



GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK



The **Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association (GLEPHA)** is a partner member of The World Federation of Public Health Associations WFPHA, that aims bringing together institutions, communities, and public health actors from around the world to recognize the contributions of public health and its workforce.

The second edition of GPHW commences on 3rd April 2023, with the theme “*Building a More Equitable, Sustainable, and Resilient Health System.*”

In Crisis: Police and Community Response to Mental Health Calls *An International Panel on Alternatives and Engagement*

Wed, April 5, 2023, at 10am ET. The panel will be 90 minutes.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Chris White will relate the impact that police interactions can have on a person experiencing crisis.

Chris White works for the Mental Health Foundation in Scotland. Chris has a lived experience background and over 20 years recovery. His mental health history includes a number of psychiatric admissions, often preceded by a crisis response involving both police and emergency responders.



Exploring the impact of police and health systems on the human rights of people in mental distress : through the lenses of police and health care practitioners.

Inga Heyman will discuss health and police systems, when responding to people in mental distress can potentially influence individuals' safeguarding experiences and undermine human rights. In this presentation we will explore the impact of a predominantly medicalised model of unscheduled care, gaps in inter-agency safeguarding policies and legislation, and the availability of appropriate safeguarding environments to support people in mental distress who are displaced between criminal justice and health services. Police and health care organisational and cultural factors, and the professional perspectives of peoples' needs, can find services working in conflicting ways, and the individual inadvertently overlooked. These factors are particularly problematic when people are intoxicated or aggressive.

Inga Heyman, PhD is an Associate Professor at Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland. Inga's professional practice, research and teaching focus lies at the intersect of policing and public health. Her work is underpinned by her clinical experiences as a mental health and adult nurse. She has worked across a broad range of health, police and public protection services including substance use harm reduction, forensic, and emergency mental health care.

Who should respond? Crisis Response Preferences of people living with serious mental illnesses and their family members.

Amy Watson and Leah Pope will discuss findings from interviews with people with serious mental illnesses and their family members about their preferences for who responds when they are experiencing a mental health crisis.



Leah G. Pope, Ph.D., is a Research Scientist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and an Assistant Professor of Clinical Behavioral Medicine in the Columbia University Department of Psychiatry (Division of Behavioral Health Services and Policy Research). Trained as an anthropologist, Dr. Pope has extensive experience conducting mixed methods research in public mental health and criminal justice. She is currently leading an implementation study of the 988 crisis line in New York State.



Amy Watson, Ph.D., is a Professor at the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Trained as a mental health services researcher, she has focused on the experiences of and interventions to reduce the involvement of people with serious mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. This has included research on police response to mental health crises, the Crisis Intervention Team model, mental health courts and

re-entry programs. Her current work is focused developing crisis response services that do not require law enforcement involvement.



Peer Services: Exploding the Myth

Steve Miccio will speak of peers in different settings, including peer engagement in ER's, mobile forensic peer teams, peer respites and peer run crisis stabilization centers. This presentation will include data and how we measure outcomes. It will also include the work done to build integrity around peer services by overcoming stigma through example. I'll discuss how we took the lead in mapping community resources (SIM) and the Asset Based Community development we have to do in order to design a more effective crisis continuum that is effective for people that request services.

Steve Miccio is Chief Executive Officer of People USA. Inspired and driven by his personal lived experience, Steve has spent over two decades creating, providing, and promoting innovative crisis response services and systems-level improvements – across the United States and internationally – that raise the bar on customer service, person-centered communication, trauma-informed care, empathy, and positive expectations for people's recovery & wellness outcomes. Steve's unique models and approaches significantly reduce hospital utilization, incarceration rates, and overall healthcare spending.



Mohamed Shuriye will describe the community engagement process involved in creating The Toronto Community Crisis Service (TCCS) is a new community-based service which dispatches trained teams of crisis workers to respond to people experiencing a mental health crisis. It is a non-police response to mental health crisis calls and well-being checks. All four pilots are geographically-based, operating in areas of Toronto where apprehensions under the Mental Health Act and calls for people in crisis are the highest.

Mohamed Shuriye is Manager, Policing Reform, Social Development, Finance and Administration, City of Toronto. He is helping to drive systemic change in municipal government as the Manager of Policing Reform at the City of Toronto where he has led a talented and passionate group in the development of the Toronto Community Crisis Service.



Who Decides What People in Crisis Need: People and Power

Jennifer Chambers will describe the successes and challenges of systemic advocacy by a peer advocacy organization in the development of alternatives to police, and in police reform. She will reference the use of force in the mental health system as well as in policing people in crisis, its intersection with racism, and the development of consent based alternatives that are rooted in community.

Jennifer Chambers is Executive Director of the Empowerment Council, Systemic Advocates in Addictions and Mental Health. She is a member of the Mental Health and Addiction Advisory Panel and the Anti Racism Advisory Panel to the Toronto Police Services Board. She amplifies the voice of people with lived experience of mental health and/or addiction issues in Supreme Court of Canada cases, Ontario inquests, in patient rights at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, in legislation, and in policing. Recently, she became a contributing author to Canada's first mental health law textbook.