

2017 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections in the 21st Century
The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, State College

April 5, 2017

Session Descriptions

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Keynote Speakers

Morning Plenary Sessions

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness

Presenter: Pete Earley – Author

Nationally known author and advocate, Pete Earley will share his family's story and the research study conducted from inside the Miami-Dade County jail to explain why jails and prisons should not be used as asylums and why programs such as Crisis Intervention, Mental Health Courts, Jail Diversion and Re-Entry programs can save tax-dollars and lives.

9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Effective Treatment for Substance Related Disorders

Presenter: Carl M. Dawson, M.S., MAC, LPC, Q-SAP

This presentation is a comprehensive presentation outlining current identification, diagnosis and treatment of individuals experiencing substance related disorders. Mr. Dawson will review interviewing techniques for the resistant client utilizing the "Kinsey" method for interviewing, as well as the new DSM-V criteria regarding "Addiction" disorders. He will also cover the differences gender, adult versus adolescent play in reference to substance related disorders. In addition, the treatment concerns and effectiveness of Residential /Outpatient treatment protocols with adult and adolescent clients will be discussed along with several other key topics.

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

Presenter: Bill Carruthers, Director of the Peer program at Savannah Counseling Services, and serves on the board of directors for NAMI Georgia

Bill Carruthers is the Director of the Peer program at Savannah Counseling Services and serves on the board of directors for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Georgia. Mr. Carruthers will speak from his own personal experiences with the criminal justice system, his battle with mental illness, addiction and homelessness, and the road to recovery that brought him to where he is today.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 continued:

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Trauma-Informed Care - Understanding the Effects of Trauma on the People we Serve

Presenter: Brian Sims, M.D., Senior Director of Medical and Behavioral Health for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors and Senior Consultant for the National Center for Trauma Informed Care

3:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn