program at the Rehabilitation Institute where he was the 1996 recipient of the Lorenz Baker Award. In 2004, the International Association of Addiction and Offender Counselors selected Dr. Koch as the Counselor Educator of the Year. In 2011, he received the SIUC College of Education and Human Services Outstanding Scholar Award. He is a certified rehabilitation counselor, certified supervisor for AODA counselors, and an internationally certified advanced alcohol and drug counselor.

Tom McNamara

Tom McNamara was presented the Governor's Award of Excellence for Individual Achievement for his major contributions to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Drug Interdiction Committee. McNamara, retired from the Illinois State Police, is the Special Projects Coordinator for the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group and is recognized nationally for his work in narcotic enforcement. Beginning in 1998, McNamara accepted the Training Board’s initiative to develop a curriculum for law enforcement officers responding to a methamphetamine incident. Originally developed for law enforcement use, the curriculum has been used for fire service, healthcare and local community members. It [curriculum] has been
made available to law enforcement officers outside of the U.S., such as Iceland, Great Britain, and New Zealand. McNamara became involved with narcotics investigation in 1969 with the Carbondale Police Dept. assigned to train and coordinate narcotics enforcement. The end result was a 400 percent increase in arrests. His career with drug enforcement includes investigative activities for domestic and international terrorist operations, organized crime, street gangs, illegal motorcycle gang activities, ritualistic criminal activities, and major drug distribution and networks. Tom was involved in both covert and overt operations in organized crime task forces such as "Operation Iron Eagle" and "Operation Fort Apache." He was responsible for training local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel in the investigative techniques utilized to contain and eliminate organized criminal activities.

**Joseph Moyers**

Agent Joseph Moyers began his career in law enforcement as a police officer in 2006. Joseph was assigned to the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force (SIDTF) in 2012. Joe has been the lead agent and participated in many complex narcotics cases including “Operation King Pencil” involving members of “Los Caballeros Templarios” Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization (formerly “La Familia Michoacán”) and the notorious Surenos Street Gang. Joe has participated in numerous undercover operations and is often sought after for his work in this area. During his time with the SIDTF, Joe has developed an interest in the connection between illegal narcotics trafficking and human trafficking. Joe dedicates a great deal of time to the study of drug abuse and addiction as it relates to human trafficking. Joe is a 2006 graduate of the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

**Aaron Newcomb**

Dr. Newcomb is board certified in Family Medicine with subspecialty certification as a Fellow of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. He is the only addiction credentialed doctor in Southern Illinois.

His medical degree comes from A.T. Still University medical school in Kirksville, MO. He is a local graduate of the SIU Family Medicine Residency program and has worked solely with Shawnee Health Services a local community health center in Carbondale since becoming a doctor in 2008.

Dr. Newcomb developed an office-based opiate treatment program in 2011 and has been treating patients continuously since that time with buprenorphine for medication-assisted recovery.

Dr. Newcomb is an advocate for addiction treatment and has provided hands-on training for medical students as a volunteer faculty member of SIU Medical School and A.T. Still University. He has also provided presentations on addiction, the opioid epidemic and medication-assisted treatment at various medical and community venues in the area.
Shane Reister

Shane Reister, Psy.D received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University in 2013. He is the Southern Regional Psychologist Administrator at the Illinois Department of Corrections and has worked in a variety of roles, including case management, psychotherapy, training, and social justice advocacy. He specializes in LGBTQ and multicultural-diversity, which includes development of correctional mental health guides and monthly trainings on transgender correctional psychology. He enjoys using culturally-informed and trauma-informed treatment approaches to empower clients to find their path to wellness and freedom from the crippling effects of serious mental illness, personality disorders, and addiction. By attending to the intersectionality of clients’ identities, he promotes clients’ sense of self-worth and effective navigation of stigma within society and family systems.

Robert Riley II

Robert Riley II, MAADC II, serves as an Addiction Counselor for the Clayton Behavioral Addiction Medicine Center and leads the CB Addiction Education and Community Outreach program. Robert leads addiction recovery groups and provides one-on-one addiction counseling for clients at Clayton Behavioral. He develops structure and strategy for Addiction Education outreach programs in schools and communities, which range for simple presentations to half-day and full-day program. Robert is Co-founder of the Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery and since 2012 has been instrumental in advocating for change in state and national public policy to address the opiate epidemic. Robert has been recognized as a “recovery activist” and honored by multiple organizations for his educational and advocacy efforts in the treatment of addiction. He was instrumental in advocacy that supported the successful 2014 passage of HB 2040 in Missouri, allowing all first responders to administer Narcan to overdose victims. He received the Next Step scholarship for individuals active in recovery, was nominated for the 2015 Vernon Johnson Award—Faces and Voice of Recovery Organization and the received the 2015 EXMAD Award from Manasseh Ministry honoring former offenders making a difference in their communities. Robert along with Chad Saborra are known as the leading drug policy reform advocates in the state of Missouri.

