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### **Bringing it all together: Valuing the expertise of lived experience of recovery from a multicultural perspective**

Peer supporters bring the expertise of having lived and navigated the recovery experience, informing and enhancing clinical client-centered practices. Peer supporters are often viewed by clients as being more culturally competent as a result of life experience and can be more effective from a multicultural perspective. This workshop will incorporate the experience of a credentialed young, minority peer with lived recovery experience.

#### **Discussions will center on the Four Change Practice Principles:**

1. Changing practice at an individual level
2. Focusing on change through recovery oriented training and including peer recovery training for staff and clients
3. Incorporating organizational changes to respond on an individual level
4. Collaborating to focus on valuing the changing workforce roles of peer supporters in behavioral health settings

In addition, speakers will take an in depth examination of The Practice Guidelines for Resilience and Recovery Oriented Treatment as described by the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disability Services.

#### **Biography**

Jorea Kelley-Hardison is the founder and Executive Director of PARfessionals: Peer Advocates for Recovery and is in dual recovery from mental illness and addiction. She earned a B.S degree in Management and completed a M.A. degree in Criminal Justice from the American (Military) Public University System. She has obtained certificates in mental health, nonprofit management, applied forensic psychology services, family and business mediation, substance abuse, as well as emergency management. In addition, she has received training throughout the years in the subject areas of rape/domestic violence crisis intervention, hospice, and health unit coordination from various professional organizations and colleges.

She also holds the following credentials/designations: Certified Criminal Justice Addiction Professional-Applicant (CCJP-A), Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRS), Peer Mentor/Peer Recovery Coach (PM-PRC), Nationally Certified Psychiatric Technician (NCPT), Certified Victims Advocate (CVA) and the Associate Prevention Specialist (APS).

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