

LAW & DISABILITY CONFERENCE

MAY 5, 2022 • 9:00 AM – 1 PM

The New Jersey State Bar Foundation's **Law and Disability Conference** is a half-day program that is **free and open to the public** and examines important issues related to the disabled community and their caregivers, cosponsored with the Community Health Law Project. This year's hybrid conference allows attendees to participate in-person (at the Law Center, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, NJ) or remotely (via Zoom). **To register, please visit our website (njsbf.org).**

Program Agenda:

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast for in-person attendees

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Introduction & Opening Session

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Break

11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Workshop Sessions

NOTE: The workshops will run concurrently in three different rooms.

See 2nd page of flyer for workshop descriptions.

OPENING SESSION

Providing Integrated & Holistic Care Through Partnerships

This session will discuss the value and benefits of collaboration between health care providers, social service providers, legal service providers, and other entities with the goal of providing holistic and person-centered care to individuals with disabilities or chronic health conditions to help improve their health outcomes.

MODERATOR:

Erika Kerber, Esq., President/Executive Director, Community Health Law Project

PANEL:

Lisa Dressner, LCSW, Executive Director of Behavioral Health Operations, Trinitas Regional Medical Center

Brigitte D. Johnson, Esq., Executive Sr.VP Corporate Affairs/In-House Counsel/Compliance Officer, CarePlus New Jersey, Executive Director Care Plus Workforce Solutions

Logan Kelly, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Center for Health Care Strategies

Tracy Parris-Benjamin, LMSW, FHELA, Director, Clinical Design Community Health, Horizon

Mary Remhoff, RN, MSN, APN, Director, Center for Early Childhood Development and Family Support, Children and Family Health Institute, Visiting Nurse Association Health Group

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Workshop 1: Services Available to Individuals With Physical Disabilities

This workshop will highlight the various services available to individuals with physical disabilities to help them live and thrive in their communities.

MODERATOR:

Meena Song, Esq., Director of Litigation, Community Health Law Project

PANEL:

Brian Fitzgibbons, MPA, President/CEO, Heightened Independence and Progress, Center for Independent Living

Elizabeth Hill, MSW, Executive Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NJ Department of Human Services

Charles Patterson McKenna, Esq., Assistant Division Director, New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, NJ Department of Human Services

Workshop 2: Services Available to Individuals With Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities

This workshop will provide an overview of the supportive services available to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. A brief discussion of the guardianship process and supported decision making will also be included.

MODERATOR:

Sean Benoit, Esq., Managing Attorney, Community Health Law Project

PANEL:

Lisa Ford, Director, The Arc of NJ Family Institute

Tina R. McDuffie, B.A., Intake-Intensive Case Management Statewide Coordinator, Division of Developmental Disabilities, NJ Department of Human Services

Deliza Rodriguez, Parent

Theresa Santana, M.A., Employment & Transition to 21, Division of Developmental Disabilities, NJ Department of Human Services

Workshop 3: Jail Diversion For Individuals Living With Mental Illness

This workshop will discuss state initiatives and supportive services for individuals with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system to help divert them from incarceration to treatment and recovery.

MODERATOR:

Harold B. Garwin, Esq., Associate Executive Director, Community Health Law Project

PANEL:

Robert N. Davison, MA, LPC, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Association, Inc.

Valerie L. Mielke, MSW, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, NJ Department of Human Services

Representative from the Judiciary - Invited

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