



History of NYAPRS Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Harvey Rosenthal, CEO, NYAPRS
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September 22, 2020

History of NYAPRS

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

- A unique and precious shape shifter
- We are coalition and a community, an organization and an agency...intended to serve as:
 - A force for human rights, in the tradition of the movement
 - A training and technical assistance center
 - A daily source of news, information and opportunities
 - A trade association for recovery and peer service providers and
 - A creator and piloter of peer service innovations

New York Association of Psychosocial Clubs (NYAPC)

- Founded in 1981
- NYS chapter of the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services
- Central New York origins: formerly state operated day treatment programs in Oneida, Rome, Syracuse, Utica, Rochester; also Watertown, Westport clubs
- Jeannie Strassman, founding President



Original and Current Mission Statements

- 1981: The mission of NYAPRS is to promote in New York State a partnership of consumers, providers and families for the purpose of increasing the independence of consumers and increase their opportunities for community integration.
- 2019: NYAPRS is a change agent dedicated to improving services, public policies and social conditions for people with mental health, substance use and trauma-related challenges, by promoting health, wellness and recovery, with full community inclusion, so that all may achieve maximum potential in communities of choice.



Fountain House

Originally 'WANA'
We are Not Alone



Founded in 1948

John Beard Executive Director
Clubhouse International
Standards and Accreditation

<https://clubhouse-intl.org/>

Early Board Members



Early NYAPC Board Members: Alicia Davoli of Rainbow House, Rome; Jack Davey of Rochester Psychiatric Center; Ed Benson and Bob Feldman of Sunrise and Parkridge Clubs, Hutchings Psychiatric Center and unidentified member top row; Leigh Cannon, Spring House of Utica (now United Cerebral Palsy), Jeannie Straussman of Cedar House, Madison County and Pat Geruso of Liberty House, Glens Falls.


What led me and others to NYAPC

Early NYAPC Conferences, Development

- ‘Partners in Recovery ‘
- NYS Psychiatric Centers: Hutchings, Capital District, Binghamton
 - “a place to do.....not be done to”
- Universities: Hofstra, Paul Smith’s College, SUNY Geneseo
- Hotels: Niagara Falls, Poughkeepsie
- Regional events

NYAPC's first conferences were at state psychiatric centers, local hotels or university campuses.

PSYCHOSOCIAL CLUBS
Cooperation Opportunity Responsibility
Partners For Success



NYAPC
1986

4th Annual Conference
October 23 & 24



August 9-11, 1989




NYAPC

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOSOCIAL CLUBS, INC.
CO-SPONSORED BY HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
REHABILITATION COUNSELING PROGRAM

7th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"TOGETHER WE CAN DO
WHAT WE CANNOT DO
ALONE"





- At our Annual Conference at Paul Smith College, our community approved a name change to NYAPRS , in part to recognize the emerging focus on psychiatric rehabilitation



**1991 Public
Policy Role**

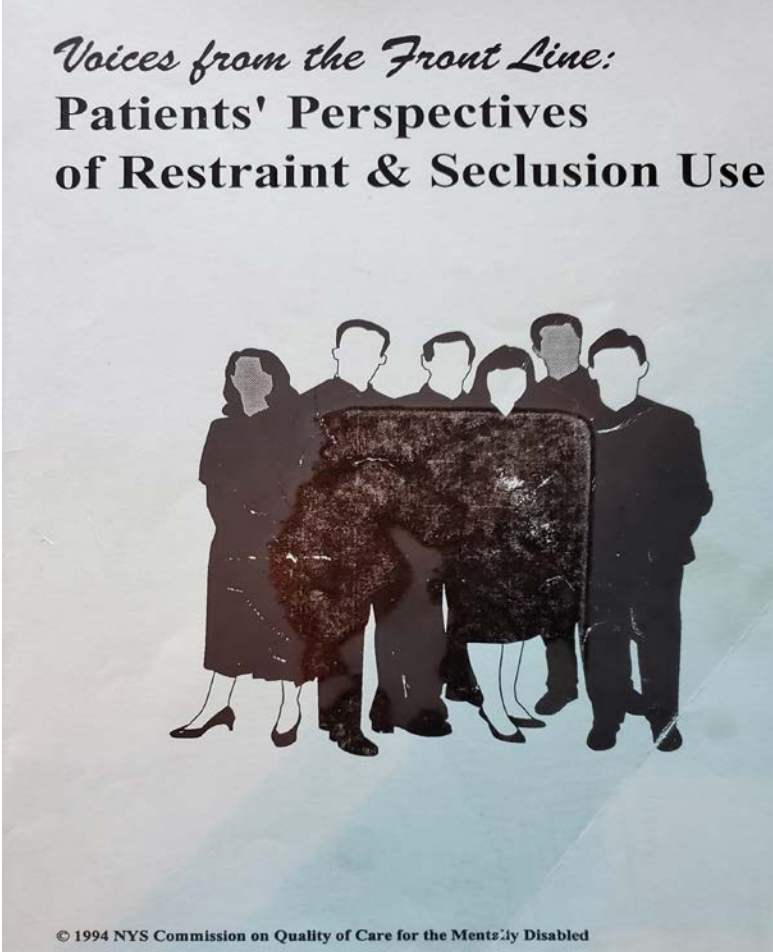
**Mental
Health Action
Network**

**We offered a
unique voice
and vision**

Testimony that Helped Reduce Seclusion and Restraint in NYS Psychiatric Facilities



The resulting report helped fuel CQC's calls for a decrease in the use of seclusion and restraint and improved conditions in state psychiatric centers





Successfully lobbying Gov Mario Cuomo in the NYS Capital 1991

\$1 million to Aid 12 and Start 8 New Clubhouses 1992

\$1.3 million for Peer Services Expansion 1998



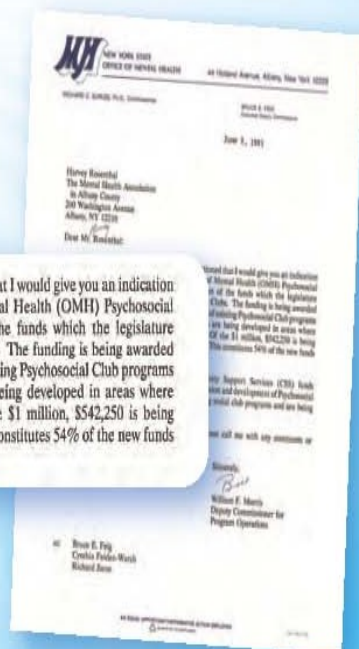
Fighting for Funding for Community Recovery Services

Taking the first step to implement the NYAPRS Strategic Plan and Cashen Report goal to launch a statewide grassroots advocacy movement that offered empowering and inspiring opportunities to promote recovery, rehabilitation and rights, the new NYAPRS Public Policy Committee launched a campaign to gain greater value and funding for clubhouse-based rehabilitation programs.

We placed our first full page ad in the Legislative Gazette and soon to be first NYAPRS Executive Director Harvey Rosenthal and Potpourri's Bob Dodge were fortunate to be the first advocates to meet with incoming Assembly Mental Health Committee Chairman Steven Sanders.

The ultimate result: \$1 million in new funding in 1992 for clubhouse programs!

In our recent telephone conversation, I mentioned that I would give you an indication of the summary of funding associated with Office of Mental Health (OMH) Psychosocial Clubs. We have recently approved the distribution of the funds which the legislature provided to support new and enhanced Psychosocial Clubs. The funding is being awarded to 20 programs, 12 of which are supporting expansion of existing Psychosocial Club programs and 8 to start new programs. All of the new clubs are being developed in areas where access to an existing club program is inadequate. Of the \$1 million, \$542,250 is being offered to existing club programs to expand services. This constitutes 54% of the new funds going to existing programs.



Later that year, NYAPRS convinced the NYS Office of Mental Health to change its classification of club programs from "enrichment" to "rehabilitation."

NYAPRS led numerous, succeeding campaigns for funding for community recovery services, including one that added \$1.3 million in peer services in 1998 and two that cumulatively restored \$7.7 million in 2004 and 2005.



The Move to a Staffed Agency 1993



- At the recommendation of former Quality of Care Commission member and friend Jim Cashen, the Board approved a plan to seek foundation funding to hire staff and open an office
- Jim and dedicated advocate Sue Sleaman and I met with Henry van Ameringen, who approved our request and sent the check within 2 week!



RALLY FOR REINVESTMENT

Tuesday, May 19
NYS Capitol, Albany

- 10:30 Gather (location to be announced)
- Noon March to Capitol
- 1:00 Meet with your legislator
(Call your legislator to make an appointment (1-800-324-9560))

Sponsored by the Mental Health Action Network
For more information call NYAPRS at 518-435-0003 or NAMI-NYS at 518-462-2000



NYAPRS VP Jerry Smith at Senate Reinvestment news conference 1992-3

NYAPRS Member Joint Action to Fight Cuts

Flush from our growing experience and success at developing a statewide grassroots advocacy movement, NYAPRS members staged a series of simultaneous local candlelight vigils, demonstrations protesting Governor Pataki's plans to cut over \$15 million in services funding. The vigils were held on March 22-3 in Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Watertown, Jamestown, Binghamton, Utica and Poughkeepsie. The cuts were restored by the NYS Legislature.



*Binghamton Press
and Sun Bulletin*



Telegram photo/Roberta Branca

Balancing Funding and Rights Advocacy

Annual Advocacy for State Funding

- Increases or Restoration of Cuts
- Reinvestment, Housing, Medicaid Rehabilitation, HCBS Peer Services
- We are experiencing one of the worst financial crises in our history
- There have also been numerous efforts to roll back our rights, especially on a national level.

**Our North Star: we come from a
very proud and strong tradition**

Dr. Edward Knight

self help champion
recovery researcher
rights advocate
service innovator
friend and advisor

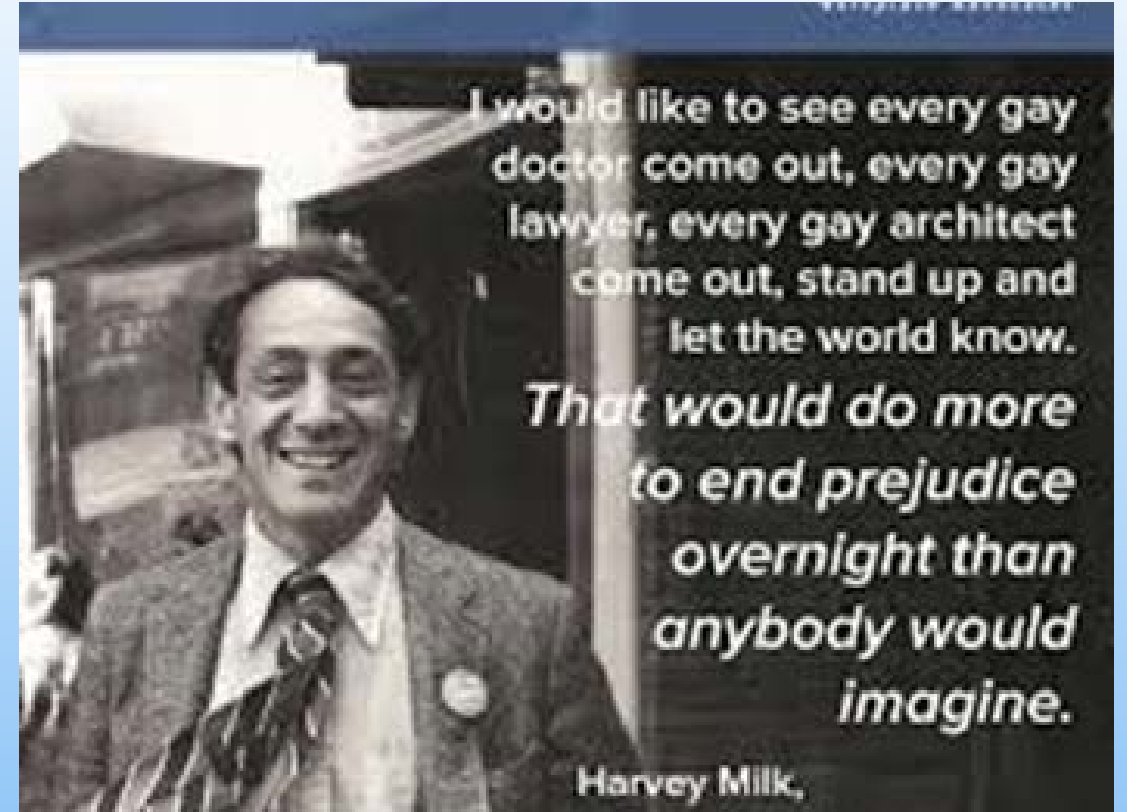


The Consumer/Survivor/Ex-patient Movement

Grew out of negative experiences with treatment:

