CV Overview

HARVEY ROSENTHAL

Employment: Forty years of professional experience in New York State's and the nation's public mental health systems in a variety of capacities ranging from Capital District Psychiatric Center therapy aide to clubhouse rehabilitation program director for the Mental Health Association of Albany County to nationally recognized mental health advocate, educator and creator of transformational training and service initiatives as executive director of the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS).

Advocacy: Has led numerous successful grassroots advocacy campaigns that created \$200 million in community services (1993 Community Reinvestment Act), won increases or restorations of funding for numerous services and entitlements for New Yorkers with psychiatric and related disabilities and win passage of legislation that opened up access to transportation (MTA Half Fare Fairness Act), employment (Medicaid Buy In Act) ,community integration (Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council Act) and mental health treatment (Timothy's Law) as well as legislation banning the use of solitary confinement for state inmates with psychiatric disabilities (Special Housing Unit Exclusion legislation) and funding to increase Crisis Intervention Team initiatives in New York.

As a member of New York's Behavioral Health Work Group, Harvey has worked to see recovery centered services and outcomes as core elements of New York's Medicaid Redesign overhaul and managed integration of Medicaid behavioral and physical health services. As a member of the state's Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council, he has consistently advocated for community housing and employment opportunities for New Yorkers with psychiatric and other disabilities.

Harvey has also worked tirelessly to promote the expansion of recovery centered services, peer support and employment initiatives and, in recent years, a system wide focus on self direction and community integration. He has also worked to fight stigma and discrimination, to expand informed choice protections and open access to a broad range of mental health, health and a variety of public services and has long worked in New York and nationally to oppose forced mental health treatment.

Clearinghouse: Manages a nationally acclaimed daily NYAPRS Mental Health E-News list serve that provides timely informational and educational postings and alerts to 10,000 state and national subscribers each week day.

Services Transformation Training and Technical Assistance: Launched the NYAPRS Training Collective, funded by the NYS Office of Mental Health, which has helped hundreds of community mental health providers to transform the way they support people with psychiatric disabilities to advance their recovery and community inclusion. Other state training initiatives include the Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (partner) and the Care Management Training Initiative. Since 2010, NYAPRS staff has been offering recovery centered technical assistance to a variety of states through state, local and agency consultation contracts and via

SAMHSA funded Bringing Recovery to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS), Recovery to Practice and Olmstead Policy Academy initiatives. NYAPRS also supports a statewide Academy of Peer Services Technical Assistance and Credentialing initiative for NYS peer programs and practitioners.

Peer Service Development: Helped create the nationally acclaimed and replicated NYAPRS Peer Bridger Model, which has helped thousands successfully transition from state psychiatric hospitals to home communities using innovative models of peer to peer support in New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Alabama, New Mexico, Oregon. Most recently, NYAPRS has launched numerous innovative peer initiatives, most recently adapting peer bridging and peer wellness coaching to support Medicaid managed care beneficiaries via contracts with Optum and Health First, adult home residents and veterans.

Community Inclusion and Integration: Helped launch a variety of campaigns and efforts to advance the employment, asset development and community integration of people with psychiatric disabilities including the 'We Can Work', 'We Can Save!,' Ticket to Work Employment Network TA, Real Jobs and peer employment support initiatives.

Boards of Directors: He currently serves as a Trustee of the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law.

Governmental Bodies: Serves as a member of New York State's Medicaid Redesign Team's Behavioral Health Work Group, New York's Most Integrated Setting Coordinated Council, New York's State Regional Centers of Excellence steering committee and on the advisory board of the NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs and on the NYS Adult Care Facilities Transition Work Group.

Acclamations: recipient of the 2014 Timothy J. Coakley Behavioral Health Leadership Award from the American College of Behavioral Health Leadership (ACMHA), the 2009 Henry Viscardi Jr. Disability Advocate of the Year Award from the NYS Assembly, the 2009 Ed Roberts Advocacy Award from the Capital District Center for Independent Living, the 2008 Mental Health Association of NYS's Executive Award, 2007 recipient of the National Association of Social Workers-NYS Public Citizen Award, 2001 recipient of the prestigious John Beard Award for 'exemplary contributions to the field of psychiatric rehabilitation' from the United State Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, as well as awards from an array of leading state provider associations and agencies.

Education: 2003 John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives in State and Local Government_Program, Harvard University; New York University, Empire State College

Personal Commitment: Harvey's interest in promoting mental health recovery is personal, dating back to his own psychiatric hospitalization at age 19. He has enjoyed a life engaged in the gifts of mental health recovery.

Committee on Energy and Commerce

U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
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1. Your Name: Harvey Rosenthal				
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2.	Your Title: Executive Director			
3.	The Entity(ies) You are Representing: New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services			
4.	Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No x	
5.	Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.			
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