



# Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference

April 25-26, 2018

John A. Logan College



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## A COMMUNITY'S JOURNEY

**Wednesday April 25**

8:30	Welcome
8:35 – 9:35	Long-term Consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences: What is your ACE/Resilience Score?   <a href="#">Matt Buckman</a>
9:35-10:15	Current Drug Trends, <a href="#">Jonathon Edwards</a>
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:15	Trauma and Opiate Addiction: It is through this pain that clients develop their life purpose in Recovery   <a href="#">Mark Sanders</a>
11:15 - 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Breakout Round 1
12:30 – 1:45	LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN!!
1:45 – 2:45	Breakout Round 2
3:00 – 4:00	Breakout Round 3

**Thursday April 26**

8:30 – 9:30	Breakout Round 4
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:45	Breakout Round 5
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Breakout Round 6
12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH – PROVIDED IN THE ATRIUM!! Harm Reduction Panel of Experts
1:30 – 1:45	Break
1:45 – 2:45	Let's Go Make Some History! Facilitating Recovery to Create a Healthy Community, <a href="#">Mark Sanders</a>
2:45-3:00	Closing and Door Prizes

### Breakout Sessions Round 1:

To Oz & Back Part 1 | [Steven St. Julian](#)

Father Hunger and Father Wounds | [Mark Sanders](#)

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#### Breakout Sessions Round 4:

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#### Breakout Sessions Round 5:

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#### Breakout Sessions Round 6:

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**\*Long-term Consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences: What is your ACE/Resilience Score? | Matt Buckman**

Dr. Buckman will review the extensive research on Adverse Childhood Experiences and long-term effects on health, mental health, and addiction. Participants will learn about the 10 types of childhood adversity measured in the ACE Study. Each person will reflect on their own personal ACE and Resilience Scores as well as here examples of how to use this information to understand behavioral health challenges and provide effective interventions.

**\*Current Drug Trends | Jonathon Edwards**

This plenary session will provide knowledge about the current climate in drug trends in our region.

**\*Harm Reduction Panel**

A panel of experts will address the topic of Harm Reduction. Various points of view will be discussed and a Q & A session will be available.

**\*Trauma and Opiate Addiction: It is through this pain that clients develop their life purpose in Recovery | Mark Sanders**

In this keynote address you will be introduced to principles of logotherapy, developed by renowned Psychiatrist and Holocaust Survivor Victor Frankl who believed that the primary source of life purpose is life pain! These principles will be applied to addictions and how we can use these principles to help facilitate recovery.

**To Oz & Back | Steven St. Julian**

A two-session lively discussion of the past & current HIV and Hepatitis C (Hep C or HCV) epidemics and the roles played by substance use, sexual behavior, and access to care. Through a mixture of straight talk and humor, participants will gain insight into the lives, concerns and struggles of those who have been touched by these diseases. They will also learn the latest evidence on transmission, care, and treatment, and will leave with a better ability to serve and protect your clients, your loved ones and, most importantly – yourself.

***(Part 1) - The Dark Years: Skipping Down the Yellow-Brick Road....Some got brains, some got hearts, others found courage – I got a Disease!***

This session will cover the origin and spread of HIV/Hep C, the early struggles, the Nation's response, the toll on lives, the slow growth of treatment and services, and how drugs and sex fueled the fire!

***(Part 2) - Into the Light : Getting back to Kansas (or in this case-Illinois) and Somehow Surviving!***

The aftermath of HIV/Hep C diagnosis, the progress of treatment, current resources, the legacy of those who were lost, and the challenges still faced – and how drugs and sex keep the fire burning!

### **Father Hunger and Father Wounds: Intervention strategies with Chemically Dependent Clients Impacted by Fatherlessness across the Lifespan and Intervention Strategies | Mark Sanders**

Father hunger occurs when a person did not receive enough fathering when growing up. Father wounds occur when a person was wounded by their father while growing up. In this workshop, you will learn: The relationship between addiction and father hunger/father wounds; the impact of father hunger and father wounds on male and female clients across the lifespan, and intervention strategies.

