



**National Summit on Military  
and Veteran Peer Programs:  
Advancing Best Practices**

**NOVEMBER 2-3, 2016**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

**Michigan League, University of Michigan**

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- 7:00-8:00**                    **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
- 8:00-8:15**                    **COLOR GUARD CEREMONY** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Michigan Army National Guard, Presentation of the Colors
- 8:15-8:45**                    **OPENING REMARKS** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Michelle Kees, PhD, M-SPAN, University of Michigan
  - Bob Woodruff (By Video)
  - John F. Greden, MD, University of Michigan Comprehensive Depression Center
  - Brigadier General Michael A. Stone, Assistant Adjutant General for Installations, Michigan Army National Guard
- 8:45-9:30**                    **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Major General Patrick D. Sargent, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, U.S. Army Medical Command, and Chief of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.
- 9:30-10:15**                    **DEVELOPING A SHARED LANGUAGE** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Framing the Background and the Goals for the Summit**
- Michelle Kees, PhD, M-SPAN, University of Michigan
  - William Hudock, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- 10:15-10:30**                    **BREAK**
- 10:30-11:45**                    **RESEARCH IN ACTION** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- Understanding the Evidence for Peer-Based Health Interventions**
- Rajeev Ramchand, PhD, RAND Corporation
  - Sangeeta Ahluwalia, PhD, MPH, RAND Corporation
  - Discussant: Terri Tanielian, MA, RAND Corporation
- 11:45-12:45**                    **LUNCH** (Vandenberg & Hussey Rooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

12:45-1:30

**PROGRAM BRIEFING** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor )

**Best Practices and Lessons Learned from Military & Veteran Peer Programs**

- Vets4Warriors, Major General (Ret.) Mark Graham
- zero8hundred, Captain (Ret.) Sean Mahoney
- Tragedy Assistance Program, Bonnie Carroll
- Veterans Affairs Peer Specialist Program, Dan O'Brien-Mazza, MS
- Buddy-to-Buddy, Stephanie Zarb, MA

1:30-2:20

**PROGRAM BRIEFING** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Innovation and Technology in Military & Veteran Peer Programs**

- POS REP, Anthony Allman
- Kognito, Ron Goldman
- DryHootch and QRF, Robert Curry
- Military and Veteran Caregivers Network, Lynda Davis, PhD
- Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE), Brittany Risk, LMSW
- Lean In Military Circles, Lieutenant. Colonel Erika Cashin

2:20-3:00

**BREAK, with Poster Session & Technology Café** (Concourse & Kalamazoo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

*Adjourn to Poster Session and Technology Café for an opportunity to talk with representatives from the programs previously featured, as well as additional programs.*

3:00-4:30

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS** (Various rooms)

**Management of Your Peer Force: An Idea Exchange**

*Join colleagues in a concurrent session to learn more about real-world successes and new ideas for managing peers. Each moderated session will address the same topics: Recruitment, Training, Supervision, and Retention. Attendees will be split into three groups to facilitate smaller group discussion and interaction. Please see your name badge for your group assignment.*

Group A (Michigan Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Moderators: Lisa Goodale, MSW, LSW, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance and Kristy Kaufmann, Code of Support Foundation

Group B (Vandenberg Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Moderators: Meredith Beck, Beck Consulting and Major Mike Erwin, MS, Team Red, White & Blue

Group C (Hussey Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Moderators: Jackie Maffucci, PhD, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America and Megan Bunce, America's Warrior Partnership

4:30-5:00

**DAY 1 SUMMARY AND EVALUATION** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor )

5:00

**ADJOURN** (Southeast entrance, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Shuttle buses begin transportation to the University of Michigan Stadium for reception.

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5:30-8:00

**Evening Reception**

Jack Roth Stadium Club, University of Michigan "Big House" Stadium

*Tours of the locker room and field will be available*

7:00-8:15

**Return to Hotels**

East Entrance Stadium

*Shuttle buses will be available to transport participants back to the partner hotels or to the League*



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- Captain John W. Doolittle, Chief, Preservation of the Force and Family, U.S. Special Operations Command

**9:15-10:15**

**THE POWER OF PEERS** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor )

**Voices from the Field: Sharing the Lived Experiences of Peers**

Moderator: Melissa Comeau, Military and Veteran Caregiver Network

- Colonel (Ret.) Gregory A. Durkac, Michigan Army National Guard
- Cara Addy, VA Ann Arbor Health Care System
- Captain (Ret.) Jonathan Pruden, Wounded Warrior Project

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**STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships**

Moderator: Harriet Dominique, United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

- Colonel Steven Eshenaur, DO, West Virginia National Guard
- Richard Gengler, MBA, VetsPrevail
- Sean Hanna, LAc, MAOM, Veterans Mental Health Program, Texas Veterans Commission
- James Schmeling, JD, Student Veterans of America

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**THE GETTING TO OUTCOMES APPROACH** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor )

**Key Ingredients for an Effective Program Evaluation**

- Matt Chinman, PhD, RAND Corporation, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

**1:30-3:00**

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Nuts and Bolts of Program Evaluation**

*Concurrent workshops will address key topics critical to the stages of program evaluation – from the beginning of methodological design and setting objectives to the end goal of using data effectively. Workshops will be facilitated by experts in program evaluation, with an opportunity to learn and apply new information to specific program challenges. Attendees can choose **one** session to attend. Information from the other sessions will be summarized post-conference and sent out to attendees*

Session 1: Developing goals, objectives, and logic models to prepare for an evaluation (Vandenberg Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Matt Chinman, PhD, RAND Corporation, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
- Sharon McCarthy, PhD, LSW, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Session 2: Using data to tell your story: Establishing and communicating program impact (Hussey Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Rajeev Ramchand, PhD, RAND Corporation
- Terri Tanielian, MA, RAND Corporation
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**OUTLINING NEXT STEPS** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

*Participants will have an opportunity to share learning of most significance to them and to identify next steps at a program and larger collaborative level.*

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**3:45-4:00**

**CLOSING REMARKS & COLOR GUARD CEREMONY** (Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Michelle Kees, PhD, M-SPAN, University of Michigan
- Michigan Army National Guard, Retiring of the Colors

**4:00**

**ADJOURN**

*If you have arranged for airport transportation through Golden Limousine, the pick-up location is at the South entrance of the League on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.*