Ami Ruffing

Dr. Ruffing supervises scientific research compliance, chemical and biological safety, and hazardous waste disposal at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She is also the Chief Science Officer at Ieso, LLC, a Southern Illinois medical cannabis cultivation facility.
Chad Sabora

Raised in Chicago by his father who spent most of his life as an executive at Gateway rehabilitation paving the future of treatment for people that suffer from the disease of addiction and his mother a housewife and a prosecuting attorney.

Chad received his undergraduate education at The University of Illinois and his law degree at The John Marshall Law school and followed his mother’s path and began his legal career as prosecutor for Cook County Illinois. Despite his upbringing and education Chad also suffers from the disease of addiction which took hold of him in 2006. He became addicted to prescription pain killers which led to heroin addiction that controlled his life until June 9th, 2011.

After getting clean he began working with heroin addicts to ensure they received all the help they could no matter what their financial circumstances were. In 2013, he and Robert Riley II created the Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery. Together they expanded the initial vision to include creating a new education system in our public schools, harm reduction, social and political reform, and the most important part of their mission is to destroy the stigma associated with substance use disorder.

Erika Sanders

Ericka Sanders is an Associate Judge from Marion County, Illinois, appointed in 2010. She serves as the chair of the Fourth Circuit’s Juvenile Justice Council which strives to bring trauma-informed practices to every discipline in each of the Circuit’s nine counties. Sanders is the Problem-Solving Court judge in Effingham, Illinois, presiding over the drug court, mental health court and veteran’s court. She is also the drug court judge in Clinton County, has the juvenile calls in Marion and Clinton counties and leads the Student and Family Education Court, a truancy diversion project, based upon the drug court model, at the Centralia Junior High and in the grade school and high school in Sandoval, Illinois. After graduating from Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1998, Sanders became a staff attorney with Land of Lincoln Legal Aid and then an Assistant Public Defender in Marion County. Sanders moved on to the General Law Bureau, civil defense division, at the Attorney General’s Office in Springfield and worked there for three years before returning to Marion County to be the Lead Public Defender. She was a topic editor of the civil procedure bench book and serves on the executive board of the Illinois association of Problem Solving Courts. Sanders lives in Centralia, Illinois with her husband, twin babies, many dogs and one cat.

*Mark Sanders

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC, is an international speaker in the addictions and mental health fields whose presentations have reached thousands throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands. He is co-author of Recovery Management and author of Relationship Detox: How to Have Healthy Relationships in Recovery. His most recent book is entitled, Slipping through the Cracks: Intervention Strategies for Clients with Multiple Addictions and Disorders. He is a lecturer at the University of Chicago.
Steven St. Julian

Steven St. Julian is a native of southern Illinois. Steven is currently the HIV Prevention, Outreach and Adherence Coordinator for the Southern Illinois HIV CARE Consortium, after having served 5 years as Illinois’ first HIV+ Consortium Director. After attending University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University, Stephen went on to complete his J.D at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. Since the first appearance of HIV/AIDS in 1981, Steven has actively served those infected or impacted by this disease. A 20-year member of Illinois’ state committees addressing HIV Care and Prevention. Further recognition in his field includes being named “Outstanding HIV Advocate” in 2007, and honored again in 2010 with the “Sustained HIV/STD Leadership” award. Steven’s most recent work has centered on better serving incarcerated and/or newly-released individuals. This most recent focus resulted from Steven serving on a team who spearheaded “The Prison to Community Transition Project”. The project is a comprehensive program connecting individuals recently released from incarceration to a variety of needed services. Due to its pilot success, it won national recognition and is now being replicated statewide.

*John Steve

John Steve was born and raised in the Back of the Yards community in the inner city of Chicago, Illinois. At age 11, John was influenced to join a Latin gang which lead to a violent criminal lifestyle. By the age of 13 he was addicted to various substances. By the age of 17 he was incarcerated for a violent offense and served 5 ½ years. Through utilizing various programs such as educational and substance abuse treatment while incarcerated John turned his life around for the better. Since his release in 2011 John has continued to attend support groups like AA and NA and has maintained his sobriety. John has now been in a number of volunteer and community leadership roles. He is the current Director of Herrin House of Hope and has been utilizing his strength, hope and experience to impact others who are in similar circumstances to achieve their goals.

*Keynote Speakers