#### Objectives: You will learn:

- The impact of father hunger and father wounds on chemically dependent clients across the life span
- 10 Intervention strategies with male clients
- 10 Intervention strategies with female clients

### **The Recovery Season: Why does it take so long?! | Mark Sanders**

This workshop is for anyone who has been impacted by and frustrated by someone's substance use disorder and repeated relapses including: family members, friends, employers, hospital and other medical staff; emergency medical technicians, law enforcement personnel, school personnel, and counselors. Topics covered includes: stages of recovery: early signs of recovery prior to abstinence; reasons it can take seasons for recovery to occur, how you can help, self-care, boundaries, and how to know when helping is not helping. The joy which accompanies the miracle of recovery will also be discussed!

#### OBJECTIVES: you will learn

- Stages of recovery
- Global signs of recovery before total abstinence
- How to take care of yourself and establish healthy boundaries

### **"I've got this...Here hold my Beer" The Culture of Alcohol | Bradley Bullock**

Alcohol has had a long history in American culture and society and is the largest public health issue in the United States that no one is talking about. From the Mayflower to the Super Bowl Alcohol has been present as a ritualistic, humorous, and sometimes problematic component to everyday American Life. In this session Brad will examine the culture of alcohol, its historic context, and how it affects current society.

## **Healing Trauma: The promise of Psychedelic Assisted Therapy in medicine and mental health | Vilmarie Narloch & Matt Brown**

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder has long been one of the most difficult to treat conditions in the mental health field. Current strategies aid in providing some temporary relief from some of the symptoms endured by those with this disorder, but no one strategy has been able to effectively treat this complex disorder. In recent years, research on the use of psychedelic medicines to treat various psychological ailments has been renewed, and the results show incredible promise. In this session, Dr. Matthew Brown and Dr. Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch will discuss the current state of the research on these medicines in treating PTSD and other conditions, what we know about how and why this strategy is working, and what the future may hold for psychedelic assisted treatment.

## **Operation Prevention | S. Scott Collier**

The DEA and Discovery Education have joined forces to combat a growing epidemic of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use nationwide. Operation Prevention's mission is to educate students about the true impacts of opioids and kick-start lifesaving conversations in the home and classroom. Since its launch, Operation Prevention has reached over 2M students nationwide. No local sponsorship or corporate funding is necessary for you to get started today. DEA and Discovery Education are grateful to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for substance Abuse Prevention for their contributions to the development of Operation Prevention.

## **Meth 101 | Brant Blackburn & Jonathon Edwards**

Meth 101 will discuss the current trends in methamphetamine manufacturing and use in southern Illinois as well as the rise in crystal methamphetamine.

## **Hidden in Plain Sight | Michelle Bertinetti**

Hidden in Plain Sight room provides parents with clues from a teen's bedroom to help them determine whether their child might be experimenting with or using drugs or alcohol. Room décor, hidden compartments and items to conceal use are located throughout the room. Add power to your parenting by being informed and then intervening if you think your child might be using drugs or alcohol. Addressing problem behavior early is important to preventing negative consequences of use including unsafe decision-making, car crashes and dependence. Can you find all of the items?

### **Medical Cannabis in the State of Illinois | Ami Ruffing**

This presentation will review the regulations surrounding the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program in Illinois; the current status of permitted cultivation facilities, dispensaries, patients and physicians; challenges for the program; possible directions for the future; and a brief comparison of the Illinois program to other states' cannabis programs.

### **Medical Cannabis: From Seed to Sale | Megan Archer**

This session will discuss all of the processing involved in manufacturing cannabis into medicine, traceability, and types of products that can be produced.

### **My Trauma, my Drugs, my World | Tom Kadela**

Some people try to cope with their Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms by drinking heavily or using other drugs. People with PTSD have more problems with drugs including alcohol both before and after being diagnosed with PTSD. Also, even if someone does not have a problem with alcohol before a traumatic event, having a PTSD diagnosis is associated with an increased risk that he or she will develop a substance use problem. Join us to learn how trauma-informed care can assist with substance use disorder treatment.

