

NARPA 2023 Conference Schedule:

Embassy Suites, New Orleans, September 6-9, 2023


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Continuing Legal Education (CLE) certificates of attendance will be available.

◇ Handouts available

Day/Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4
Wednesday 9/6 1 - 5 pm	Pre-Conference Institute for PAIMI Council Members PAIMI Councils as Leaders for Systemic Reform ◇			
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Registration 4 - 6 pm - Reception Area Reception & Opening Remarks			
Thursday 9/7 8 am - 4 pm 6:30 - 10 am	Registration Table Open Free cooked-to-order breakfast in the Atrium			
7:30 - 8 am	<u>Mindfulness - Accessible Yoga Practice</u> <u>Virginia Knowlton Marcus</u>			
8:30 - 9:45 am	Morning Keynote Significant Developments in Mental Health Law – 2023 Robert Dinerstein, J.D. , American University's Washington College of Law Professor of Law, Author, Director of the Disability Rights Law Clinic (Retired) A review and analysis of leading mental health law and ADA cases of the past year, with discussion of potentially successful areas of litigation in the coming year, important legal issues that remain to be resolved, and the kinds of arguments that are likely to be persuasive with courts.			
9:45 - 10 am	Break			
10 - 11:15 am	<u>NARPA Chat - Bill Stewart, Aaryce Hayes & Tom Behrendt</u> ◇	<u>Involuntary Commitments: From Cure to Control, the Lapse of First Principles and Decline of Justification for Civil Incarceration - Arthur Baer</u>	<u>Legislative Advocacy for Individuals with Lived Experience – Thomas Brown and Sarah Yousuf</u>	<u>Mental Health in Higher Education: A Discussion of Students' Rights, Colleges' Responsibilities, and Landmark Litigation – Monica Porter, J.D., Anashua Dutta, Maia Goodell, J.D., and Harrison "Harry" Fowler</u> ◇
11:15 am - 1 pm	Grab Lunch and participate in a Roundtable Discussion Responding to State Threats to Mental Health Rights <u>Aaryce Hayes, LCSW & Virginia Knowlton Marcus, Esq.</u> <i>Roundtable begins at 12. Seating is limited. Sign up at the registration desk for this activity.</i>			
1 - 2:15 pm	Afternoon Keynote Looking Back, Looking Forward Ira Burnim, J.D. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law			
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break			
2:30 - 3:45 pm	<u>Beyond the Story Project: Letting Go of Internalized Oppression - Compassionate Activism Building Awareness for Personal and Social Change - Mitzy Sky</u>	<u>Litigating Federal Civil Rights Claims for Both Equitable Relief and Damages, Part I – William M. Brooks, J.D.</u> ◇	<u>Effective Activism: A Lifetime of Learning - Vesper Moore and Ann Rider</u>	<u>An Alternative to Involuntary Outpatient Commitment: The Push to create the First LGBTQIA+ Peer Respite in the World in Massachusetts Through the Legislative Process - Ephraim Aliva, Sarah Yousuf & Thomas R. Brown</u>
3:45 - 4 pm	Break			