- Coercion
- Forced drugging
- Forced ECT
- Rights violations
- Personal stories dismissed





Civil Rights and LGBTQI Movements

Harvey Milk 1977

Martin Luther King, Jr. 1954



**Independent Living Movement
Ed Roberts Rolling Quads 1972**



**Women's Movement
Seneca Falls Convention 1848**



**On Our Own: Patient-controlled
Alternatives to the Mental Health System**

Judi Chamberlin, 1945-2010

Judi Chamberlin

- *“People are still being punished for being in pain, for feeling their pain and for trying to speak their pain; and that’s why there’s such a ginormous need for alternative crisis facilities that we need to develop. Because yeah, it is hard to be around somebody who is not sleeping, or crying all the time, or screaming or tearing at their flesh, or whatever. What’s so important is to try to connect people with that this is real and this is what they are feeling.”*



The
INSANE
Liberation Front



David Oaks
Howie the Harp



Ex-patients' Rights Groups Form in 1970s and Early 1980s

...in Massachusetts, California, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Oregon



Judi Chamberlin



Sally Zinman



Jay Mahler



Ed Knight



Leonard Roy Frank



Joseph Rogers



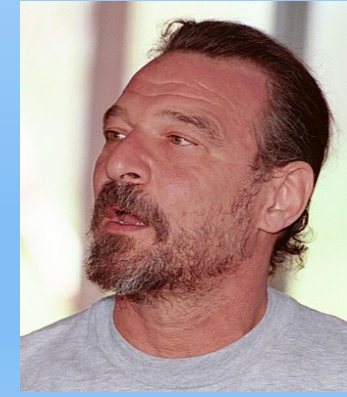
Sally Clay



Dan Fisher

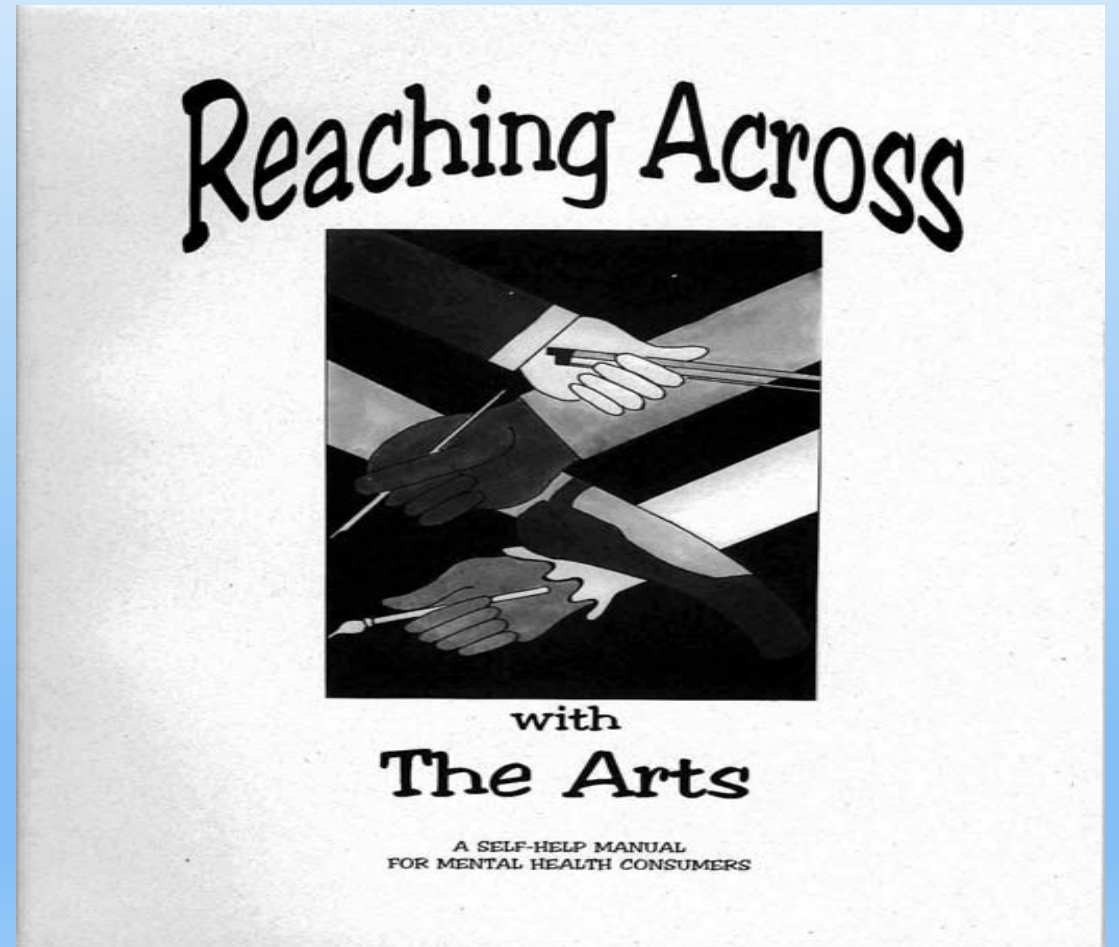


David Oaks



George Ebert

Gayle Bluebird





Pat Deegan



Mothers of the Movement:
Sally Zinman, Pat Deegan, Jackie McKinney, Gayle Bluebird