### **Trauma and its Impact on Addiction | Matt Buckman**

Dr. Buckman will provide a deeper dive into the research connecting adverse childhood experiences and addictions. Participants will learn the effects of adversity, trauma, and toxic stress on the brain and protective strategies that buffer the long-term effects. Additionally, Dr. Buckman will review the principles of trauma informed care and the research on evidence-based interventions for traumatic stress and co morbid substance use disorders.

### **Engaging Adolescents and Young Adults in Addictions Treatment | Mark Sanders**

Adolescents and Young adults have the highest rates of premature termination from addictions treatment and are often difficult to engage in treatment. In this workshop you will learn 10 evidence based strategies to help you engage adolescents and young adults in addictions treatment. Engagement from the client's perspective will also be discussed.

#### Objectives: You will learn

- Reasons adolescents and young adults are difficult to engage in addictions treatment
- Research based engagement strategies
- Principles of motivational interviewing and adolescent and young adult engagement



### **Just Say Know: Reality-Based Drug Education | Vilmarie Narloch**

For far too long, drug prevention programs have failed our young people, yet ineffective programs such as D.A.R.E continue to be utilized throughout the country. In an effort to improve the outcomes of drug education, and actually meet the needs of young people, students have taken matters into their own hands to help develop Just Say Know Peer Education, a drug education and harm reduction program by Students for Sensible Drug Policy. In this session, SSDP's Drug Education Manager, Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch, Psy.D., will discuss the rationale and development of this new program. She will also describe how the program works including samples of program materials, and discuss how the program is being adapted for middle school and high school aged youth.

### **Human Trafficking: Southern Illinois' Dirty Little Secret | Joe Moyers**

Identifying, recognizing and combating human trafficking in Southern Illinois.

### **A general Overview of Recreational Versus Medical Cannabis | Travis Neal**

This session will compare medical versus recreational cannabis in Illinois and other states and provide insight on the use, availability, and user profiles.

### **The Current State of Recreational Cannabis | Kanza Kaleem**

This session will discuss where other states are at in terms of recreational cannabis and what this could mean for Illinois.

### **Medicated Assisted Treatment | Aaron Newcomb**

Topics of this breakout include addiction as a disease, medication assisted recovery, and Buprenorphine as outpatient treatment.

### **School Prevention Activities in our Area | Kimberly Evans & Julie Owens**

This session will highlight drug prevention programs currently being implemented in our region to K-12 students.

### **Utilizing Peer Supports in the Community | Robert Riley II**

Peer support can be defined as the process of giving and receiving nonprofessional, nonclinical assistance from individuals with similar conditions or circumstances to achieve long-term recovery from psychiatric, alcohol, and/or other drug-related problems. Historically, peer support has been shown to be a key component of many existing substance use disorder treatment and recovery approaches such as the community reinforcement approach, therapeutic communities, and 12-step programs. The community reinforcement approach has

demonstrated the importance of valued social roles in maintaining abstinence, which is the foundation of this type of peer support relationship.

We will examine the role of peer support specialists and determine current needs in the area. We will discuss how to implement the role of peer support specialists into current community based programs of recovery.

**Criminal Street Gangs; A briefing on concepts and approaches from traditional to hybrids | Calvin Brown & Brian Green**

This briefing will focus on the definition of a Criminal Street Gang as well as the emergence of “hybrids” in Illinois and across the country. Additionally we will focus on practical common sense approaches to assist you in developing gang enforcement strategies to fit your community.

**Patient Brokering | Chad Sabora**

This session will discuss current trends in the for-profit treatment sector. The main focus will be on what we now refer to as patient brokering. This breakout session will cover how treatment marketers use social media as a marketing playground for unsuspecting individuals and their families. We will also cover the current work that is being done around the country to not only expose these practices but to also hold the guilty parties criminally liable.

**\*Let’s Go Make Some History! Facilitating Recovery to Create a Healthy Community | Mark Sanders**

In this closing presentation you will learn how one recovery can ignite multiple recoveries to benefit the individual, their family, the community and the world. Examples will be drawn from worldwide recovery movements. Emphasis will be placed upon your role in facilitating recovery on the individual and community levels.

