



“Healthy Families, Healthy Communities: *It's All About Recovery!*” September 30, 2013 | Chicago, IL

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Lonnetta Albright, B.S., CPEC

Facilitator | Moderator

Lonnetta Albright is Executive Director of the Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Great Lakes ATTC) at the University of Illinois /Jane Addams College of Social Work. Her regional ATTC is one of two ATTCs leading Recovery Management and Recovery-Oriented System Transformation efforts for the field. She led the 2008-2009 NIATx-ATTC pilot with the Detroit Recovery-Oriented System of Care (ROSC) provider network as well as other county and state ROSC transformation efforts across her ATTC's 6-state region. She leads her ATTC's ROSC efforts in Africa under a PEPFAR sub-grant to train and build capacity within the substance abuse systems and recovery community in Tanzania and Zanzibar, Africa. During her 14 year tenure with the ATTC she chaired the National ATTC Criminal Justice committee; was a member of the National ATTC Research to Practice committee that created the ATTC *Change Book*, chaired the NIDA/SAMHSA-ATTC Blending Team to disseminate research results from the *Motivational Incentives for Enhanced Drug Abuse Recovery*, a NIDA-CTN study and is past co-chair of the ATTC Recovery Committee.

She is a member of SAMHSA/CSAT's Partners for Recovery Advisory Committee, SAMHSA's Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) Steering Committee, National TASC, Illinois Drug Policy Coalition, Governor State University's Addiction Studies Council, NAACP, National Council of Negro Women and National Association of Female Executives. With a Bachelor's degree in Education, graduate studies in Public Administration, she is also certified by the American Management Association, a Certified Personal and Executive Coach and holds a Certificate of Law for Community Developers from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Publications include: Co-author of a paper accepted for publication in the CTN 10th Anniversary issue of the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, *Partnerships and Pathways of Dissemination: The NIDA Blending Initiative in the CTN*, Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment 38 (Suppl 1) (2010) S31-S43; forewords and/or epilogues for ATTC monographs: 1) *Recovery Management*, 2) *Perspectives on Systems Transformation: How Visionary Leaders are Shifting Addiction Treatment Toward a Recovery-Oriented System of Care*, and 3) *Recovery Management and Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care: Scientific Rationale and Promising Practices* and Co-author with William White, *Calling a new generation of leaders*-Counselor Magazine.

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Jeffrey Coady, Psy.D.

Featured Speaker

Captain Jeffrey Coady, Psy.D is a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and serves as the SAMHSA Regional Administrator for Region 5, which includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. During his federal career, Dr. Coady has provided national leadership in developing and implementing behavioral health programs and systems of care for underserved populations. Most recently, he served as the National Behavioral Health Consultant for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicaid Integrity Group, and provided guidance to states on how to improve program integrity in behavioral health programs. Prior to CMS, Dr. Coady served in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) where he created and built a behavioral health program for a federally qualified health center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He then served as the behavioral health lead for a health center consortium in San Francisco, California that was comprised of 10 community health centers with a total of 16 sites.

Cherie A. Hunter

Featured Speaker | Author

Ms. Hunter, Author of newly released book “Cancer Made Me Beautiful” A Journey to Recovery, is the Executive Director for Hunter Communications Group, developed to assist organizations and individuals in the areas of training, consultation and facilitation. Before joining HCG, Ms. Hunter was employed by Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) where she served as the Director of External Training and the Center for Criminal Justice for two years after overseeing 8 programs that included the Recovery Community Support project, 5 Clinical Reentry Corrections programs (3 Juvenile & 2 Adult) and 2 HIV/AIDS programs for 8 years.

Prior to joining the staff of TASC in 2000, she actively served until retirement in the Illinois Air National Guard (ILANG) where she co-facilitated and directed youth drug and alcohol after school programs for the Illinois Drug Demand Reduction unit within Chicago, Peoria and Springfield, IL. She retired with full honors in December, 1999.

While working in the human services field for more than 25 years, she has developed and implemented programs for people living with HIV/AIDS, youth, families and low-income communities, child welfare, juvenile and adult criminal justice, co-occurring and substance use individuals, and other social systems. Dedicated to delivering services and meeting the needs of diverse populations, Ms. Hunter is skilled in developing coalitions and working with boards of directors while providing qualified expertise and innovative direction.

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Kenneth L. Osborne

Featured Speaker | Author

Kenneth L. Osborne is the author of *When Mama Is Daddy: The Male Crisis and Challenge of Ending Father Absence*. He speaks on father absence, drug abuse and behavior, and the social impact of fatherlessness.

Osborne has seen the devastating effects of father absence from many vantage points — as a child raised in a home where the father was not there, as a young father who was absent for parts of his children’s lives, as a stepfather who is present for another man’s biological children, and as a professional in the prison system who sees on a daily basis the effect of broken father-child relationships on men and women. He also has more than two decades of experience as a drug treatment professional, after having faced drug addiction in his early 20s. He uses these experiences, as well as his study and research, to educate others about father absence, and drug abuse and behavior.

Peter Palanca

Featured Speaker

Peter Palanca is executive vice president and chief operating officer of Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC, Inc.) a statewide, nonprofit agency in Illinois that advocates for alternatives to incarceration and community reentry services for people with substance use and mental health disorders. TASC provides clinical case management services for approximately 20,000 adults and youth annually who are referred and/or mandated to TASC by criminal justice, child welfare, and other public systems.

Mr. Palanca oversees TASC’s statewide service delivery as well as strategic planning, training, and revenue development. Immediate past chairman of the board of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA), Mr. Palanca also is one of 12 individuals appointed to the Children's Mental Health Partnership, the policy guiding group for children's mental health issues in Illinois. He is an active member of the board of directors of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics and a member of both the board of directors and advisory board of Prevention Partnership, a non-profit prevention and health promotion agency located in Chicago.

A lifelong teacher and mentor to many, Mr. Palanca serves as the chairman of the advisory board of the Governors State University Addictions Studies and Behavioral Health Department and holds a faculty appointment as senior lecturer of Addiction Studies in the College of Health and Human Services.

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Prior to joining TASC in 2003, Mr. Palanca had established his career in the field of substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery, serving as executive director and regional vice president with Hazelden Foundation in Chicago, executive director with Parkside Behavioral Health Services in Chicago, and deputy director of the Illinois Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He developed and led adolescent behavioral healthcare programs at South Suburban Council on Alcoholism, Ingalls Memorial Hospital, and Lutheran Center for Substance Abuse. He also began the Region II Operation Snowball, a youth and adult partnership that provides awareness and prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

Mr. Palanca earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. Mary’s University of Minnesota.

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC

Featured Speaker | Author | Facilitator

Mr. Sanders, is a member of the faculty of the Addictions Studies Program at Governors State University. He is an international speaker in the addictions field whose presentations have reached thousands throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands. A partial list of clients includes: Youth Outreach; Wisconsin Department of Corrections; Nashville, Tennessee, Public School System; Northwestern Hospital, Institute of Psychiatry; Hazelden Foundation; and United States Army, Navy, Air force, and Marines.

A partial list of topics includes: Mental Health; Best Practices in Adolescent Treatment; Substance Abuse Treatment; Best Practices in Criminal Justice Treatment; The Art of Clinical Supervision; Empowering the Homeless; Diversity; Stress Management; and Benefits of Humor.

Mark is author of four books and numerous articles and manuals. He has had two stories published in the New York Times best-selling book series, “Chicken Soup for the Soul.” Programs presented in his workshops are being implemented throughout the world.