

RESPONDING PROACTIVELY OR PUNITIVELY: Rethinking Prosecution by Service Providers of Those They Serve



November 16, 2017
MCLE Conference Center, 10 Winter Place, Boston
8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:15 AM **REGISTRATION OPENS & LIGHT BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

8:45 – 9:00 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Jennifer Honig, Esq., Senior Attorney, Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee

9:00 - 10:15 **SHOULD CAREGIVERS PRESS CHARGES WHEN THEIR PATIENTS ASSAULT?**

Hear both sides of the question of pressing charges against clients in mental health care settings, examine whether there are better options, and consider the ethical issues involved.

Rodney P. Dismukes, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Director, Mental Health Service, VA Boston Healthcare System, **Moderator**

Albert J. Grudzinskas, Jr., Esq., Clinical Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Susan Stefan, Esq., Visiting Professor, University of Miami School of Law

10:15 – 11:30 **SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS**

Experts and advocates present their experiences and discuss the issue of client/staff conflict and how to prevent it from escalating to criminal charges.

Crystal Collier, Esq., Chief of Staff, Department of Mental Health

Danna Mauch, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, **Moderator**

Linette Murphy, Mother of a child who was criminally charged

Lisa H. Thurau, Esq., Founder and Executive Director, Strategies for Youth

Meri Viano, Associate Director, Parent Professional Advocacy League

11:30 - 11:45 **BREAK**

11:45 – 1:00 **HOSPITALS, JAILS AND PRISONS, AND OTHER SETTINGS**

Panel discussion on the unique challenges of this problem in institutional environments and how facilities can take proactive steps to avoid incidents.

Michael P. Foster, Field Representative, Service Employees International Union Local 509

Marcia Fowler, Esq., Chief Executive Officer, Bournewood Hospital

Mitzi Peterson, LICSW, CCHP, Director of Behavioral Health, Department of Correction

Miriam Ruttenberg, Esq., Senior Attorney, MHLAC, **Moderator**

Keith Scott, Vice President of Peer Support and Self-Advocacy, Advocates
Jesse White, Esq., Staff Attorney, Prisoner Legal Services

1:00 - 2:00 **LUNCH** – *on your own*

2:00 - 3:00 **WORKING WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ON THESE CASES**

Hear from a former Assistant District Attorney on how to advocate; reframing the ADA's role in the criminal justice system.

Adam Foss, Esq., Co-Founder, Prosecutor Impact

3:00 – 5:00 **STRATEGIES FOR LITIGATING THESE CASES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS**

Experienced attorneys and court staff will share advice and insights for handling these cases.

Susan Stefan, Esq., Moderator

3:00 – 3:55 Youth focused

Dulcinea Goncalves, Esq., CPCS Youth Advocacy Division, Quincy

Joseph Mulhern, Esq., CPCS Youth Advocacy Division, Fall River

Patrick Sparks, Esq., CPCS Youth Advocacy Division, Springfield

4:00 – 5:00 Adult focused

Jeffrey Garland, Esq., CPCS Superior Court Trial Unit, Boston

Mary Beth Senger, Esq., CPCS Commitment Unit, Brockton

Lauren H. Sneider, MS, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Diversion Programs, Boston Medical Center