### **Megan Archer**

Megan Archer joined the Ieso Medical Cannabis Cultivation team in its early stages of development in February 2016. Archer is currently the Manager of Extraction and Laboratory Operations at Ieso, LLC. She seeks to bring innovative, cutting-edge science to the cannabis industry. She oversees product research and development, extraction, purification, formulation and analytical chemistry in the Ieso laboratory. Prior to her work in the industry, she performed research in environmental chemistry at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. This research focused primarily on evaluating polychlorinated biphenyl exposure in several species of SIU's Campus Lake. Over the years, she has become dedicated to advancing her scientific development in multiple disciplines of chemistry. Archer is a SIUC Alumni, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in chemistry and a Master's degree in environmental toxicology.

### **Michelle Bertinetti**

Michelle was born and raised in Southern Illinois and grew up in West Frankfort. She graduated from John A. Logan College in 1999 and from Southern Illinois University in 2001. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Workforce Educational Training and Development with a minor in Marketing. My previous work experience has been 13 years in Pharmaceutical Sales, 1 year working in the Home Care and Hospice field and 2 years with Gateway Foundation.

Michelle is a member of the Carbondale, Marion and Mt. Vernon Chambers of Commerce. She is a member of the Williamson County Drug Task Force, The Jackson County Behavioral Health Action Team, Positive Youth Development Team for Jackson County, Mt. Vernon Area Community Collaboration Group, Jefferson County Drug Court Board, Franklin County Drug Court and MISA Group in Anna.

### **Wm. Brant Blackburn**

Brant Blackburn is originally from Southern Illinois and attended Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois from 1993-1995 working on a degree in Criminal Justice. In the Fall of 1996, Blackburn transferred to West Chester University in Pennsylvania where Blackburn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 1999. During his studies at West Chester, Blackburn did a summer internship with the United States Secret Service where Blackburn learned a passion for investigations.

Blackburn began his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office in February of 2000. During that time, Blackburn worked meth and crack cocaine conspiracy cases on both the State and Federal levels.

In February of 2002, Blackburn was hired as a Cadet by the Illinois State Police where he attended the Illinois State Police Academy. After graduating the Academy as a Trooper, Blackburn was assigned to District 12 (Effingham) Patrol. During that assignment, Blackburn continued to work meth and other drug related cases.

In January 2006, Blackburn was assigned as an Agent to the Illinois State Police Zone 7 Meth Response Team, Du Quoin, Illinois. The Zone 7 Meth Response Team that is tasked with covering a 31 county radius handling meth lab dismantlement and processing for State and Local law enforcement. The Zone 7 Meth Response Team also works their own meth investigations working with local and federal law enforcement. During that assignment, Blackburn attended Basic Clandestine Lab, Site Safety Officer and Advanced Tactical Clandestine Lab schools at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Academy in Quantico, Virginia. While at the DEA academy, Blackburn also taught a block of instruction regarding Shake and Bake (one pot) meth labs.

In 2014, Agent Blackburn became a member of the Illinois State Police Region 4 Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT) and is an FBI certified Crisis Negotiator.

Currently Agent Blackburn is assigned to the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force working narcotic cases on both state and Federal levels and assists local Police Agencies with narcotic investigations. Blackburn also does drug trends and safety presentations for community groups, fire/EMS personnel and other law enforcement agencies.

### **Calvin Brown**

Calvin Brown is twenty plus year veteran of law enforcement, the last sixteen (16) of which have been with the Illinois State Police (ISP). Currently, he is a Lieutenant serving as ISP Zone 6 Investigation's Narcotics Commander. In Lieutenant Brown's daily duties, he oversees all narcotics and proactive investigative units within Zone 6, which encompasses ten counties in Southwestern Illinois bordering Missouri. Lieutenant Brown has been with the ISP since June of 2001, working patrol in both District Chicago and District 11 (Metro-East). Both which present some of the most metropolitan, challenging and busiest areas served by the state police. Lieutenant Brown has spent a great deal of his ISP career in an investigative capacity, working as a case agent in both Zone 1 (Des Plaines) and Zone 6 (Collinsville). While in investigations he has worked in various units to include Gangs, Guns, General Criminal, Homicide, Methamphetamine Response, and Intelligence. He also served as a staff officer to the ISP's Intelligence Command for approximately a year and a half. Before returning to Zone 6, Lieutenant Brown was the Assistant Center Chief for the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center or STIC. Before joining the ISP, Lieutenant Brown was a deputy sheriff with the Jackson County Illinois Sheriff's Department for approximately four years. At Jackson County, he worked both patrol and in investigations before leaving in 2001 for the ISP.

