



Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System

VISN 3 Mental Health Care Line

and

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present

COURSE NO. 06.V3.MHREC.A

**Recovery in Action**

**September 28 - 29, 2006**

**Place:** Sheraton Parsippany  
199 Smith Road  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

**Purpose:** Educate mental health managers and other key staff on the principles and components of incorporating and developing a culture shift to a recovery philosophy of care in line with the national Mental Health action agenda for transforming mental health service delivery and the President's New Freedom Commission recommendations

**Outcome Objectives:** At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

1. explain the national and VISN goals for transforming mental health care delivery;
2. define the principles and components of a recovery philosophy of care; and
3. identify opportunities for system change

**Target Audience:** VISN 3 Mental Health Care Line psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, and Veteran Advisory Committee members.

**Accreditation/  
Approval:**

**Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)**

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## Program Schedule

### Thursday, September 28, 2006

9:00 a.m.	Registration / Continental Breakfast	
9:30	Introduction	<i>James Farsetta</i>
9:45	What is the VISN Vision?	<i>Michael Sabo</i>
10:00	Keynote Speaker	<i>Fred Frese</i>
10:45	Break	
11:00	National Mental Health Transition Plan	<i>Robert Gresen</i>
11:45	Working Lunch – NAMI Video	
1:00	Language Stigma and Recovery	<i>Kenneth Gill</i>
1:45	Break-out Focus Groups	<i>Maureen Kaune/Susan McMillian</i> <i>Dave Ruhland/Steve Konyha</i> <i>Felicity Laboy/Lloyd West</i> <i>Leon Green/Cheryl Davis</i> <i>Debbie Perlick/Donald Feldman</i> <i>Claire Henderson/Kevin Scott</i> <i>Risa Goldstein/John Kapferer</i>
3:00	Break	
3:15	Change Is Hard	<i>Miklos Losonczy</i>
3:45	Veteran Experience with Recovery	<i>Dave Johnson</i> <i>Steve Konyha</i>
4:15	Where Do We Go From Here?	<i>Michael Sabo</i>
4:45	Questions and Answers Evaluations	<i>Michael Sabo</i>
5:00	Adjourn	
5:15	Poster Presentations	
7:00	Recovery Meeting (Voluntary for Veteran Participants)	

**Program Schedule (continued)****Friday, September 29, 2006**

8:00	Sign-In Continental Breakfast	
8:30	Report of Focus Groups	<i>Bruce Levine</i>
8:50	VA Success Story	<i>Laurie Harkness</i>
9:30	How Do We Measure Change? MIRECC Panel	<i>Claire Henderson Bruce Levine Debbie Perlick</i>
10:00	Break	
10:15	Recovery In Action Facility Based Presentations:  Bronx – Supportive Employment HVHCS – CBT in Recovery NJHCS – Maverick NYHHCS – PTSD Mentor Program Northport – No Man Is An Island	<i>Radames Carlo Jennifer Schulkin John Kuhn Michael Kramer Margaret Rayne</i>
12:15	Moving Forward	<i>Michael Sabo</i>
12:30	Questions and Answers Evaluations	
12:45	Adjourn	

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**Deadline Date:** Completed applications are due at the Northport Employee Education Resource Center, on or before **September 15, 2006**. Information on participation may be obtained from Sue Tully, Project Manager, Northport Employee Education Resource Center, 79 Middleville Rd., Northport, New York 11768, phone 631-754-7914, ext. 7457 or Veronica Grooms at ext. 7246.

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