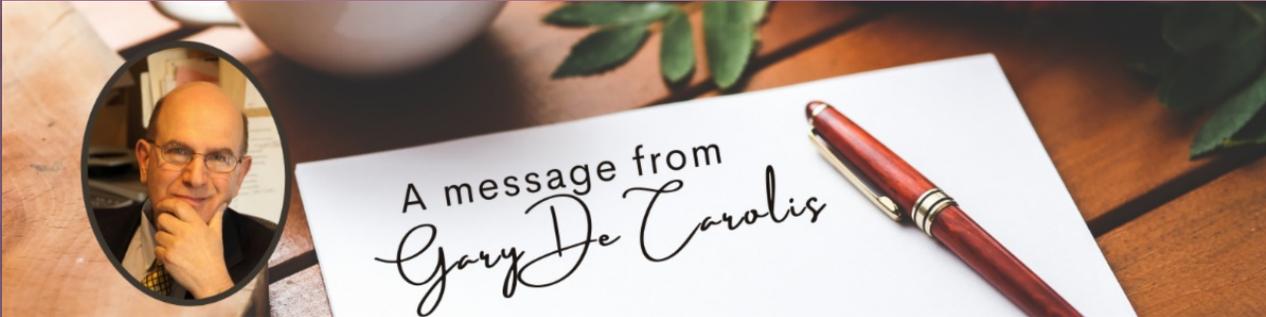




Promoting wellness for all who are
affected
by Substance or Alcohol Use
Disorders



February can be a tough month without a pandemic, but as everyone knows we do have a pandemic... a very tough time for all.

Cabin-fever starts to set in and hopes for warmer weather are still a few months away, but like maple sugaring the work of the **Recovery Partners of Vermont** quietly continues despite the cold weather and pandemic.

As you will see, we have some new officers of our board for the remainder of this fiscal year. Thank you, **Mike Johnson**, for your willingness to be our **Treasurer** and **Stephen Kline** for jumping into the **Vice-President** role. Both of you will compliment **Eric Maguire, Board President** and **Lee Larson, Board Secretary**. I also would like to announce our newest **Board Member, Nellie Stidham** who will be an At-Large member. Nellie joins the board with social marketing experience, and currently works as an Education & Outreach Research Assistant at the **Center on Rural Addiction, UVM**. Welcome aboard Nellie!!!

I also want to introduce the newest member of the Recovery Partners of Vermont: **Jenna's Promise, Johnson, VT. Dawn Tatro, Executive Director** and her husband have done nothing short of a miracle to pull together resources, and the recovery community to open a most dynamic recovery center. Also, it must be noted that the North Central Vermont Recovery Center in Hyde Park has been intimately involved in collaborating with the Tatro's to insure an optimal level of coordination between the two programs. Welcome Dawn and Jenna's Promise.

We are beginning to put together this past years **Annual Report**. The theme is **Innovation, Perseverance and Dedication**. Once COVID hit Vermont the recovery centers had to quickly pivot to remain the hub for all things recovery. Pivot they did with extensive outreach work, opening several satellite offices in their districts, using zoom and phone contacts to stay in touch with the thousands of guests that use their services. The scores of recovery center staff who do this work with benefit packages that are a fraction of what McDonald's can offer their staff are simply amazing. In fact, because of low wages and minimal benefits many of the member recovery centers have had almost a 100% turnover during the pandemic. But because of how important it is for someone in recovery to help another entering recovery the work goes on, the doors remain open, and hundreds of lives are saved.

Thank you to each and every recovery center staff members for all that you do. We are all so grateful for your work.

Lastly, we will soon launch this years **Peer Standard Review** for member agencies. This process is so important to ensure that the quality of services and supports meets a set of standards set by the recovery centers themselves.

Board Officers Announced



Eric Maguire
PRESIDENT

Stephen Kline
VICE PRESIDENT

Michael Johnson
TREASURER

Lee Larson
SECRETARY

Fundraising Update

Thank You

We celebrate announcing that our holiday appeal and newsletter raised over \$6,500.

Over \$3,300 went to our member recovery centers.

These unrestricted funds allow each center to enhance the experiences of those they serve, continuing to implement the innovative programming and schedule of services each community needs to realize a unified goal – a *thriving recovery community!*

Recovery News In Vermont

Addiction Recovery Channel featuring Ed Baker



Here is the Addiction Recovery Channel's interview for February 2022. Please take some

time to watch this interview, and share the link with others, both within and

"Opioids, Stimulants and Overdose Death: The Evidence In Favor Of Overdose Prevention Sites"

Host, Ed Baker, and his distinguished guest, Dr. Richard Rawson, will discuss the overwhelming tsunami of drug overdose fatality in America and Vermont. The tragic facts in Vermont will be focused upon closely, as will Vermont's responses in terms of policy and interventions over the course of this epidemic. Special focus will be placed on the life saving potential of Overdose

outside our field.

