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Peer Technician Retreat

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**June 18, 2008
James J. Peters VA Medical Center
Bronx, New York**

Welcome

Speakers & Facilitators:

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Event Schedule

Morning

9:00-9:15	Welcome Melanie Nobile, LCSW
9:15-10:15	From Patient to Director Dan O'Brien-Mazza, MS
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	In Good Company: Newsmakers and notables throughout history with mental illness Bradley Sussner, Ph.D.
11:30-12:00	VISN: What is it anyway? Mara Davis, CSW

Noon

Lunch (on your own)

Afternoon

1:00-2:15	Breakout Groups
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:15	Ethics and Professionalism Bruce Levine, MD & John Tatarakis, MS
3:15-4:00	Panel Discussion/Questions