4 - 5:15 pm	<u>The Fight for Resistance: The Struggle Against Involuntary Psychiatric Intervention</u> - <u>Vesper Moore, Vanessa Ramos and Keris Myrick</u>	<u>Litigating Federal Civil Rights Claims for Both Equitable Relief and Damages, Part II</u> – <u>William M. Brooks, J.D.</u> ♦	<u>Peer Support Specialist as P&A Advocates: A Powerful Combination</u> - <u>Jane Moore, Carly Mahaffey and Mark Joyce, J.D.</u>	<u>Mental Health in Cyberspace and Digital Rights</u> - <u>Ann Kasper</u>
5:30 - 7 pm	Complimentary Manager's Reception with free drinks and snacks in downstairs bar area.			
	Dinner on Your Own			
Friday 9/8 7:30 - 8 am	<u>Mindfulness – Meditation Practice</u> <u>Virginia Knowlton Marcus</u>			
8 am – 4 pm 6:30 - 10 am	Registration Table Open Free cooked-to-order breakfast in the Atrium			
8:30 - 9:45 am	Morning Keynote Working for Racial Justice and Equity <u>Anil Mujumdar, Brenita Softley, and Kwamena Blankson</u>			
9:45 - 10 am	Break			
10 - 11:15 am	<u>Litigating Race in Civil Commitment Cases</u> - <u>Susan Stefan and Kwamena Blankson</u> ♦	<u>Tools for Increased Autonomy: Supported Decision-Making and Psychiatric Advance Directives</u> - <u>Dana Lloyd, Stephanie Diaz and Devon Orland</u>	<u>(Re)Defining Person-Centered Planning</u> - <u>Bevin Croft, Ebony Flint and Sera Davidow</u>	<u>Implementing the World Health Organization's Quality Rights Guidance at a Hospital in Connecticut, USA: How it Started, How it's Going</u> - <u>Leigh Nathan, M.D., and Kimberly Horowitz, J.D., R.S.S.</u>
11:15 am –1 pm	Grab Lunch and participate in a Roundtable Discussion on Treatment Over Objection with <u>Arthur Baer</u> <i>Roundtable begins at 12. Seating is limited. Sign up at the registration desk for this activity.</i>			
1 - 2:15 pm	Afternoon Keynote Past, Present, and Future of Coercive Mental Health David Cohen, Ph.D.			
2:15 - 2:30	Break			
2:30 - 3:45 pm	<u>Protecting our Rights During and After Disasters</u> - <u>Shari Myers, Melissa Marshall, J.D., and Imari Kariotis</u>	<u>Effectively Advocating for Change: The Use of Consulting Experts to Advocate for Positive Change for Individuals Receiving Psychiatric Care</u> - <u>Melissa Cyril, Molly Paris, J.D., and Karen Kirby, RN, MSN</u>	<u>988: Three Forms of Policy and Peer Role Utilization</u> - <u>Sarah Fatemeh Porter, Nev Jones, Ph.D., and Jess Stohlmann-Rainey</u>	<u>Disability Rights Advocacy to Prevent Unnecessary Institutionalization</u> – <u>Lewis Bossing, J.D., Leslie Napper, and Oscar Daniel Lopez, J.D.</u>
3:45 - 4 pm	Break			
4 - 5:15 pm	<u>Suicide through a Harm Reduction Lens</u> – <u>Sera Davidow</u>	<u>The Illusory Right to Counsel: Challenging Systemic Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in Civil Commitments</u> - <u>Bill Brooks, J.D., Gina Teixeira, J.D., and Tom Behrendt, J.D.</u> ♦	<u>Moving Toward a Human Rights Approach to Mental Health on Campus and Beyond</u> - <u>Jim Probert, Ph.D.</u>	
5:30 - 7 pm	Complimentary Manager's Reception with free drinks and snacks in downstairs bar area.			
	Dinner on Your Own			

Saturday 9/9 8 am – Noon	Registration Table Open		
6:30 - 10 am	Free cooked to order breakfast in the Atrium		
9 - 10:15 am	<u>Stripping Doctors of Police Powers – Peter Stastny, M.D., Kathy Flaherty, J.D., and Ruth Lowenkron, Esq.</u>	Disability Rights Priorities of the U.S. Department of Justice - <u>Jennifer Mathis, J.D.</u> 	<u>Mental Health and Civil Rights: Anti-Oppression, Cultural Humility, and Peer Support - Vesper Moore, Lindsey Vezina and Brenda Vezina</u>
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break		
10:30 -- 11:45 am	<p align="center">Closing Keynote Innovative Non-Police Responses in Crisis Situations Vania Mendoza, Dom Kelly, Barksdale Hortenstine, J.D., Hon. Marcus O. DeLarge , Lewis Bossing, Esq., Mitzy Sky, Moderator <i>(Additional details to follow)</i></p>		
11:45 am --noon	Closing Remarks		

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