



Recovery in Action Webinar January 27, 2016 | Presenter Bios

Andre Johnson, a native Detroiter, is currently the President/CEO Founder of the Detroit Recovery Project--a multi-service agency that provides a wide spectrum of support services to the city's recovery community. Such services include: Recovery Coaching; GED preparation; twelve-step support groups; housing assistance; job readiness and employment assistance; and HIV prevention, testing, and counseling services. In addition, to providing prevention, treatment, co-occurring and recovery support services.

Mr. Johnson has consulted on behalf of the United States President Emergency Plan Against Aids abroad to the Department of Ministry of Health, in Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanzania. Mr. Johnson was recently appointed by Kathleen Sebelius former Secretary of Health Human Services to serve a three-year term as a National Advisory Council member for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment/ Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration. He is an active member of the Third Judicial Circuit Court Family Division Drug Court Team. Mr. Johnson is a board member of the Wayne Center--an agency that provides services for the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Morehouse College (Atlanta, Georgia) and a Masters of Arts degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology, at California Southern University.

Marci Scalera has been in the field of mental health and substance use disorders since 1980 in a variety of capacities. For the past 16+ year, Marci has been in leadership positions at the sub-state agency level for SUD Prevention, Treatment and Recovery services for a four county region. In 2008, Marci and her colleagues were awarded one of the first ROSC targeted expansion grants through SAMHSA. This program created an outreach team of case managers and peers who worked with chronically homeless individuals with SUD and Co-Occurring disorders. Over 250 individuals were served over a three year period. Through the knowledge gained, Marci was able to assist the state with the ROSC transformation efforts, as well as transform her region from a traditional SUD treatment model to one in which ROSC principles and elements were fully implemented. For her efforts, Marci was given the first "Treatment and System Transformation" award by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services in 2010. Marci has been involved in many policy changes and program development through state committee work, as well as a lecturer for University of Michigan Certificate Program on Integrated Health. She currently holds the position of Director of Clinical and SUD Services at the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan.

Mark Witte is the Director of Substance Abuse Services for the Lakeshore Regional Partners, a public mental health and substance abuse agency for seven counties in Western Michigan. He has gained extensive experience in the delivery, management and administration of prevention, treatment and recovery support services in this and similar positions over the past 12 years. He is a clinical social worker by training, and has also served as an adjunct professor in social work and family studies programs at various local colleges and universities. Particular areas of interest and expertise include the treatment of adolescents, and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.