

WV's Spark Symposium

Hotel Morgan | Morgantown, WV

Wednesday, October 16

7:30 – 8:00 AM: Registration (WVPS staff member, WVHIAA Executive Assistant)

8:00 – 8:10 AM: Welcome and the Day Ahead, Mary Newlyn (West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc.)

8:10 – 8:25 AM: Greeting to the Region, Jonnie Kifer (WV Prevention Solutions, Mon County Prevention Coalition)

8:25 – 9:55 AM: Presentation - Wearable Technology and Remote Patient Monitoring for SUD/Mental Health, Raj Masih (Potomac Highlands Guild, Inc.), Jostin Holmes (WV Office of Drug Control Policy)

10:00 – 10:45 AM: Panel – Developing an Overdose Alert System

Moderator: Elizabeth Shahan (WV Prevention Solutions)

Panelists: Stephanie Stout (Board Member of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., Region 2 - Berkeley County Recovery Resource Center), Dara Pond (Region 1 - Youth Services System, Inc.)

10:45 – 11:00 AM: Break/Networking

11:00 AM – Noon: Breakout Sessions - Bridging Public Health and Safety in Communities

Option A: A Police, School, Community Partnership, Margaret Kursey (Board Member of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., The Martinsburg Initiative)

Option B: 988 & CIT in West Virginia, Hollis Lewis (First Choice Services), Chief Shawn Schwertfeger (Wheeling Police Department)

Noon: Grab Your Lunch

12:15 – 1:00 PM: Lunch Panel – Utilizing Community Coalitions as a Resource

Moderator: Barbie Masih (Potomac Highlands Guild, Inc.)

Panelists: Tina Persinger (Calhoun Family Resource Network), Dr. Anita Stewart (Nicholas Intervention Coalition), Josh Allen (Board Member of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., Bright Futures - Barbour County Coalition)

1:00 – 1:15 PM: Break/Networking



1:15 – 2:15 PM: Technical Workshop – Activism in Appalachia, Dr. Erin Carlson (WVU), Mary Newlyn (West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc.)

2:15 – 3:30 PM: Presentation – Bringing Harm Reduction into Acute Care Settings, Angie Gray (Chair of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., WVU Medicine Berkeley Medical Center)

3:30 – 3:45 PM: Break/Networking

3:45 – 4:45 PM: Presentation – Traumatic Brain Injury Toolkit, Jeremy Dixon (WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities - TBI Services)

4:45 – 5:00 PM: Closing, Margaret Kursey (Board Member of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., The Martinsburg Initiative)

Thursday, October 17

8:00 – 8:05 AM: Welcome and the Day Ahead, Josh Allen (Board Member of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., Bright Futures - Barbour County Coalition)

8:05 – 9:05 AM: Presentation - Substance Use Disorder Program for Youth, Alison Browning (Westbrook Health Services)

9:05 – 9:15 AM: Break/Networking

9:15 – 10:00 AM: Panel – Effective Strategies to Empower Marginalized Communities
Moderator: Mary Newlyn (West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc.)

Panelists: Kalyn Obiozor Dorey (West Virginia Community Development Hub), Sara Fincham (Shoulder to Shoulder), Lou Ortenzio (Celebrate Recovery and Healthy Harrison)

10:00 – 10:15 AM: Break/Networking

10:15 – 11:15 AM: Breakout Sessions – Overdose Prevention Initiatives

Option A: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder as Prevention (Regrounding Our Response WV), Christina Adkins (Pretera), Nicole Horton (Pretera), Lauren McGrew (Pretera)

Option B: Naloxone Mapping, Elizabeth Shahan (WV Prevention Solutions), Jill Poe (WV Prevention Solutions)

11:15 AM: Grab Your Lunch

11:30 – 12:15 PM: Lunch Panel – Innovation Gets the Grant

Moderator: Amy Snodgrass (Vice Chair of the West Virginia Hope in Action Alliance, Inc., WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health)



Panelists: Ruston Seaman (New Vision), JoAnna Vance (American Friends Service Committee), Patrick Landes (Community Education Group)

12:15– 12:30 PM: Break/Networking

12:30 – 1:30 PM: Breakout Sessions – Creative Youth Programming

Option A: Pathways to Youth Empowerment, Austin Persinger (Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery), Keigan Abel-Brown (Marshall University Center of Excellence for Recovery)

Option B: Teen Court, Diane Callison (Fayette County Teen Court)

1:30 – 1:45 PM: Break/Networking

1:45 – 2:45 PM: Presentation - Ripple Effect Map, Erin Hudnall (WVU Institute for Community and Rural Health)

2:45 – 3:00 PM: Closing, Jeremy Dixon (WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities - TBI Services)

