

When Healing Hurts: Making Systemic Change to Address Vicarious Trauma

DRAFT AGENDA

9-10:15am Morning Plenary

Creating Vicarious Trauma Organizations through a Trauma-Informed Lens *Cheryl Sharp, National Council on Mental Health*

- What is vicarious trauma, secondary trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout? (Are there differences?)
- What does vicarious trauma look like?
- Risk Factors
- Compassion Fatigue
- Prevention strategies
- Response to staff who have symptoms
- The burden of self-care and how to institutionalize strategies to go from "self-care" to "organizational care."

10:15-10:30am Break

10:30-11:30am Morning Breakout Sessions

ED/Board Chair:

Cheryl Sharp

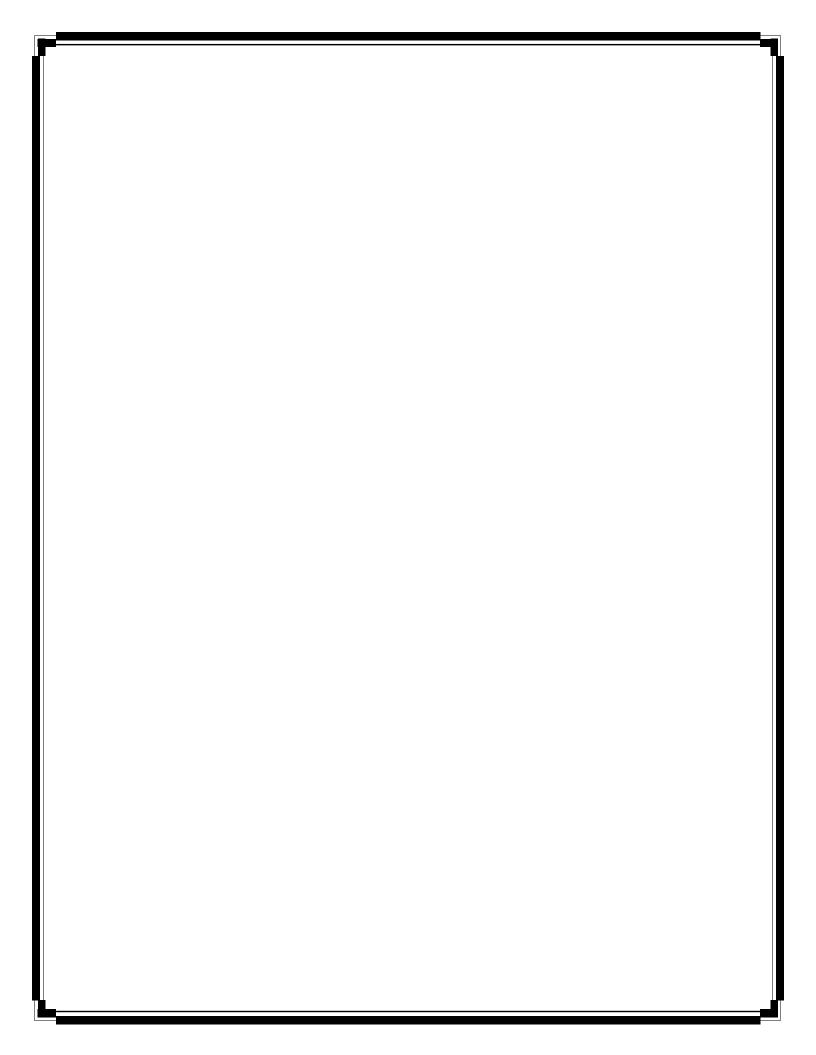
- Creating a Vicarious-trauma Informed Organization: Developing policies, procedures and practices to create systematic change.
- Trauma-informed supervision

"Boots on the Ground" Workers (Staff & volunteers)

Julie Walls, LCSW

- Vicarious Trauma: *How does that affect me?*
- Access to services for staff and volunteers
- Focusing on ourselves while staying heart-connected to our clients

11:30-1pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN



1-4pm

Breakout Sessions Continue

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- Mission/Vision statements
- How to bring the culture to the multidisciplinary teams with which we work.
- Going Forward: How to develop a culture of mentally healthy staff.

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- Techniques for working through personal traumas
- Understanding professional identity as a front-line worker
- Understanding multi-dimensional trauma as a front-line worker
- Finding a way to be innovative in service delivery to prevent burnout
- The role of grief in vicarious trauma

2:15-2:30pm Break

2:30-4pm Continue Breakout Sessions

4pm Evaluation and Closing