

**NARPA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE for Oct. 1-4, 2008**  
**as of September 27, 2008**

**Wednesday, October 1** – AT&T Conference Center – Conference Room 301

3 p.m.                      NARPA Board Meeting

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.        Reception with Welcome by Bill Stewart, President  
Tribute to Institutionalized Musicians – Live Music

**Thursday, October 2** – All activities here forward at UT Thompson Conference Center

7:30 a.m.                Breakfast set up

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.    Keynote – Cathy Penney of *Dante's Cure* and her story as mental health professional and former patient

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.    Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.    Workshops

1. NARPA 101

Bill Stewart and Tom Behrendt

History and Basics of NARPA

2. Stefan Kruszewski

Lessons learned from specific atypical antipsychotics and anticonvulsants used in psychiatric treatment: Zyprexa, Risperdal and Neurontin

3. Jennifer Mathis

The Right to Vote: What People with Psychiatric Disabilities Need to Know

4. Cathy Penney

Navigating the waters of working in the service delivery systems of care without sacrificing the basic principles of empowerment, recovery, and healing, as viewed from the clinician, ex-patient's point of view.

11:45 – 12:30        Box Lunch, scattered seating, a chance to network

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Keynote – Dr. Stefan Kruszewski

The Misuse of Evidence-based Psychopharmaceutical Research Places Children and Adults in Harm's Way.

1:30 – 3 p.m. Workshops

1. Darby Penney & Dorothy Dundas

The Healing Power of Telling our Stories: The Importance of Genuine Listeners

To overcome our interrupted stories and re-construct a new narrative, each of us must discern what is uniquely our story, our perception, and understand that as separate from the story the system tells us about ourselves. The important roles that peers, lawyers and mental health professionals can play in this narrative process will be addressed.

2. Pat Risser

Sticks and Stones May Break Bones But Words Can Really Hurt!

We believe that our human rights movement must keep its focus on how we treat and are treated as "less than" by the mental illness system and society. This workshop will discuss this phenomena and how to retain that focus.

3. Brian East

Major Issues in Employment Discrimination

How to Get ADA Protection, and How to Get Accommodations at Work

4. Jim Gottstein

Psych Rights' Do-It-Yourself Forced Drugging Defense Package

People faced with forced drugging proceedings usually get completely unsatisfactory representation. This workshop provides practical legal information and shows individuals how to contest forced drugging themselves.

3 – 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 – 4:45 Workshops

1. Daniel Mackler

"Take These Broken Wings," a feature-length documentary

film, challenges the conventional wisdom schizophrenia is a lifelong, incurable brain disorder treatable only with antipsychotic drugs. The film centers around the lives of two women who recovered from severe schizophrenia

2. Mark Joyce

Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in Guardianship Hearings

This workshop which will focus on the pleadings and depositions in two ineffective assistance of counsel cases. With an updated Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus with memo law and proposed order as an example. Excerpts from the deposition of two lawyers.

3. Ann Rider and Kirsten Weiss

Trauma and Healing: The Relationship Between Trauma and Mental Illness

Trauma affects many individuals labeled "mentally ill." What were once helpful coping skills have become disruptive behaviors in daily life that have led to a diagnosis of mental illness. Teaching people to understand the impacts of trauma can allow them to heal from their experiences without shame.

4. Dan Hazen & Lauren Tenney –

Murder-By-Neglect: We the People Seizing Tragedy for Change

The death of Esmin Elizabeth Green and the story of how advocates have organized to address the circumstances surrounding her death.

**Friday, October 3**

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| 7:30 a.m.          | Breakfast setup   |
| 9 – 10 a.m.        | Keynote – Michael Perlin<br>International Issues and Rights |
| 10 – 10:15 a.m.    | Break   |
| 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. | Workshops   |

1. Emmett Dwyer

Children's Education Rights – Local parents and children will also attend.

2. Ann Rider

Narrative Theory: An Empowering Alternative to Medical Model Services

3. Michael Perlin

There Are No Trials Inside the Gates of Eden

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. Keynote - Latino Activists Panel

Plated Lunch - Buffet

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Workshops

1. Peer Advocacy Panel

"Peer Advocacy: Successes and Challenges" - Becky Garrett, Amy Pierce, Eric Blumberg -

As states continue to progress towards reimbursing Peer Advocates for a variety of services, there have been successes and new challenges. This discussion will highlight achievements as well as the need to plan for unanticipated issues.

2. John Gresham –

Significant Legal Issues

3. Ira Burnim -

ADA and A New Administration & Public Policy

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 – 4:15 p.m. Workshops

1. Juvenile Justice Panel

Texas Youth Commission: Effective Legal Strategies for Incarcerated Youth" - Beth Mitchell, Bob Fleischner

Incarcerated youth are often characterized as having various disabilities. Discussion of specific cases and outcomes.

2. Films as Advocacy

Marj Berthold, Laura Ziegler, and Darby Penney.

Two films will be shown, with following discussion about the use of film for advocacy outcomes.

3. Dennis Feld and Arthur Baer

Involuntary Outpatient Commitment –

Important Issues and Legal Rights Surrounding IOC

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Susan Stefan – Legal Update 2008

This workshop will provide an overview of recent Congressional legislation—the ADA Restoration Act and the Mental Health Parity Act—as well as discussing leading mental health law and ADA cases of the last year. The discussion will center on potentially successful areas of litigation in the coming year, important legal issues that remain to be resolved, and the kinds of argument that are likely to be persuasive with courts at this time.

**Saturday, October 4**

9 – 10:30 a.m. Workshops

1. Lauren DeWitt - Consent, rights issues

2. John Breeding

3. National Disability Rights Network

Responding to the Wall Street Journal Article "A Death in the Family" - Jane Hudson/ National Disability Rights Network - Violent incidents involving people with psychiatric histories are sometimes blamed on "rights." Presentation and discussion of strategies for responding

4. TBA

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – Noon NARPA Business Meeting & Closing

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