### **Matthew Brown**

Dr. Matthew Brown is a physician, psychiatrist and thought leader in the area of mental health technology. He is double board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, holds an MBA in healthcare leadership, and prides giving back to the community via public

education and his work with nonprofit organizations. Dr. Brown is also an accomplished author and presenter having been published in peer reviewed journals and book chapters. He has presented at conferences worldwide on the topics of trauma, attachment, and the role of psychedelic substances as medicine. He has an outpatient private practice in Evanston, IL.

#### **\*Matt Buckman**

Dr. Matt Buckman is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director at Egyptian Public & Mental Health Department. He also serves in various part-time leadership and consultation roles. He is the Clinical Consultant to Saluki on Your Side - a trauma informed campus suicide prevention program at SIU, Co-PI for the Trauma Based Behavioral Health Fellowship at the Center for Rural Health & Social Services Development within the SIU School of Medicine, Co-PI for the Southern Illinois Violence Prevention Project at the Illinois Association of Juvenile Justice Councils, and Co-PI for the Health Service Psychologist Committed to Serving Rural and Traumatized Youth Project at the APA-Accredited Illinois School Psychology Internship Consortium. Throughout his activities, he provides supervision, consultation, and training as well as direct services to children, teens, families, and young adults to help improve a variety of emotional and behavioral health issues. He has worked in various schools, medical, and clinical settings with a specialization in childhood trauma and certifications in Early Intervention, Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, and Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics. He has extensive experience working with victims of abuse and their families as they recover and heal from significant adversities and considers his work in this area to be his calling in life.

#### **Bradley Bullock**

Bradley Bullock CAD/C MISA1 is an Administrator for TASC, covering courts services programs in the 1st and 2nd Circuit and Corrections programming for Southern Illinois. He sits on many community-based committees and is a strong advocate for justice involved individuals throughout Illinois. Bradley has presented at conferences throughout the state addressing substance abuse and mental health professionals, teachers, and criminal justice professionals. Bradley's history includes growing up in a troubled family, repeated arrests, incarcerations, and a history of co-occurring disorders. Bradley is in long term recovery and changed his life 29 years ago with help from TASC where he was a client.

#### **S. Scott Collier**

Diversion Program Manager

The St. Louis Division Diversion Control Program is comprised of three Diversion Groups in St. Louis, Kansas City and Des Moines as well as three Tactical Diversion Squads located in St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. These groups conduct their investigations throughout Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Southern Illinois. DPM Collier was assigned to St. Louis in 2006 where he is responsible for overseeing and coordinating major investigations;

regulating and maintaining liaison with the pharmaceutical industry; as well as maintaining liaison with state regulatory boards, federal agencies, and with state and local law enforcement agencies.

Prior to his arrival in St. Louis, Mr. Collier served over five years at DEA headquarters on the Administrator's Policy & Advisory Staff. In addition, Mr. Collier served as Chief of the Dangerous Drugs & Chemicals Section from 2002-2005 where he ran DEA's clandestine lab program and represented DEA in international conferences sponsored by foreign law enforcement and regulatory agencies and with international organizations such as the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).

Mr. Collier joined DEA in 1986 and was assigned to the Hartford RO of the New England Division (1986-1991). Mr. Collier has also been assigned to the Denver Division Office (1991-2000) and DEA Headquarters (2000-2005).

Mr. Collier has lectured on drug abuse and law enforcement efforts to curtail drug trafficking across the country and at international forums hosted by individual countries and the United Nations. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Washington State University in 1985.