Bill Anthony

Joe Marrone

***If Work Makes People
with Mental Illness Sick,
What Do Unemployment,
Poverty, and Social
Isolation Cause?***







NYAPRS Legislative Day



**Get on the Bus to
Legislative Day!**



Marches and Meetings



News Conferences





MTA Half Fare Fairness Act 1999

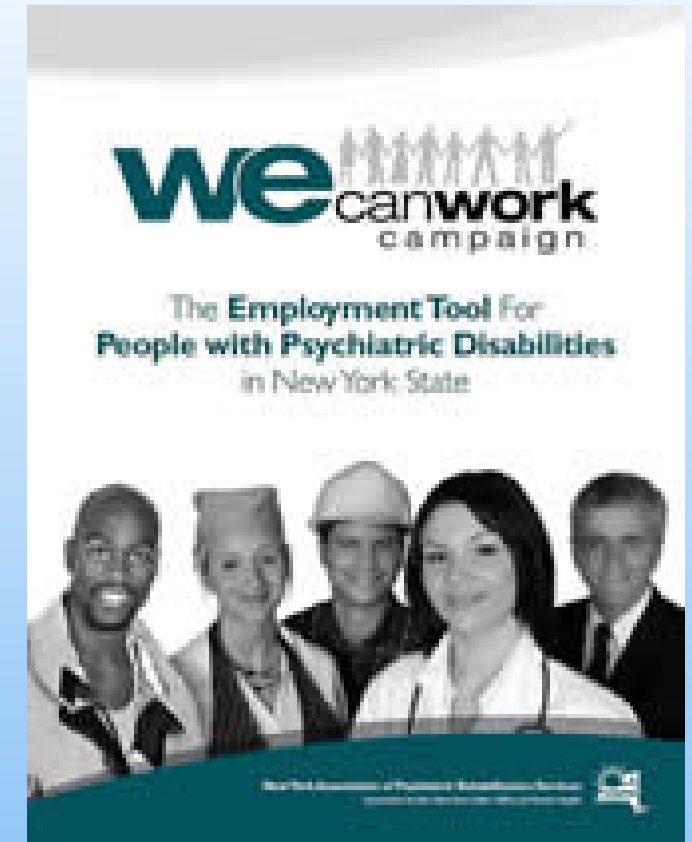
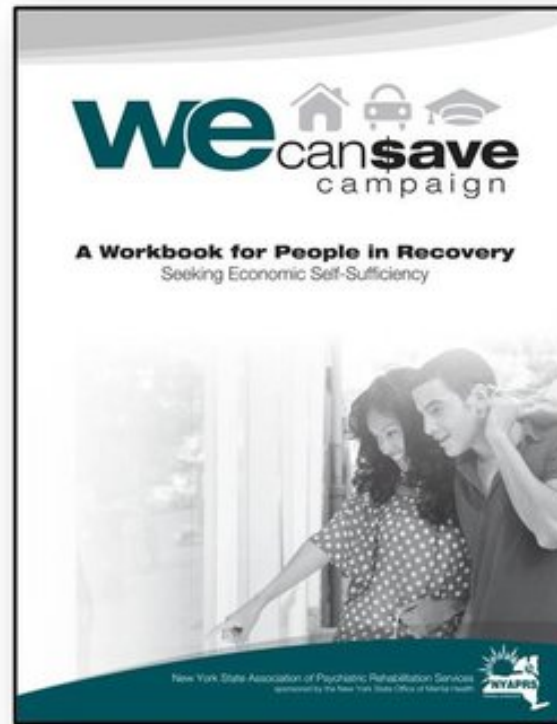
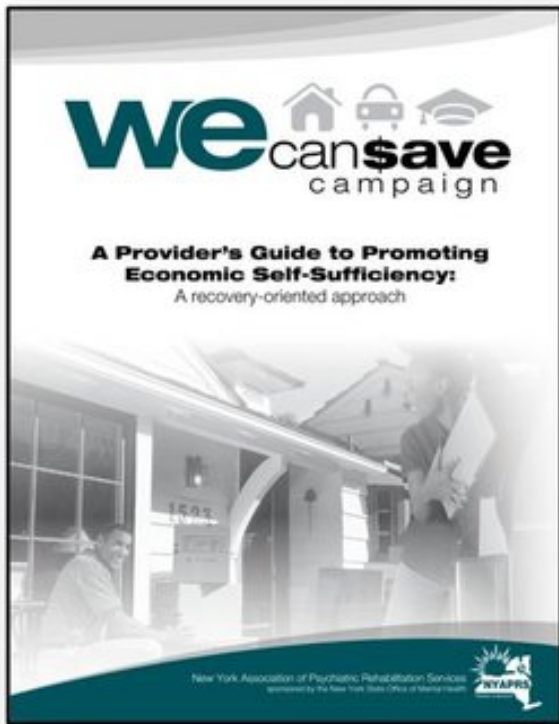
Frances Olivero

Protecting Entitlements





Cross Disability Advocacy for the Medicaid Buy-In



NYAPRS Employment & Economic Self-Sufficiency Tool Kit

Oscar Jimenez-Solomon

Community Integration: Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council

Building on close relationships with our friends in New York's cross disability advocacy movement during campaigns to win adoption of the Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities and to fend off a proposed hold back of the SSI COLA, NYAPRS has played a leadership role in helping to reach agreement on legislation creating the state's Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council (MISCC).

Fully implemented, the MISCC has the promise to advance New York efforts, in over 11 state agencies, to help people with disabilities to live and work in the most independent settings desired by each individual. NYAPRS' Harvey Rosenthal is one of nine advocates who sits on the MISCC.

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Olmstead protesters' efforts bring results

By JAMES ANDREW SCHLETT
Gazette staff writer

Shortly after about 35 people, many in wheelchairs, staged a sit-in at Senate Majority

Leader Joseph Bruno's office in the Capitol Building, the bill the protesters advocated for was passed by the Senate.

Sensing that another legislative session would end leaving New York among the 10 states in the country without a plan to bring the state up to par with federal disability law, the group held the protest in the afternoon to pressure the Senate into voting on a disability bill which passed the Assembly a week earlier.

The group, ADAPT, a Rochester-based branch of the Independent Living Council notorious for holding aggressive sit-ins in Albany and Washington, D.C., staged the protest in Bruno's office with Bruno in it. After being trapped in the office for about 20 minutes, Bruno told the protesters he would put the most-integrated settings bill up for vote on the Senate floor and have it passed.

The most-integrated settings bill, or Olmstead bill, proposes to form a planning committee that would help transition disabled individuals out of institutions and into settings that better suit their needs, such as homes in the community. The 1999 U.S. Supreme Court Olmstead decision holds that it is discrimination to isolate disabled individuals in institutions when they could live elsewhere.

"Basically we institutionalized [Bruno] for 20 minutes," said Bruce Darling, executive director of the Center for Disability Rights, who participated in the protest. "He was in the conference room we were blocking."

State troopers came to the scene and had to move people in wheelchairs away



Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno greets protesters outside of his office. Bruno later called for a vote and passage of a bill that brings the state into compliance with the Olmstead law.

Mariarz, R.C. Lockport, Brockport, said he received a phone call from Bruno that afternoon, informing him the Senate would pass the bill.

"He spoke to the protesters and I think he saw their point of view," Mariarz said. Bruno spokesman Mark Hansen

and that the Senate had been reviewing the bill prior to the protest.

