

# AGENDA

- 8:30 am**      **Registration, Networking, Poster Session, Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am**      **Welcome**  
**Shereef Elnahal**, MD, MBA, Commissioner  
**Dennis Romero**, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Regional Administrator
- 9:25 am**      **Keynote Address**  
**David Nash**, MD, Founding Dean of the Jefferson College of Population Health (JCPH)
- 10:20 am**      **Integrated Approaches to Combatting the Opioid Crisis**  
**Louis Baxter**, MD, FASAM, President & CEO, Professional-Assistance Program of New Jersey, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School  
**Onaje Salim**, Ed.D, Director  
Division of State and Community Assistance, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
**Rachel Evans**, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Henry J Austin Center  
**John Jacobi**, JD, Professor, Health Law & Policy, Seton Hall Law School

## CONCURRENT BREAK OUT SESSIONS: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

- 11:30 am**      **Session 1: Helping Our Most Vulnerable Populations: Community Supports**  
**Adrienne Petta**, Peer Recovery Specialist, Mercer Council Certified Care Specialist (OORP)  
**Pam Capaci**, CEO, Prevention Links  
**Morgan Thompson**, Division Director for Academic and Recovery Supports, Prevention Links  
**Michael Santillo**, Executive Director of Operations at John Brooks Recovery Center
- 11:30 am**      **Session 2: Improving Access to Evidence-Based Care: MAT & TIC**  
**Debra Ruisard**, DSW, LCSW, LCADC, CCS  
Center of Great Expectations,  
**Emily Bosk**, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey  
**Alan Oberman**, MSW, LCAC, Chief Executive Officer, John Brooks Recovery Center  
**Margaret Rizzo**, Executive Director, JSAS Healthcare Inc., Neptune, New Jersey

**11:30 am      Session 3: Public Health Approaches in Prevention and Integrated Treatment**

**Laura Pegram**, Manager of Drug User Health, National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)

**Ronald Nahass**, MD, MHCM, FACP, FIDSA, President, ID Care

**Ken Pecoraro**, LCSW, LCADC, Director of Addiction and Co-Occurring Services CPC Behavioral Healthcare

**LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION: 12:50 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Rev. Darrell Armstrong**, Shiloh Baptist Church

“The Destructive Effects of Drug Abuse: One Family’s Odyssey”

**1:45 pm      Recovery & Beyond**

**Christina Fagan**, Director/ Founder, A Change for Nick (ACFN)

A MAT Patient’s Perspective, Spectrum Healthcare

**2:15 pm      A Conversation with NJ State Policy Makers**

**Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA**, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health

**Senator Joseph Vitale**, Chair of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizen Committee

**Gurbir Grewal**, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

**Carole Johnson**, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services

**Christine Norbut Beyer**, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Children and Families

**James McGreevey**, Executive Director, Jersey City Employment and Training Program; Chairman, New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC)

**Marcus O. Hicks, Esq.**, Acting Commissioner, NJ Department of Corrections

**BREAK AND POSTER SESSION: 3:15 pm – 3:25 pm**

**3:25 pm      Innovations in Alternatives to Opioids**

**Mark Rosenberg**, DO, Medical Director, Chairman of Emergency Medicine and Chief Innovation Officer, St. Joseph’s Health

**James Baird**, DO, Assistant Medical Officer of the Emergency Department, Jefferson Washington Township Hospital

**Denise Hien**, Director, Center of Alcohol Studies; Professor, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP), Rutgers University

**4:30 pm      Adjourn**

**Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA**, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Health