#### **\*Jonathan Edwards**

Master Sergeant Jonathan Edwards began his career with the Illinois State Police as Trooper assigned to District 12 (Effingham) Patrol. During the majority of his time in District 12, Jonathan was assigned to the Special Enforcement Team primarily focusing on interstate narcotics interdiction. In 2008, Jonathan was assigned to Zone 7 Investigations as a Special Agent with the Methamphetamine Response Team (MRT). He has served as a Special Agent in MRT, General Criminal / Violent Crime Investigations, and the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force (SIDTF). In 2012 Jonathan was promoted to Sergeant and assigned as a Field Supervisor for SIDTF. In 2016, Jonathan was promoted to Master Sergeant and assigned as the supervisor for General Criminal / Violent Crime Investigations, serving as the District 4 Commander of the Child Death Investigative Task Force (CDITF). In February 2017 Jonathan was appointed as the Director of SIDTF. The SIDTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force that conducts narcotics investigations and promotes drug awareness/deterrent efforts in Illinois State Police Districts 13 (DuQuoin), 19 (Carmi), and 22 (Ullin) encompassing 21 counties in Southern Illinois. He has served on the advisory board for the Franklin-Williamson Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and is a past President of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). Jonathan is a member Executive Board for the Illinois MEG Directors and Task Force Commanders Association, a member of the Illinois State Police Command Officers Association, the Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association, the Illinois Tactical Officers Association, and the Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association. Jonathan is a 2002 graduate of the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

### **Kimberly Evans**

Kimberly Evans is a Prevention Specialist with Centerstone of Illinois. She works with the youth in Jackson County schools, facilitating the Substance Abuse Prevention Programs Project Alert and Toward No More Drugs, delivering awareness about drugs and alcohol and how they can have a long lasting negative impact on their lives. Kimberly believes that if the youth are properly educated and told the truth about the dangers of drugs and alcohol at a young age, they will be equipped to make better choices if they are faced with the pressure of indulging in the activity. She also believes that it is the responsibility of the adults in their lives to impart this knowledge, not only the parents. Kimberly has landed careers in the educational field serving and working with our youth in the Chicago Public Schools for a combination of 15 years. She began her career working as a paraprofessional and as a mentor to a group of female students of whom she remains in contact with today. She was influenced to earn her degree, which allowed her to go further with her passion of helping others. She joined the Chicago Police Department where she able to serve her community, but resigned after 9 years to continue with her passion of serving our youth within the educational system.

Kimberly is a trained Youth Intervention Specialist and has received her training as she worked with Chicago Public Schools, under the direction of The Academy of Urban School Leadership (AUSL) in Chicago, Illinois. She has received certificates of recognition for her dedication to service.

Kimberly holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Social Work from Chicago State University. She is currently seeking her Master's Degree in Social Work which she hopes will open up additional opportunities to serve our youth.

### **Thomas Kadela**

Thomas works for the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Marion, Illinois VA Hospital. He is the Training Director for Behavioral Medicine and responsible for Specialty Clinical Programs. Dr. Kadela is a nationally known speaker in the area of mental health and on faculty at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

### **Kanza Kaleem**

Kanza Kaleem began her employment at Ieso Medical Cannabis Cultivation in September 2016. While pursuing her Bachelor's degree in chemistry at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Kaleem also dedicates her time to research and product development at Ieso. In addition to her focus on R & D, she also takes part in the extraction and purification of plant extracts, as well as the formulation of medicinal products. Kaleem has a broad range of technical experience in both industrial and research-based lab work. Prior to her endeavors in the cannabis industry, Kaleem participated in several outreach programs such as the Southern Illinois Youth Science Fair, Carbondale Science Center Youth Outreach Program, and Adopt-A-Spot. She also spent time abroad in Pakistan with the Ministry of National Health Services, educating people on several aspects of public health. Her passion for science bridges over into her personal hobbies as she enjoys at-home beer brewing, essential oil distillation, and creating several types of bath products.

