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



A message from
Gary De Carolis



The member recovery centers, and recovery communities are doing an amazing job of supporting those that they connect with day after day in the midst of the worst overdose death crisis we have ever faced as a state and nation. They do this work with professionalism, grace and the knowledge that peer support is a powerful antidote to helping people reach and sustain recovery. That said, *the executive directors and their boards are responsible for running and managing a 501C3 federally recognized non-profit.* No easy task to be sure.

This past month we just added a layer of support to the business of running a non-profit agency by contracting with **Sarah Karnes, a Senior Human Resources Specialist.** Sarah brings over a decade in the Human Resources field and will be immediately available to all member executive directors for support and consultation. Sarah represents yet another step forward in moving our work to be world class peer support for all those who have an alcohol/substance use disorder and their families. Stay tuned more to come!!

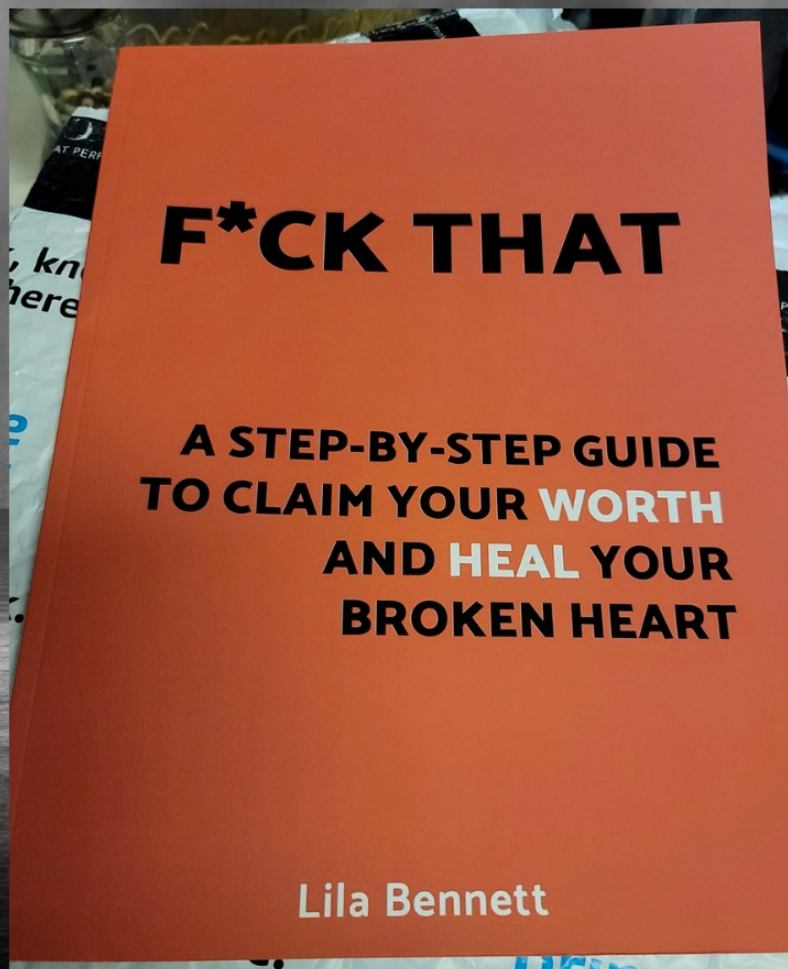
In the meantime, if you know someone who is working in our recovery centers/recovery communities take a second to **thank them for all they do!**

And for all of you that do work in one of our recovery centers and recovery communities a huge thank you for all you do for your fellow Vermonters. **You** are what makes Vermont special even in these tough times.

Spotlight Special

Cheers

TO THE LILA BENNETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT
JOURNEY TO RECOVERY
CENTER IN NEWPORT, ON THE
PUBLICATION OF HER FIRST
BOOK AND BLOGSITE.



Money Matters with Carrie Becker



Money Matters by *Carrie Becker*

Welcome to our latest RPV newsletter feature!
This section will provide helpful information that supports your efforts to fund existing and new projects that promote successful recovery.

“Fundraising” versus “Development”

Although nonprofit staff and leaders commonly use the term ‘fundraising’ to cover all activities that bring in funding, there’s an important difference between these terms.

‘Fundraising’ refers to asking for money, often a small amount, for short-term activities or events. There is a (often one-time) transaction of money exchanged for an item, whether an event, raffle-ticket, or appeal letter.

‘Development’ activities, on the other hand, refer to longer-term strategies to create and sustain important relationships that help support the very mission of your organization.

Applying for grants to private or government funders involves a relationship, with funders ‘buying into’ your very mission, often requesting reports

to show how their money is being used.

Fundraising and Development activities may at times overlap. It’s very important to personally acknowledge and thank those who contribute to all of your fundraising strategies, as their support could well develop into a longer-term relationship with your organization!

(Next month: “The Art of the “Ask”)

Gratitude Corner

*We wish to thank the
following for their
financial support:*

Senator Bernie Sanders & Staff

Hoehle Family Foundation

**We Care 2! Vermont State
Employees Credit Union**

**Fountain Fund - Vermont
Community Foundation,
Advisor: Patricia M. Fontaine**



Professional Development Opportunities

SAVE *the* DATE

RECOVERY IS THE ANSWER!
PEER SUPPORT IS THE WAY

Tuesday, October 18
Killington Grand Hotel

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OF RECOVERY

FROM THE ROOTS TO THE ROOF:

Addressing Needs for Equitable
and Attainable Housing for the
Recovery Community.

Join us as we seek to get a better understanding of how we can advocate for the needs of not only the recovery community, but all communities in need of representation for fair, just, and equitable housing. Together, we can challenge housing inequities and learn how to address them.

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APRIL 14

6:00 PM EST TO 7:30 PM EST

How to Start Using Data and Build an Evaluation Culture

April 26, 2022 | 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Fee: \$15 with discount code "VERMONT"

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-start-using-data-and-build-an-evaluation-culture-tickets-296746054437>

About this event

Please join us for an interactive workshop to learn how you can apply simple evaluation techniques in your organization that truly support your work while giving those who want to see your data what they need. This workshop will walk you through how to take simple steps to incorporate evaluation into your work in a way that is easy and integrated into your everyday. You will learn how to use what you already know and are already doing to learn more about your work, do it better, and communicate your impact. These skills will not only help you have a better understanding of your own work and impact but will help you translate what you learn into language that will resonate with existing funders, potential donors, and your community.

Key Takeaways:

- Understand the role evaluation plays in your organization
- Tools to easily start to integrate evaluation in everyday work
- Learn how to take a step back from your work to understand impact, make decisions, and improve processes

This workshop will be presented by Allison Shurilla, Founder and Lead Consultant, AS Community Consulting.



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