

Podcast Series: Courageous and Candid Conversations on the Relentless Challenges of Behavioral Health: From Crisis to Recovery

For Individuals with Behavioral Health Diagnoses: The Road to Recovery Includes Addressing Poverty and Social Exclusion

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As part of a series of several in-depth conversations exploring the current status and uncertain future of behavioral health in Florida and nationally, the Florida Center for Behavioral Health Improvements and Solutions highlights the many issues facing behavioral health and the road to recovery from the perspective of many stakeholders.

In this first interview the Center's Director, Marie McPherson, will discuss with Patrick Hendry, NCPS, Vice President, Peer Advocacy, Support and Services at Mental Health America the many barriers and challenges in behavioral health and their impact on patients and families. From public health policies to access to care and insufficient community resources impeding recovery.

Please visit the Program website, <http://floridabhcenter.org/>, to view the recording of this interview. We welcome your comments.

Guest: Patrick Hendry, NCPS



Patrick Hendry is the Vice President of Peer Advocacy, Supports and Services for Mental Health America (MHA). He has experienced life with a psychiatric diagnosis both personally and as a parent of a child with lived experience. Patrick provides national advocacy and develops new services and training for peers/consumers within the behavioral health system. Throughout his work, he has focused on human rights, peer support and peer-provided services, self-directed care, and social inclusion. Patrick has led MHA's development of the first advanced level national peer support certification, which maintains the highest standards of skills, education, and training in the nation. He is the recipient of MHA's Clifford Beers award, SAMHSA's Voice award for peer leadership, and The National Council for Behavioral Health's Inspiring Hope, Reintegration Lifetime Achievement award. Patrick has worked in behavioral health for 29 years and continues to be passionate about his work and the inclusion of peers/consumers throughout the system.

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