



# Moving Beyond Stigma

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017 | 8:00 am – 3:30 pm**  
**Back Bay Events Center, 180 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA**



- One in four Americans will develop a mental health problem or will misuse alcohol or drugs during their lifetime.
- More Americans now die every year from drug overdoses than in motor vehicle crashes. Yet 89 percent of individuals estimated to be in need of treatment for a substance use disorder do not receive services.
- Only 25 percent of people with a psychological condition feel that others are understanding or compassionate about their illness.
- Eight in 10 workers say shame and stigma prevent them from seeking treatment for their mental illness

Prejudicial beliefs and attitudes associated with mental and substance use disorders are significant barriers to care. The forum will cover institutional, public and personal stigma, elucidate the factors that influence negative perceptions of mental and substance use disorders, highlight the impact of stigma, and explore strategies for change. Panel discussions will include: community leaders sharing their personal journeys of stigma; first-responders; and business leaders. The forum will provide ample time for networking and interacting with individuals from various agencies and businesses that address stigma. The expected attendees to this conference include policymakers, academicians, business and community leaders, clinicians, families and first responders.

## Program Learning Objectives:

- To shift the conversation about mental and substance use disorders
- To mobilize support for those with substance use disorders and mental illness who are affected by stigma.

**MBS6 | 6 CE Credits | \$100**

**General Public, Other Professionals, Graduate Students, First Responders: Fire, Police, EMTs, Recovery Coaches | No CE Credits | FREE**

*Pre-registration is required and includes lunch.*

## The Conference Program

**8:00–8:20** *Introductory Remarks.* **David B. Herzog, MD**, Emeritus Professor, Harvard Medical School and Special Assistant to the President, William James College; **Martin J. Walsh**, Mayor of Boston

**8:25–8:50** *Society, Stigma, Shame and Substance Use Disorders.* **Gary Mendell, MBA**, Founder, Chairman and CEO, Shatterproof

**8:55–10:15** *Panel: Facing Stigma: Personal, Social and Institutional Journeys.* Moderator: **Callie Crossley**, TV and Radio Host Commentator. Panel: **Haner Hernández, PhD**, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University; **James O'Connell, MD**, President, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program; **John E. Rosenthal**, Co-Founder and Chair, Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative; **Marylou Sudders**, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services; **Sarah Wakeman, MD**, Medical Director, Substance Use Disorder Initiative, Massachusetts General Hospital

**10:15–10:45** Break

**10:45–11:25** *Addressing the Stigma of Behavioral Health: What Says the Dodo Bird?* **Patrick Corrigan, PsyD**, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Principal Investigator, Chicago Consortium for Stigma Research

**11:25–11:30** *Call to Action.* **Jennifer Edwards**, Director, US Developing Health, GE Foundation

**11:30–1:00** *Panel: Engaging the Business Community in a Conversation about Stigma.* Moderator: **Maria Cramer**, Reporter, Boston Globe Spotlight Team. Panel: **John Fish**, Chairman and CEO, Suffolk Construction Company; **Thomas P. Glynn, PhD**, Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport); **David Hurlburt, MBA**, Executive Producer, WCVB NewsCenter 5; **Ann Klee, JD**, President, GE Foundation; **Myechia Minter-Jordan, MD, MBA**, President and CEO, The Dimock Center

**1:00–2:00** Lunch

**2:00–3:25** *Panel: Breaking Stigma: First Responders at Work.* Moderator: **Monica Bharel, MD, MPH**, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Panel: **Thomas Davis, RPh**, Vice President, Professional Services, CVS/pharmacy; **Mike Duggan**, Certified Intervention Professional, Founder of Wicked Sober LLC; **Honorable Page Kelley, JD**, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts; **Sarah Mackin, MPH**, AHope Program Manager, Boston Public Health Commission; **Sergeant Michael Simoneau**, Falmouth Police Department

**3:25–3:30** *Closing Remarks.* **A. Kathryn Power, MEd**, Regional Administrator, Region One, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)