## Joseph Moyers

Agent Joseph Moyers began his career in law enforcement as a police officer in 2006. Joseph was assigned to the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force (SIDTF) in 2012. Joe has been the lead agent and participated in many complex narcotics cases including “Operation King Pencil” involving members of “Los Caballeros Templarios” Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization (formerly “La Familia Michoacán”) and the notorious Surrenos Street Gang. Joe has participated in numerous undercover operations and is often sought after for his work in this area. During his time with the SIDTF, Joe has developed an interest in the connection between illegal narcotics trafficking and human trafficking. Joe dedicates a great deal of time to the study of drug abuse and addiction as it relates to human trafficking. Joe has received numerous awards from the Illinois MEG Directors and Task Force Commanders Association and is a recipient of the Illinois State Police Directors Award for Distinction. Joe is a 2006 graduate of the Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

## Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch

Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch earned her M.A. in Counseling and Psychological Services from Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, and a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University. While at Roosevelt, she provided research support, report co-authorship, and event planning and coordination for the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy. Her interests in drug education, access to treatment, and harm reduction policy and practice have led her to the provision of counseling and harm reduction services to college students, a predoctoral internship at a local public health department, and a postdoctoral fellowship in a small private agency. Additionally, Vilmarie has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology and substance use disorder treatment. Vilmarie is currently the Drug Education Manager at Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and the Manager of Training and Technical Assistance for Heartland Alliance’s Center for Systems Change, where she organizes and develops professional training on integrated mental health and substance use treatment for state-funded substance use disorder treatment providers.

## Travis Neal

Travis Neal is a scientist and extraction specialist at Ieso, LLC Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center. The focus of his work at Ieso is to create clean products and provide safe medicine to the patients of Illinois. Travis takes part in the extraction and purification of plant extracts, as well as the formulation of medicinal products. He is a trained botanist at Southern Illinois University Carbondale with focus in ecology and environmental studies. Research and education have been a focus throughout pursuit of his advanced degree. Travis earned his Bachelor’s degree in plant biology in 2014 with a minor in chemistry; he continued on to graduate studies and received his Master’s degree in May 2017. He was the manager for the Noyce program, which is a National Science Foundation-funded grant. During this experience, he supported the endeavors of educators in impoverished areas across Southern Illinois, aiding them to become better scientists. Prior to his experiences in the cannabis industry, Travis



earned the rank of Eagle with participation in Boy Scouts of America. He continues to advance his passion for botanical studies by applying his knowledge to the cannabis industry.

### **Aaron Newcomb**

Dr. Aaron Newcomb is board certified in Family Medicine with subspecialty certification as a Fellow of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. He is the only addiction credentialed doctor in Southern Illinois. His medical degree comes from A.T. Still University medical school in Kirksville, MO. He is a local graduate of the SIU Family Medicine Residency program and has worked solely with Shawnee Health Services a local community health center in Carbondale since becoming a doctor in 2008. Dr. Newcomb pioneered development of an office-based opiate treatment program in 2011 and has been treating patients continuously since that time with buprenorphine for medication-assisted treatment. Dr. Newcomb is an advocate for addiction treatment and has provided hands-on training for medical students as a volunteer faculty member of SIU Medical School and A.T. Still University. He has also provided presentations on addiction, the opioid epidemic and medication-assisted treatment at various medical and community venues in the area since 2011.

### **Julie Owens**

Julie Owens is a Prevention Specialist who works for Centerstone providing both high schools and middle schools in Williamson County with prevention education. Julie believes that effective approaches to school-based drug and alcohol prevention include; teaching students how to resist peer influences, cultivating life skills, involving families, and providing opportunities to become involved in positive experiences with others in the school and community. Julie has spent several years working in the prevention and education field within the region. Julie holds a Masters in the Art of Teaching from Southern Illinois University.

