



# Roadmap to Behavioral Health Careers in West Virginia



**March 30-31, 2022 12:00pm-3:00pm**



## Agenda Weds Mar 30- noon to 3:00pm

- 12:00pm**      **Welcome**  
Cynthia Persily, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, WV Higher Education Policy Commission  
Gerard Schmidt, MA, LPC, MAC, Chief Operations Officer, Valley HealthCare System, Morgantown
- 12:15**      **Student/New Professional Perspectives: Why Behavioral Health Needs You**  
Olivia Higdon, MBA, MSW, LGSW, Associate Clinical Therapist, WVU Medicine  
Ellis Moran, MA Clinical Psychology Student, West Liberty University  
Shuba Narasimhan, MSW, West Virginia University Graduate Fall 2021
- 12:45**      **Orientation to online conference materials**  
Carolyn Canini, MSW, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health Programs, WVHEPC
- 12:55pm**      **Break**
- 1:00pm**      **Education and Career Panel: Working with Children, Youth, and Families**  
Moderator
- Carrie W. Rishel, PhD, MSW, Professor, Director, Rural Integrated Behavioral Health Training Program, School of Social Work, West Virginia University
- Panelists
- Shelley Plauche-Adkins, MSW, LSW, Director of Training, Education and Staff Development, Children's Home Society of WV
  - Christina Schreiber, MA, LPC, School Counselor, Cabell County Schools
  - Jessica Cole, MSW, LICSW, Therapist, Continuous Journey, LLC
  - Sandra Stroebe, PhD, Psychologist/School Psychologist, Faculty, Marshall University
- 2:00pm**      **Case Study Panel**  
Moderator
- Robbin Durham, MSW, LICSW, Assistant Professor Social Work, Concord University
- Panelists
- Morgan Blatt, MA, LPC, NCC, Certified TF-CBT and PCIT Therapist, Program Director and Evidence Based Practice Coordinator, Pretera Center for Mental Health Services Inc
  - Elizabeth Walling, MSW, LGSW, Therapist/Consultant, Intentional Wellness
  - Melinda Price, AAS, Peer Recovery Support Specialist, New River Community and Technical College
  - Kevin Junkins, MD, Chief Medical Officer- Behavioral Health, General Psychiatrist, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Community Care of Bridgeport
- 3:00pm**      **Adjourn. See you tomorrow at noon!**

Thurs Mar 31- noon to 3:00pm



12:00pm

### Welcome

#### Education and Career Panel: Working with Adult Populations

Moderator

- Heidi Dobish, PhD, Associate Professor, Psychology, Shepherd University

Panelists

- Aimee Bond, MSW, LGSW, Research Specialist, West Virginia University Office of Health Affairs
- Michelle Rivard, MSW, QCSW, PIP, LICSW, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Felicia Roark, MSW, LGSW, Therapist II, Thomas Health Systems
- Kathleen Maynard, AADC, LPC, ALPS, Therapist, Proact



1:00pm

### How do I get there from here?

Navigating Behavioral Health Pathways – 10 min

- Michelle Yadrick, MA Clinical Psychology Student, West Liberty Department of Psychology, Clinician Intern, Northwood Health Systems

Financial Aid Overview – 30 min

- Tana Pendell, Financial Aid Manager, Division of Financial Aid, WVHEPC

Loan Repayment Programs -15 min

- Statewide Therapist Loan Repayment Program - Steven Little, STLR Project Coordinator WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health
- Mental Health Loan Repayment Program - Michelle Ruppert, Program Administrator, Division of Health Sciences, WVHEPC
- Health Sciences Service Program - Michelle Ruppert
- National Health Service Corps Heather Tolley, BSN, RN, WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Division of Primary Care

2:00pm

### Surviving College -Student Panel Q&A

Moderator

- Heather McChesney, Coordinator of Curriculum and Professional Development, WVHEPC

Panelists

- Autumn Perry, College Access and Success Program Director, WVHEPC
- Caleb Stevens, First year Master of Social Work student, Concord University, Currently working full-time as a case manager in adult mental health. After graduation plans to pursue LICSW and practice therapy.
- Samantha Kinnear, junior Psychology major, Marshall University After graduation plans to pursue master's and career in counseling.
- Ashley Yoho, Senior Psychology student, West Liberty University. After graduation plans to attend WLU Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology program and become a licensed Clinical Psychologist in WV.



3:00pm

Adjourn

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