"Sen. Bruno was locked in a room for 20 minutes," Darling said. "We have people who have been locked in institutions for 20 years," ADAPT estimates that many of the 130,000 New Yorkers in

dealing with Olmstead issues, the primary measure disabled individuals take to be transitioned out of institutions is to file a civil rights complaint to the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

About 40 complaints have been



Adult Home Residents with Psychiatric Disabilities

NYAPRS' Public Policy Committee Co-Chair Ray Schwartz, leader Carla Rabinowitz and Harvey Rosenthal played leading roles in helping to form the NYS Coalition for Adult Home Reform. Harvey served on the Governor's Adult Home Work Group and helped advocate for an innovative independent manager/peer specialist initiative, in addition to thousands of alternative community housing options (still pe

Legislature approves additional mental health funding

By PAUL ESMOND
Staff writer

For most people, buying well-fitting clothes that look right is simple. A person goes to the store, searches the racks and finds pants, shirts and jackets that fit and they purchase them.

Letting suitable clothing for the institutionalized mentally ill is not so simple, said Doty Harle, who described the fitting donated outfits that she and others bring in adult residences in New York.

"The shirt I've got on, I like the color," Harle, who spoke at a press conference called by the Coalition of Institutionalized



independent case manager Rapp, of Rockaway Beach, said that adult home case managers assigned often too busy or simply important needs of residents those seeking greater even employment.

Often, Rapp said, case managers take care of administrative duties as well as managing kitchen staff.

"Independent case managers with us," he said.

The Legislature approved independent case managers for independent case managers for next year's fiscal budget.

Rapp said he thought it would be beneficial for residents to have more control over their own lives.

Residents tell about life in adult home

By DAVID RILEY
Staff writer

Karen Berkoff, a resident of the Seaport Manor Home for Adults, stood before a group of reporters last Tuesday, fidgeting with her jacket and scarf as she began to speak in a shaky voice.

"To begin ... where to begin?" she asked. "I killed six mice in my room last night."

Most health activists said this is not the best way to describe life in an adult home. "It's not a place where you go to get care," said one activist. "It's a place where you go to get locked up."

These stories are the result of a series of interviews and reports by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Correctional Services.

William J. Malley, executive director of the N.Y. State Office of Mental Health, said that the report is a "wake-up call" for the state's adult home system. "Federal Medicaid money is being used to maintain a system that is not working," he said.

In 2001, DSH investigated a facility that was operating with a 500-bed capacity, but only had 100 beds. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has since taken action to close the facility.

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Secured \$5 million for adult home peer bridger services

NYS Coalition for Adult Home Reform

Criminal Justice Reform



THE LEGISLATIVE GAZETTE February 2, 2009

Advocates argue for humane treatment of prisoners

By SARA MIRALDI
Legislative Gazette staff writer

After holding a hearing before Assembly members, advocates for prisoners with psychiatric disabilities continued their fight to put an end to the use of inhumane solitary confinement.

A news conference was held last Tuesday to show support for new legislation and funding "necessary to end New York's inhumane practice of placing people with serious mental illness in cruel and harmful long-term solitary 'special housing units,'" according to Harvey Rosenthal of the New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services.

The Executive Budget proposal includes a \$7 million Office of Mental Health allocation and a \$6 million Department of Corrections facilities allocation. The OMH money allows for the addition of 66 full-time new mental health treatment personnel. The DOCS money will be used to create 200 new prison guards to expand mental health treatment capacity and clinical and security staffing for over 265 prisoners with serious and persistent mental illness.

Rosenthal said, "it's clear that the governor, in the budget, is recognizing the urgency of the issue to enhance treatment and alternative services. The governor's action is an important first step in addressing this crisis."

A black and white photograph showing four individuals at a news conference. A man in a dark suit and glasses is speaking at a wooden podium. Behind him stand three other people: a woman on the left, a woman in the center, and a man on the right. They are all looking towards the speaker or the camera.



STOP THE KILLING!
#HALTsolitary NOW Rally
Thurs., Sept 10, 10 am
Gov. Cuomo's Office, 633 3rd Ave., NYC

 **HALTsolitary**



HUMANE ALTERNATIVES TO LONG-TERM (HALT) SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ACT

DANIEL
PRUDE
2007 His Name





Rally to Improve NYC's Response to Individuals Experiencing Mental Health Crises

On the first anniversary of the shooting death of Saheed Vassell by the NYPD, join families, City Council members, and other advocates as we demand reforms

Longtime Opponent of Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (AOT)



The Record **Opinion** A4
Thursday, June 10, 1998

Kendra's Law isn't answer for mentally ill

OPINION

It is a tragedy what headlines politicians will jump on when there is no emergency based at night.

Such is the case with the mentally ill in New York state and the proposed "Kendra's Law" version of which is being given by Gov. George Pataki, a Republican, and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Democrat.

The incident came on the heels of the death of Brenda Wilkins, who was crushed under a New York City subway platform by a mental patient, Andrew Goldstein.

Kendra's Law proposes involuntary outpatient commitment, which basically provides court-ordered outpatient treatment for mental patients.

While this might be a "necessary" — mostly ill — solution — legislation that will with the public on their mind, it is really a weak measure that does not deal with the real issue in New York state's mental health system.

A better proposal has been proposed by state Sen. Thomas Libonati and we believe should be adopted.

What Kendra's Law would do is allow a judge to order a person to receive outpatient care and support services for "at risk" individuals with major mental illness.

It would also encourage mental health consumers to prepare an advance directive and appoint a health care proxy for times of disability.

The problems with Kendra's Law are many.

It would force treatment and medication on people with no histories of violence; it could force mental health professionals to lose the confidence of their clients by becoming agents of the courts; it would not provide for the extra costs required of courts, courts and state officials, police and non-police personnel.

For some 10 years the state has been de-funding the mental health system.

But over time, and especially during the Pataki administration, many mentally ill people have been sent to live in low programs without the necessary supervision. The system does not work now, and certainly will not work any better under Kendra's Law.

And don't think that Kendra's Law isn't politically motivated. The Assembly doesn't want to be associated with the details of the law.

All Kendra's Law would do is put the failure of the state's mental health system on the backs of those who need help.

New York state can do better, and we believe the proposal by Sen. Libonati is a step in the right direction.

