

2026 HOPE Consortium Conference

Thursday, August 6

8:30 - 9 a.m. | Welcome and Announcements

9 - 10 a.m. | Keynote

Supporting People in a Complicated World - **Dr. Jim Harris**

10:15-11:15 a.m. | Breakout Session 1

1. The Hidden Cost of Being Good: How Helping Professionals Care Without Carrying the Work Home - **Andrea Romer**
2. Tentative Topic: Creating Spaces of Hope: The Impact of Peer-Run Recovery Communities
3. What to Say When It's Hard: Communication Strategies for Connecting with Parents Navigating Mental Health, Substance Use, and Recovery During Pregnancy and Postpartum- **Elizabeth Thomas and Megan Roberts**
4. Breaking Cycles: Intergenerational Recovery Stories - **Jodi Chamberlain and Brayden Chamberlain**
5. Tentative Topic: Healing Through Collaboration: A Wellness Court Approach to Recovery

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Breakout Session 2

6. Healing in Nature: Supporting Resilience and Well-Being in Recovery Work - **Ashleigh Diserio**
7. Building Resilience and Hope when Recovery is Non-linear - **Maggie Williams and Justin Silvers**
8. Tending Loneliness: Connection, Resilience - **Elizabeth Power**
9. From Story to Impact: Elevating Our Recovery Experience for a Purpose – **Caroline Beidler**
10. From Research to Practice: Implementing Contingency Management in Recovery Programs - **Jill Gamez, Carrie Acklin, and Ashley Schroeder**

12:30-1:30 p.m. | Lunch

1:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Breakout Session 3

11. Tentative Topic: Improving Health for Justice-Involved Birthing People through Community-Engaged Research
12. Quantifying the Value of Recovery: Turning Impact into Funding with the Fletcher Group Economic Calculator - **Dr. Madison Ashworth**
13. Tentative Topic: The Power of Connection in Maternal Health
14. Tentative Topic: The Power of Story: Indigenous Voices in Healing and Recovery
15. Tentative Topic: Bridging Gaps in Rural Health Through Community-Based Support

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. | Break

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. | Breakout Session 4

16. The Science of Healing: Building Resilience and Emotional Well-Being - **Dr. Virginia Medinilla**
17. Tentative Topic: Building Recovery-Friendly College Environments
18. Reducing Isolation in Pregnancy and Postpartum: The Role of Doulas in Building Support Networks - **Emily Jacobson**
19. Tentative Topic: Voices of Resilience: Recovery Journeys from Tribal Nations
20. Tentative Topic: Understanding the MOUD Report: Key Findings and Implications

End of Day 1

Friday, August 7

8:30 - 9 a.m. | Welcome and Announcements

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The Power of Hope Recovery - **Judge Linda Davis**

10 - 10:15 a.m | Break

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. | Breakout Session 5

- 21. Perinatal Mental Health - Sustaining the Work: Healing from Moral Distress and Reconnecting to Purpose - **Sheng Lee Yang**
- 22. Overview of the 5 P's - **Dr. Elizabeth Hovis, Jennifer Konrad, and Staci Bohling**
- 23. Connection Without Conditions: Reducing Barriers to Engagement - **Dr. Alonzo Kelly**
- 24. Meeting the needs of people currently living with MH & SUD - **Heidi Olson Streed**
- 25. Beyond the Ask: Building Trust, Engagement, and Sustainable Community Partnerships - **Melissa Moore**

11:15 - 11:30 a.m. | Break

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Breakout Session 6

- 26. Intro to Cycle Breaking: Understanding Intergenerational Trauma - **Lacie Weatherholt**
- 27. Breaking Down Stigma: Building Understanding and Support for Individuals with SUD - **Paula Hensel**
- 28. Centering Lived Experience: Bridging the Gap Between Programs and People - **Fawn Ackerman, James Kubiske, and Carly Kowitz**
- 29. Loss, Purpose, and Recovery: A Caregiver's Journey Through Addiction and Healing - **Doug Seubert**
- 30. Drug Endangered Children - **Berenstine Jeffers**

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. | Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. | Closing Keynote

The Power of Healing in Recovery - **Pamela Lee**

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. | Closing Remarks

Thank you!

