

Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Providers of New York State's
6th Annual Veterans Summit – Virtual Edition
October 28, 2020



9:00am – 10:15am Opening Plenary Session

OASAS Commissioner Arlene Gonzalez Sanchez

OMH Commissioner Dr. Anne Sullivan

NYC Dept. of Veterans Services Commissioner James Hendon (Tentative)

10:30am – 11:30am Plenary Session “MOP”

Bill Wedekind is the only known blind, bilateral double-hand amputee potter in the world. Born in Manhattan, Kansas in 1949 and the first of five brothers, Bill was inspired to follow the family tradition and join the U.S. Marine Corps in 1967, expecting it to be a life-long career path. On May 25, 1968 his life permanently changed course when he was sent to inspect a defensive perimeter in Vietnam. Bill has never been entirely sure what transpired next other than the fact that he lost both eyes, one ear and two hands. Doctors didn't expect him to survive the airplane ride home, but he surely did. His Marine spirit kept him fighting to stay alive.

M represents **Mind Over Matter**-or if you don't mind it doesn't matter! Minimizing your difficulty in your own mind allows you to turn a mountain into a molehill instead of the other way around.

O is a reminder to think **Outside** the box. Sometimes you must find a different way to accomplish the desired task.

P is for **Persistence**. In the face of failure, you must be persistent and keep trying, although sometimes you need to re-analyze your method and develop a different approach. (outside the box thinking applies here.)

The **P** also stands for **Prayer**. Help is available if you are not too proud to ask for it!

Using this approach has served me well over the years and my prayer is that it will do the same for you.

SESSION 101—"Veterans Making a Difference Introducing the Veteran Supported Recovery Specialty Credential "

Malik Hutchinson, Subject Matter Expert (veteran), John Ingersoll, SME and peer recovery trainer (veteran), Doug Rosenberry, certification expert (ASAP-NYCB), Ruth Riddick, peer recovery expert and trainer (ASAP-NYCB)

Professional certifications are developed in response to community and stakeholder demand. That demand was in evidence at ASAP's 2019 Veterans' Summit, when Malik Hutchinson presented a workshop laying out the case for equipping peer recovery professionals with specialized role, training and credentialing. ASAP-NYCB was listening, and Hutchinson became one of several dedicated Subject Matter Experts convened to develop the associated job task analysis, an in-depth description of the VSR role and the required competencies of the job. ASAP-NYCB is scheduled to launch the new and very timely VSR training and certification program in January 2021. This workshop will lay out the purpose, process and procedures of becoming a certified VSR professional. Please bring your questions.

SESSION 102—"Roadmap to Recovery: Equine Assisted Psychotherapy - How Horses Continue to Help Warriors Heal"

Dora Lupo LMHC, MAC, CASAC, Eagala Certified - Mental Health Professional, Eagala Certified - Individual Military Designation; Rosemary Managinelli LCSW, CASAC, NCAC11, Eagala Certified - Mental Health Professional, Eagala Certified- Individual Military Designation and Kathleen Casey LCSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Department of Veterans Affairs in Northport N.Y., Eagala Certified- Mental Health Professional

This workshop will provide you with clear definitions and examples of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, Equine Therapy and Adaptive Riding Programs. We will explore how Equine Assisted Psychotherapy has helped reduce symptoms of PTSD and supports Veterans towards connecting with their resilience. You will appreciate the differences between Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and other equine models, along with examples of what the therapeutic process would look like for Individuals and Group Members.

SESSION 103—"Veterans Treatment Courts: History and Update"

Sky L. Pena-Davis, MA, CASAC, Regional Project Manager, NYS Unified Court System, Office of Policy and Planning

Veterans treatment courts offer an innovative approach to addressing the unique needs of justice-involved veterans. This session will cover the history of veterans' treatment courts and its current status. Participants will also learn how justice-involved veterans are served in a treatment court and how they get involved to help veterans.

SESSION 104—"Gambling Disorder and the Military Veteran"

Jonathan Crandall, Program Manager, Central Problem Gambling Resource Center, a program of the New York Council on Problem Gambling and Dr. Les Waite, Military Psychologist, Substance Abuse Recovery and Rehabilitation Treatment Program, Stratton VA Medical Center

Rates of disordered gambling in the active duty and military veteran populations are higher than those for the general population in the United States. Greater vulnerability to mental health issues places members of both populations at higher risk for the development of gambling disorder, while veterans with Gambling Disorder demonstrate unique characteristics that most non-VA clinicians may find challenging. This session will explore the presentation of the military veteran with gambling disorder and the therapeutic approaches currently used treating this population.