### **Robert Riley II**

Robert Riley II, CRADC, serves as an Addiction Counselor for the Clayton Behavioral Addiction Medicine Center and leads the CB Addiction Education and Community Outreach program. Robert leads addiction recovery groups and provides one-on-one addiction counseling for clients at Clayton Behavioral. He develops structure and strategy for Addiction Education outreach programs in schools and communities, which range from simple presentations to half-day and full-day programs. Robert is the Co-founder of the Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery and the Missouri SAFE Project (Syringe Access for Everyone) and Rebel Recovery with an outreach center in Florida. Since 2012 he has been instrumental in advocating for change in state and national public policy to address the opiate epidemic. Robert has been recognized as a “recovery activist” and honored by multiple organizations for his educational and advocacy efforts in the treatment of addiction. He was instrumental in advocacy that supported the successful 2014 passage of HB 2040 in Missouri, allowing all first

responders to administer Narcan® to overdose victims. He also successfully advocated for passage of HB 1568 that allowed 3<sup>rd</sup> party access to naloxone at all pharmacies in the State of Missouri. In 2016 he partnered with civic leaders and successfully passed local ordinances in St. Louis City and County that established a prescription data monitoring program. His organization was instrumental in getting a local ordinance in Saint Louis City for the 911 Good Samaritan that provided limited immunity for someone reporting a medical emergency of a drug related overdose. He received the Next Step scholarship for individuals active in recovery, was nominated for the 2015 Vernon Johnson Award—Faces and Voices of Recovery Organization and he received the 2015 EXMAD Award from Manasseh Ministry honoring former offenders making a difference in their communities.

### **Ami Ruffing**

Dr. Ruffing supervises scientific research compliance, chemical and biological safety, and hazardous waste disposal at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She is also the Chief Science Officer at Ieso, LLC, a Southern Illinois medical cannabis cultivation facility.

### **Chad Sabora**

Chad Sabora is the co-founder and executive director of the Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery. He received his undergraduate and graduate education in psychology and political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He then received his Juris Doctorate at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, IL. Upon completion of Law School, he began employment as a prosecutor for Cook County, IL. Chad worked in various positions as a prosecutor; child support enforcement, abuse and neglect of minors, and juvenile delinquency. During his time as a clerk at the same office in law school he worked in the gang's unit, felony court, and special prosecutions. He also held several internships in law school that mainly focused on criminal and civil procedure.

Chad is also a person in long term recovery from substance use disorder and due to his unique experience as a prosecutor and former heroin addict, he left the legal field to pursue drug policy reform advocacy. He helped form The Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery (Mo Network) in 2013. Since its formation Mo Network has helped to write, lobby, and pass numerous pieces of legislation in Missouri; first responder access to narcan, third party and OTC access to narcan, 911 Good Samaritan Immunity in Missouri, and access to medication assisted treatment in treatment, veterans, mental health, and family court.

Chad has been the focus of stand-alone episodes of the show Drug Wars on Fusion, and was part of an Emmy award winning episode of NBC news with Brian Williams, and he has also been an expert correspondent on CNN and MSNBC. He also sits as president of Rebel Recovery Florida another not for profit he co-founded and is on the board of directors for Discovery Institute for Addictive Disorders in Marlboro, New Jersey.

### **\*Mark Sanders**

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC, is an international speaker in the addictions and mental health fields whose presentations have reached thousands throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands. He is co-author of *Recovery Management* and author of *Relationship Detox: How to Have Healthy Relationships in Recovery*. His most recent book is entitled, *Slipping through the Cracks: Intervention Strategies for Clients with Multiple Addictions and Disorders*. He is a lecturer at the University of Chicago.

### **Steven St. Julian**

Steven St. Julian is a native of southern Illinois. Steven is currently the HIV Prevention, Outreach and Adherence Coordinator for the Southern Illinois HIV CARE Consortium, after having served 5 years as Illinois' first HIV+ Consortium Director. After attending University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University, Stephen went on to complete his J.D at Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. Since the first appearance of HIV/ AIDS in 1981, Steven has actively served those infected or impacted by this disease. A 20-year member of Illinois' state committees addressing HIV Care and Prevention. Further recognition in his field includes being named "Outstanding HIV Advocate" in 2007, and honored again in 2010 with the "Sustained HIV/STD Leadership" award. Steven's most recent work has centered on better serving incarcerated and/or newly-released individuals. This most recent focus resulted from Steven serving on a team who spearheaded "The Prison to Community Transition Project". The project is a comprehensive program connecting individuals recently released from incarceration to a variety of needed services. Due to its pilot success, it won national recognition and is now being replicated statewide.

### **\*Keynote Sessions and Speakers**