Voluntary Engagement Strategies

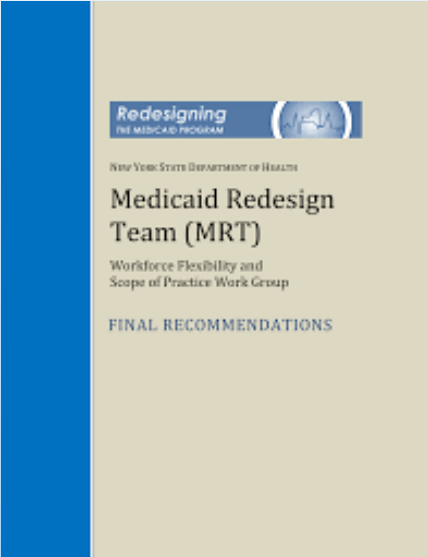
PLANNING FOR YOUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT

THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE PROVIDER TRAINING PROJECT



This Document was created by The Resource Center, Albany, NY.

- Project Inset co-developed by NYAPRS and the MHA of Westchester
- Immediate, Intensive and Sustained Engagement
- 80% success with individuals who were at risk for a court order or were able to be released from an order



Medicaid Managed Care Advocacy

Medicaid Education & Advocacy



NEW CHOICES in RECOVERY Forum

Monday, March 11, 2019
11am-1pm
Lunch Provided

Monroe Community Hospital
400 Elmwoodville Rd., Rochester, NY 14620
Park in Lot 5, enter Main Entrance

GOOD NEWS
for people with mental health conditions!

Who Should Attend: People with mental health and/or substance use related challenges, family members and Care Managers.

Learn How You Can:

- Get a new group of friends and connections—trust your own family support, work, school and transportation services that are most available to you!
- Make a new plan of care that takes a fresh look at your health, work, social and other personal goals!
- Meet with a care manager who can help your providers work more closely together with you to help you achieve your personal goals!

You may be eligible for these services if you have made a serious use of Medicaid Mental Health and Substance Use related services over the past few years.

Register today!

Call MONROE to register at **585-480-8076**
or visit us at: monroehospital.org



- Value Based Payment focus: recovery outcomes, choice, privacy protections, member incentives

National Role

- Advocacy
- Training and Technical Assistance
- E news
- Conference presentations

DESTINATION DIGNITY

THE MARCH FOR DIGNITY & CHANGE IN MENTAL HEALTH

Monday October 10, 2016 • World Mental Health Day
GET ON THE BUS for Rights, Health Justice & Dignity

RALLY!

for **INSPIRATION**
With Health and Social Justice Leaders
US CAPITOL REFLECTING POOL 11am-1pm



Dr. Arthur Evans, Philadelphia's Transformative Health and Social Justice Champion

MARCH!

for **ACTION**
1-3pm: DC streets to Washington Monument



Judge Ginger-Lerner-Wren, Repairing The World Human Rights Activism through Mental Health Courts

CELEBRATE!

*Dignity, Recovery,
Mental Health Now.*

Join the march against the dehumanization, discrimination and stigmatization of people living with mental health conditions.

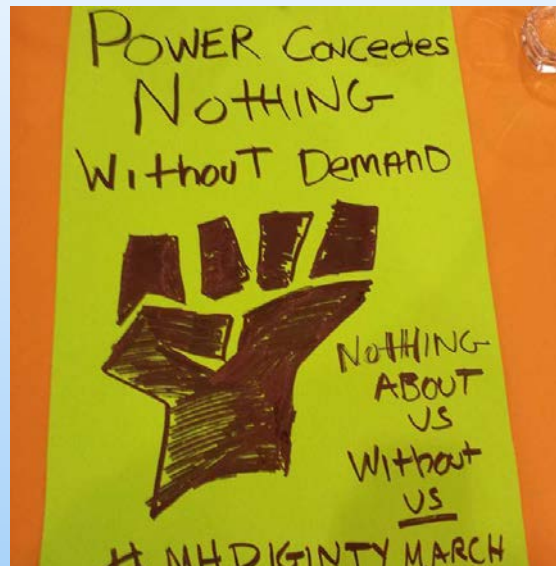
Learn more at www.DestinationDignity.org.

Monday October 10, 2016 • 11am
US Capitol Reflecting Pool
Madison & 3rd; Archives, Union Station
Fed Center Metro

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DEMAND DIGNITY. MARCH WITH US.



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NYAPRS Board Members





NYAPRS Regional Forums

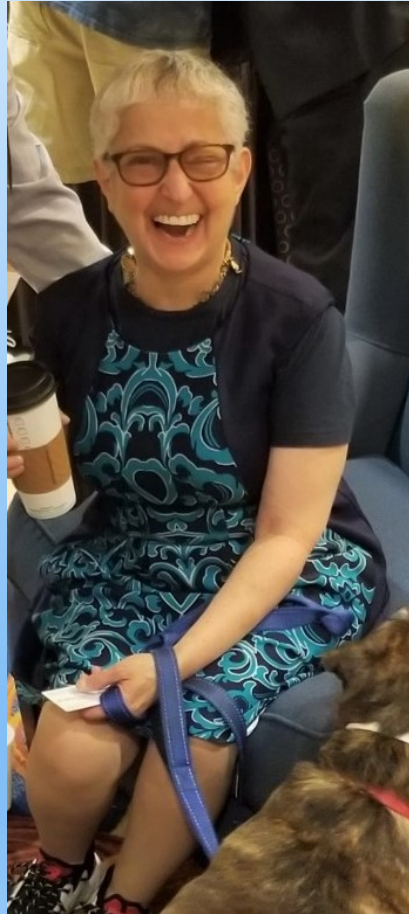
- Legislative priorities and advocacy support
- Special Needs Plans
- Self-Directed Care
- HARPs, Health Homes & HCBS
- Outpatient Commitment
- Non police first responders



NYAPRS Annual Conference



**Laura
Bernstein**







Under the leadership of then-President Jack Guastafarro, we forged ahead and held our Annual Conference on September 12-14, offering hundreds of upstate participants unforgettable opportunities to share hope and mutual support. Later that year, we brought that spirit to all of our downstate members and friends at a Brooklyn-based Conference in December (see program, pictures).

Brooklyn Hope and Healing Conference 2001



Organizing Effort to Create Project Liberty Peer Initiative

NYAPRS also organized peer leaders in an effort aimed at offering peer-based disaster support that ultimately led to an \$850,000 Project Liberty Peer Support Initiative operated under the auspices of the Howie The Harp Center and Community Access in New York City.



