

NARPA 2022 Conference Schedule:

Move mouse pointer over workshop titles and presenter names and click to follow links to additional information -- including course materials.

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

◇ Handouts available

Day/Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4
Wednesday 10/26 3 – 5 pm	Pre-Conference Institute for PAIMI Council Members: PAIMI Council Members			
6 – 7:30 pm	Registration 5 – 7 pm – Reception Area Reception & Opening Remarks			
Thursday 10/27 8 am – 4 pm	Registration Table Open			
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 – 9:45 am	Morning Keynote Vesper Moore Reimagining Crisis Response in a Culture of Surveillance			
9:45 – 10 am	Break			
10 – 11:30 am	The Airing of Grievances of Discrimination in Public School Settings – Martin Cirkiel, J.D., L.M.S.W.-AP; Robin Petty, L.M.S.W.	NARPA Chat – Bill Stewart, Kwamena Blankson & Tom Behrendt ◇	Private Equity Investment in Behavioral Health Facilities: What It Means and How We Combat It – Cory Bernstein, J.D., Disability Rights New Jersey; Eileen O’Grady, Research & Campaign Manager, Private Equity Stakeholder Project	Is There A Role for Supported Decision-Making for People with Mental Health Histories?” – Nina Loewenstein, J.D., and Lisa Volpe, J.D. ◇
11:30 am–1 pm	Luncheon Keynote Deborah Dorfman Disability Rights Connecticut, Executive Director Exercising Autonomy, Dignity and Choice: The Role of Supported Decision-Making for People with Psychiatric Diagnoses			
1 – 2:30 pm	Providing Effective Legal Representation to Individuals Facing Involuntary Hospitalization – Bill Brooks, J.D., Center for Justice, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties ◇	Compassionate Activism Training – Mitzi Sky, Advocacy Unlimited	How to Review Investigations of Serious Incidents (Seclusion & Restraint) Part 1 -- Aaryce Hayes, L.C.S.W. ◇	The Impact of Contributing the Client Voice North of the Border: 20 years of Unprecedented Intervention by Psych Survivors in Precedent Setting Cases in Canada’s Top Court – Anita Szigeti, J.D.
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break			
2:45 – 4:15 pm	Should Danger to Self Statutes be Repealed and Replaced by Capacity Evaluations? A Discussion between a Psychiatrist and a Person with Lived Experience – Paul Acker, The Housing Collective , and Leigh Nathan, M.D. ◇	Alternatives to Guardianship -- Brandon Booth, Disability Rights South Dakota	How to Review Investigations of Serious Incidents (Seclusion & Restraint) Part 2 -- Aaryce Hayes, L.C.S.W. ◇	When State Courts Fail: The Use of Habeas Corpus to Vindicate Constitutional Rights – Dennis Feld, J.D., and Arthur Baer, J.D.

Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 pm	NARPA Board Meeting			
	Dinner on Your Own			
Friday 10/28 7 – 8 am	Accessible Yoga – Yoga for All (Including Attorneys) ♦ Virginia Knowlton-Marcus , J.D., Disability Rights North Carolina			
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast			
8 am – 4 pm	Registration Table Open			
8:30 – 9:45 am	Morning Keynote Rob Wipond Investigative Journalist; Author of <i>Your Consent Is Not Required: The Rise in Psychiatric Detentions, Forced Treatment, and Abusive Guardianships</i> 911 and 988: Both Help and Horror on Everyone’s Speed Dial			
9:45 – 10 am	Break			
10 – 11:30 am	The Expansion of the Suicide Prevention Hotline to Crisis Intervention Services: What People with Disabilities Should Know about 988 – National Disability Rights Network, Claire Stanley	The Culture of Commoditization - - Kristina Kapp and Shawn Terrell	Round Up the Usual Suspects: The Use of Involuntary Outpatient Treatment to “Fight Crime” and the Rights of Patients To Challenge such Treatment” -- Dennis B. Feld, J.D., and Arthur A. Baer, J.D.	Non-coercive approaches to difficult situations- drawing on our own experiences and resources- through the lens of Intentional Peer Support” – Chris Hansen
11:30 am – 1 pm	Luncheon Keynote Ruth Lowenkron Director, Disability Justice Program, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest Mental Health Services vs. Mental Health Crises			
1 – 2:30 pm	Coercion Not Care: California’s New and Misguided Attempt To Address Mental Illness Through Coerced Treatment – Brian Dimmick, J.D.	Digital and Technology Rights in Psychiatric Care – Ann Kasper, M.A., P.S.S.	Stop the Shock—The Judge Rotenberg Center and Aversive Interventions --Robyn Linscott	A Discussion of Recent Efforts to Remove Police from Mental Health Emergency Calls through Litigation, as well As On-Going Legislative and Community Advocacy for Establishment of Peer-Led Crisis Response Systems - Ruth Lowenkron, Esq., and Marinda van Dalen, J.D., of the Disability Justice Program at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest; and Evelyn Graham Nyaasi, of Community Access and CCIT-NYC ♦
2:30--2:45 pm	Break			
2:45 – 4:15 pm	People with Lived Experience as First Responders: Successes and Challenges – Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law - Jalyn Radzimirski, Vania Mendoza; e.v. yost, esq., and Lewis Bossing, Esq.	Advocacy, Activism, & Peer Support through an Anti-Oppression Lens -- Ebony Flint	Policing Mental Health in Our Schools and On Our Streets” – Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee, Sarah Yousuf, J.D., Phillip Kassel, J.D., Ivy Moody, J.D., and Matt Cregor, J.D.	
4:15 – 5:15 pm	<u>Two Caucuses / Discussion Groups:</u> Racial Justice, Kwamena Blankson Treatment Over Objection, Arthur Baer/Robert Hernandez			
	Dinner on Your Own			
7 – 9 pm	Opera “For Life” – A film presentation of this mini-opera. With Composer Dawn Sonntag, D.M.A., and Librettist, Kermit Cole, filmmaker, and co-founding editor of <i>Mad In America</i>			

Saturday 10/29 8 am – Noon	Registration Table Open		
7:30 – 9 am	Breakfast		
Saturday 10/29 9 – 10:15 am	Mental health epidemic or normal response to abnormal circumstances: Mental pain in context – Noël Hunter, Psy.D.	Disability Rights Priorities of the U.S. Department of Justice -- Jennifer Mathis	
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break		
10:30 -- 11:45 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Keynote Significant Developments in Mental Health Law – 2022 ♦ Robert Dinerstein, J.D. , American University's Washington College of Law Professor of Law, Author, Director of the Disability Rights Law Clinic</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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. ♦</p>		
11:45 am – Noon	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks Kwamena Blankson</p>		

For additional information, email NARPA at narpa4rights@gmail.com.

New! Conference Program -- including room assignments for all sessions ([PDF](#))

[Register Now >>>](#) [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Word\]](#)

Note: Presentations, presenters, and scheduled times are subject to change.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RIGHTS PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotels Newark Airport in Newark, New Jersey

128 Frontage Road, Newark, New Jersey 07114

For hotel reservations, please use this [booking link](#).

Or call the hotel's local number at 973-690-5500. Be sure to ask for the "NARPA Group Room Block."

When making reservations ask for the NARPA rate of \$134 for a single or double room.

(The NARPA room block is booking up fast, so please reserve your room ASAP.)

[Reserve rooms by October 10, 2022 to receive the discounted group rate.](#)

Note: Upon registration, all registrants attending any face-to-face conference activities agree to show Proof of Vaccination and also agree to abide by posted rules regarding safety protocols, including masking and/or social distancing.

[NARPA Home](#)

[Register Now \[PDF\]](#)