Prevention Sites and the need to immediately implement these in Vermont.

[Video Here](#)

VSECU Members Can Help with One Vote!

Anyone who is a member of a VSECU can VOTE for Recovery Partners of Vermont (Vermont Recovery Network) to share in a grant totally \$50,000!!

Thank you!

We are honored for this opportunity!

[Voting Link Here](#)



Professional Development Opportunities

Grief & Loss Centers of America National Webinar March 3rd 1p or 6p sessions

The COVID-19 pandemic created a health crisis that produced a worldwide wave of grief and loss that this modern world has never encountered before nor was it equipped to manage.

This webinar is designed to equip both the provider as well as the person who has experienced grief themselves. The webinar is made available to all as a part of our commitment to the community during a national crisis.

[More information & registration link here](#)

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- This webinar will provide the person experiencing grief and loss with culturally responsive and effective resources to support them during their time of loss.
- This webinar will offer providers free CEUs through NBCC while providing timely resources to support them as they answer the call to support the countless number of people who are experiencing grief and loss.

JOIN OUR NATIONAL WEBINAR!

Sign up for our National Webinar to celebrate the launch of the Grief and Loss mobile platform. Registration is free.

2 WEBINARS AVAILABLE

MARCH 3RD 1-2PM ET
MARCH 3RD 6-7PM ET

REGISTER TODAY BY GOING TO
<https://griefandlosswebinar.eventbrite.com>
OR SCANNING THE QR CODE



Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Community of Practice for Supervisors of PRSS:

Building Connection Using the 5 Critical Functions of Supervision Facilitated by Jonathan Edwards

[More information & registration link here](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Turning Point of Windham County:

Full-Time **Executive Director**

Turning Point of Windham County (TPWC) is a peer-led community recovery center that offers robust services at our safe, friendly, and substance-free environment as well as out in the community and at partner locations. We connect with people wherever they are. We support people in or seeking recovery or in some way trying to change their relationship with substances; we also support their families and friends. We offer peer-recovery support, social and artistic activities, recovery coaching, volunteer opportunities, and education. Our mission is connecting in compassion, dignity, and recovery.

We're seeking an Executive Director who is passionate about helping guide and direct programs that help individuals with substance use disorder, promote well-being and self-discovery, and provide an environment for connection and inspiration. The ideal ED will seek to provide and share leadership with a tight-knit team of innovative and compassionate individuals, be respectful of and desire to work with individuals living with substance-use disorders, and be excited to work with diverse partners and collaborators.

Preferred Skills, Qualifications, Values:

Commitment to ensuring TPWC is a safe, inclusive, and participatory environment where all voices are represented

Lived experience with recovery or substance-use disorder (direct personal experience or as a family member); knowledge of peer support values and philosophy

Knowledge of substance-use disorder, the recovery process, and harm-reduction approaches,, understanding of individualized needs and supportive of a variety of approaches

Believes in and teaches peer-support models by example and instruction

Able to supervise and oversee personnel in a fair and compassionate way, relying on recovery values and invested in workforce development

Experience developing a comprehensive budget, managing finances, and ensuring financial sustainability

Familiarity with social service agencies that serve the Windham County area

Exemplary written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills

Familiarity with trauma-informed practices and restorative-justice approaches

Responsibilities:

Leadership: Inform, engage, and work with the Board of Directors on strategic planning, foster effective teamwork, advocate and inspire as TPWC leader, establish collaborative relationships with community groups and partners, funding sources, and other organizations

Financial Planning and Management: Work with board to develop a comprehensive budget, manage budget, ensure bookkeeping and accounting procedures are followed

Operations Management: Implement and oversee an operational plan while fostering cooperation and efficiency; ensure policies and procedures are comprehensive and reflective of values; supervise leadership team; determine staffing requirements

Compliance: Maintain compliance with legal, financial, and contractual requirements; meet the Vermont Recovery Network peer-recovery program standards

Funding: Research, develop, and maintain adequate funding needed to realize the organization's mission

Requirements:

College degree or extensive experience working in social services or related field
At least two years of management and supervisory experience
Previous experience and demonstrated success with fundraising, grant writing, management, and procurement, data management, and financial management
Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs
Able to work occasional evenings and weekends for events and trainings
Reliable transportation and a valid license; comprehensive insurance is required
Benefits: Compensation for this position includes salary from \$60,000. Benefits include an insurance allowance as well as paid time off, including sick, vacation, and holidays. TPWC emphasizes the importance of self-care and a balanced life for our employees. Relocation expense reimbursement is available up to \$2,000, and out-of-state candidates may be eligible for Vermont's relocation reimbursement up to \$7,500.

Please send a cover letter and resume to tpwc.1@hotmail.com before April 1, 2022. Open until filled; resume reviews and interviewing are in process.

*Note that references and documentation of successful fundraising (such as appeal letter and grant proposal) will be requested during the interview process.

Turning Point of Windham County is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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