Cheryl MacNeill

Co-developer, NYAPRS
State Hospital Peer
Bridger Model

Director, NYAPRS
Recipient Satisfaction
Survey Project

Renowned Peer Services
Consultant



Shery Mead

Intentional Peer Support Peer Support

- <https://www.intentionalpeersupport.org>



The NYAPRS Peer Bridger Mission

“We support each other to get out of the hospital, stay out of the hospital and get the hospital out of us.”





NYAPRS Peer Bridger Project *Services*

- Skill teaching
- Social and emotional support
- Recreation and companionship
- Development of self-advocacy
- Mutual peer support
- Discovering community (community guides)

NYAPRS State Hospital to Community Peer Bridger Model

- **1998 National Health Data Systems**
 - Re-hospitalization rate dropped from 60% to 19%, a 41% reduction.
- **2009 NYAPRS Program Evaluation Data:**
 - 71% (125 of 176) individuals were not readmitted in the year following discharge from the hospital

“She talked to me. She talked straight at me. She’s the only one. She’s got a knack for going on the underlying thing and really getting at it. And I’ve never had anyone look me straight in the eye, and actually relate to somebody. And I love her for it.”
(2003 Qualitative Assessment, MacNeil)

NYAPRS Wellness Coaching

Rohan's Story

Coleen Mimmagh

- 36-year-old man of Indian descent born in Jamaica with addiction and bipolar related conditions and renal disease
 - 2009-prior to enrollment: 7 detox stays at 4 different facilities with a Medicaid spend of \$52,282
 - 2010: dedicated personalized engagement and follow up, connection to 12 step meetings, daily check ins, restoration of Medicaid benefits
 - 2010-1 detox, 1 rehab Medicaid; Medicaid spend fell to \$20,650.
 - 2011-1 relapse with detox/rehab
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NYAPRS Community Engagement Peer Bridger Model

Working with NYC based individuals with multiple needs, very frequent use of emergency and inpatient, unstable housing and little to no engagement with services and supports

Results:

- 47.9% reduction in those using inpatient services,
- 62.5% in inpatient days,
- 41.7% in Medicaid spend,
- from \$9,900 to \$5,200 (Optum 2013 Data)

Other Peer Bridger Adaptations

- Medicaid Managed Care pilot: Health First NYC
- St John's Hospital: community hospital
- More coming

NYAPRS Peer Bridgers



Academy of Peer Services



New York Association of
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Recovery, Rehabilitation, Rights



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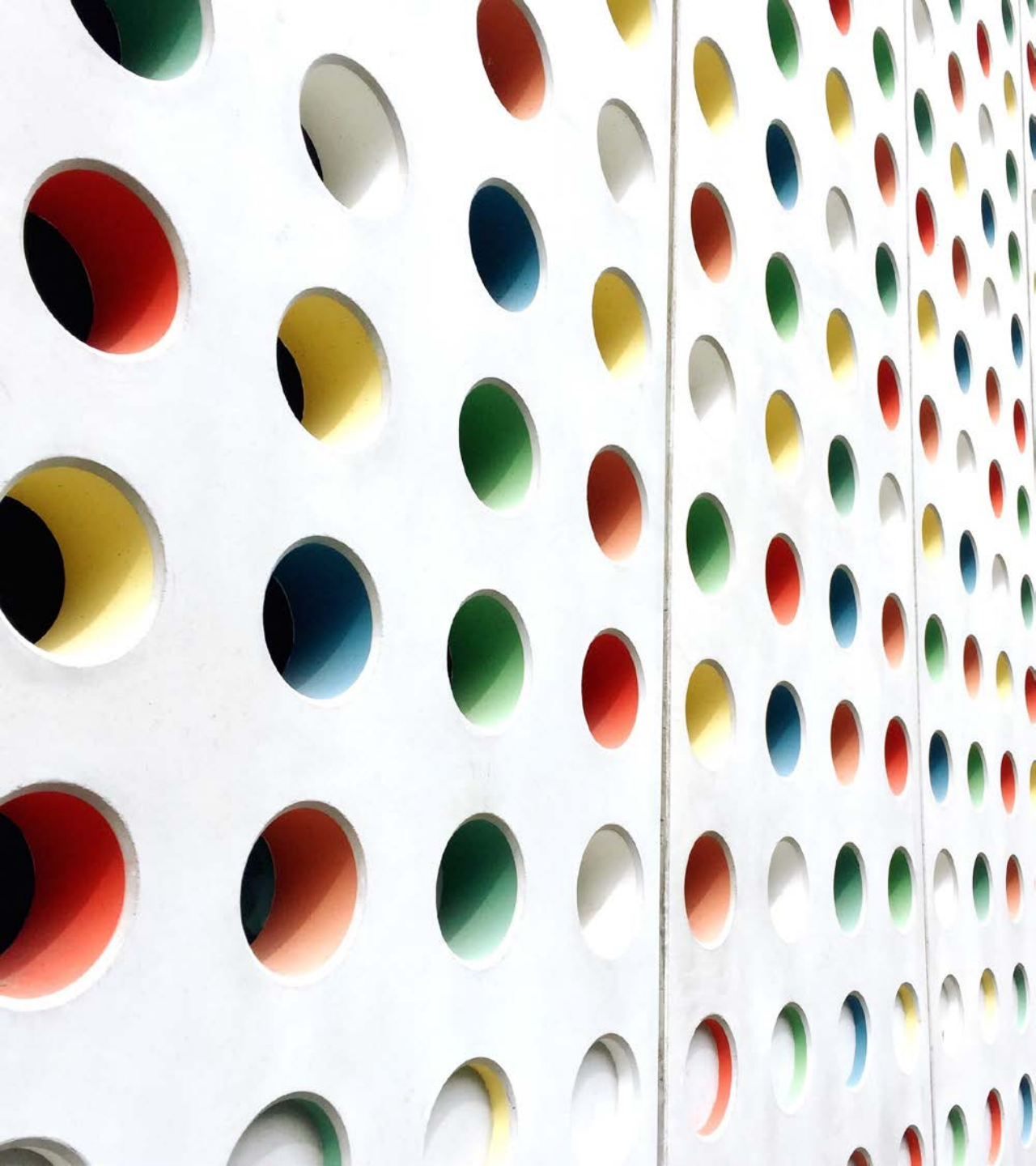
School of Health Related
Professions

Office of
Mental Health



Peer Services Advocacy and TA

- Consultations in states including Alabama, North Dakota, New Mexico, Washington, Alaska, Mississippi,
- Ongoing presentations and articles on key elements and effectiveness of peer delivered services



NYAPRS Systems Transformation Division



Meet the System Transformation Team

Ruth Colón-Wagner, LMSW, Director of Training and Development

Larry Hochwald, CPRP, Training and Technical Assistance Facilitator NYC and Long Island Region

Daniella Labate-Covelli, MSW, Director of Managed Care Initiatives

Robert Statham, CESP, BS, Training and Technical Assistance Facilitator, Western and Central Region



Name tag of the woman in the red dress.

