

**Chicago Co-occurring Disorder Cross Divisional
James R. Thompson Center
April 27-29, 2010**

Agenda and Session Descriptions

Tuesday, April 27

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Back to the Mission (Mark Sanders)**
Inspirational exchange of why we should still be doing what we do!
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Recovery Support Interventions: (Trina Diedrich)**
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Wednesday, April 28

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Service Transformation: (John Holton)**
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Undergoing Change: (Kellie Gage & Randi Tolliver)**
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Thursday, April 29

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Living for Change: Harm Reduction & Substance Use Management (Valery Shuman)**
This workshop is tailored to meet the needs of front line practitioners who work with consumers who use substances or have been diagnosed with a mental health issue and who are not ready for (or reject, or have already failed in) abstinence-only oriented treatment programs or active mental health treatment. This hands-on workshop will introduce the philosophy of harm reduction, evaluate harm reduction within the context of the stages of change, and explore and elaborate on the process, challenges, and advantages of this compassionate, pragmatic approach. Practical methods and techniques will be incorporated as a

means to help clinicians and other individuals who work with those who engage in high risk behaviors to implement these approaches.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Individual Placement & Support: Putting the Human in Human Services (Gene Oulvey)**

A compelling amount of research and practical experience has demonstrated across states and continents that Individual Placement and Support (IPS) coordinated employment and clinical services are remarkably effective options for promoting the Recovery of persons with mental illness and substance abuse. Through interactive lecture, video presentations, and activities drawn from extensive field work and from 23 focus groups conducted in 2009 and 2010 in Illinois this session will provide evidence for the statement: “Why is IPS so effective? Because it is so Human.” IPS services at their core draw upon the uniquely human capability to come together in groups to apply creative expression to solving and adapting to complex challenges, such as those faced by persons and families dealing with the complexities that arise when mental illness and substance abuse co-exist. Participants in the session will become familiar with the array of advocacy and service communities, disciplines, methods, and techniques that have made IPS one of the premier Recovery Support options in Illinois and in the nation.