Edytha
Brennan

Ken
Kramer

Robert
Stanton



RUTH
COLON-WAGNER
STAFF

EDYE
SCHWARTZ
STAFF

LEN
BEATON
STAFF

COLLEEN
SHERIDAN
STAFF

COMPUTER
SCIENCE
CORP

System Transformation Overview

- Has its origins in 1998 with the start of the OMH funded Collective on Recovery, Rehabilitation and Rights
- Since then, the Division has become a premiere state and national source of transformational training and technical assistance, often in partnership with federal and regional TA centers, trade associations and Universities and with NY based training centers and consultant groups.
- Most of our work in NY is with community providers and hospitals, and nationally with providers and state governments.

NYAPRS Training Collective



New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

Collective
Recovery • Rehabilitation • Rights

*Promoting Effective
Service Design and Delivery
that advances people's and program recovery outcomes*

*A project of NYAPRS with support from the
New York State Office of Mental Health*

The central graphic shows four stylized human figures in purple and black, each with a colored circle (orange, blue, orange, green) above their head, holding hands in a line.

NYAPRS Recovery and Rehabilitation Academy
for PROS and HCBS Practitioners

Collective
Recovery • Rehabilitation • Rights

PATHWAYS to RECOVERY:
Multiple Roads to Well-Being

November 14-15, 2019 → → → The Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs, NY

The graphic features three stylized arrows in shades of blue and purple pointing to the right.



**BRSS
TACS
TA in
Ponce, PR**

BRSS TACS
Strategic
Planning
Albany, OR





BRSS TACS TA in California



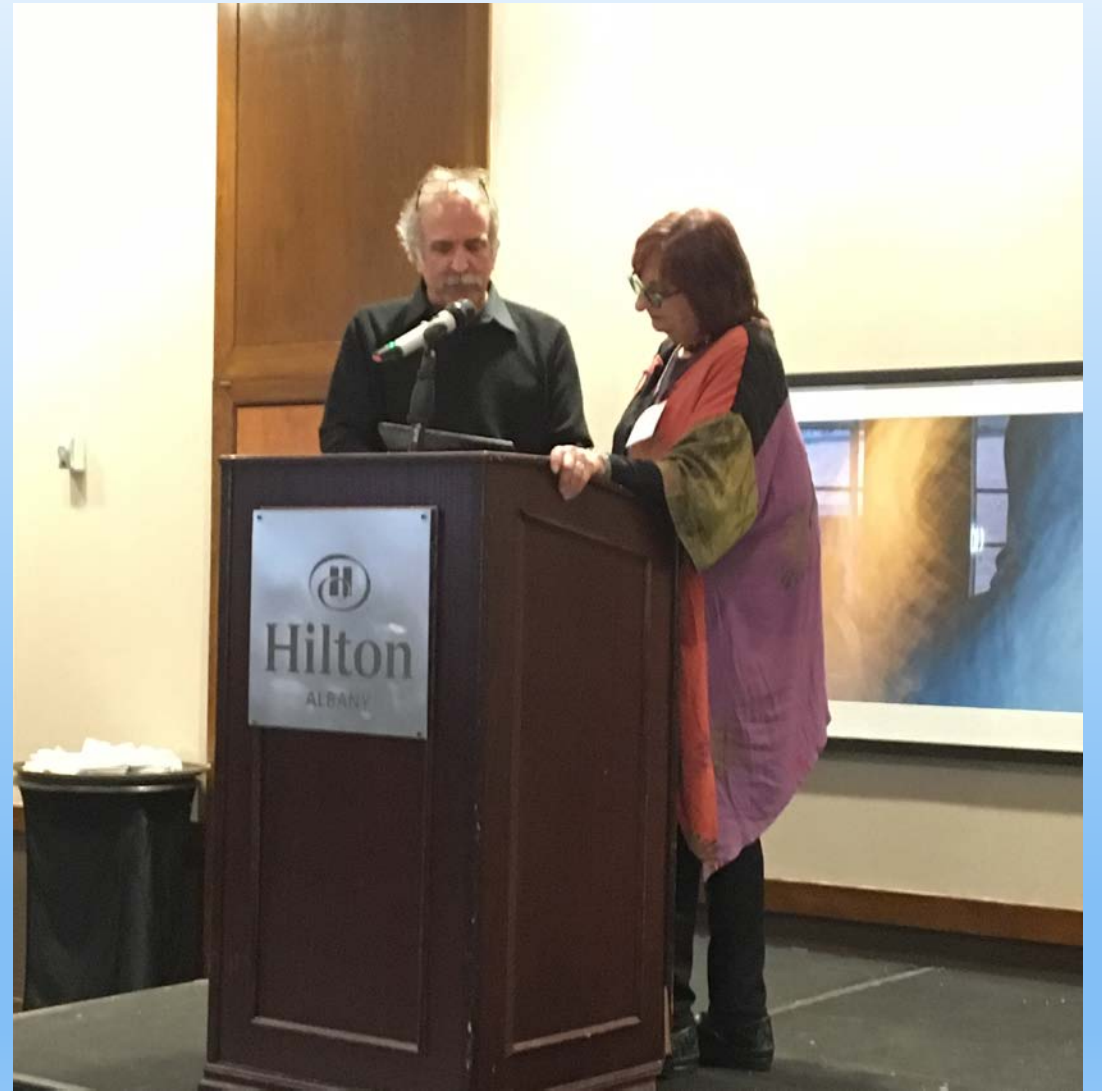
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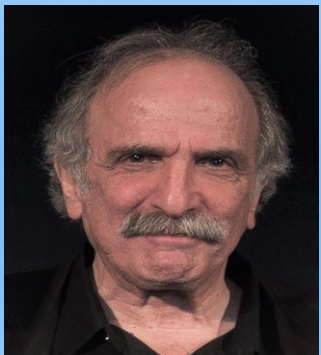
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