

# SOCCPN

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting October 14-15, 2024



### Grand Hyatt River Walk, San Antonio, Texas *Our Organization*

SOCCPN, the Sex Offender Civil Commitment Programs Network, is a professional network for individuals working in and with sex offender civil commitment programs. We provide a forum for research, discussion and sharing of information related to the effective management, assessment, and treatment of individuals held under civil commitment laws addressing sexual violence and/or sexual dangerousness.

#### *Our Mission*

To provide a forum to discuss and share information related to the effective management, assessment and treatment of individuals held under civil commitment laws addressing sexual violence and/or sexual dangerousness.

#### *Our Gratitude*

SOCCPN would like to thank ATSA and Amber Schroeder, Executive Director for their ongoing support and tremendous assistance with our annual Membership Meeting, and Liberty Healthcare for their sponsorship and support. Many thanks also to Dr. Jennifer Schneider and Dr. Rebecca Jackson, our perennial SOCCPN Meeting Co-Chairs!

Note: The SOCCPN 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting is primarily intended to provide a forum for professionals working in, or affiliated with, civil commitment or treatment programs designed to prevent sexual offending behavior. Students working toward a degree in a related field are also encouraged to attend. For meeting registration, we ask that you identify your attendance as professional, student or non-professional attendee. Portions of the event are open to members only while the Tuesday afternoon sessions are open to both members and nonmembers. Due to the nature of the meeting, media are not permitted to attend. Photographs

and recordings of any kind are not permitted. We reserve the right to remove attendees that distract or prevent our Membership Meeting from meeting its objectives.

Membership Meeting Fee Schedule:

**Member registration fees include catered lunch on Tuesday!**

**Member Registration Fees:**

Registration only - members	\$150
Registration - members + CE credits	\$175

**Presenter Registration Fees:**

Presenter Registration – members	\$125
Presenter Registration – members + CE credits	\$150
Presenter Registration – non-members	\$175
Presenter Registration – non-members + CE credits	\$200

**Single Day Registration:**

Monday registration only, member	\$125
Monday registration, member + CE credits	\$150
Tuesday registration only, member	\$75
Tuesday registration only, member + CE credits	\$100

**Non-Member Registration (Tuesday beginning at 1:15 pm):**

Tuesday afternoon registration only, nonmember	\$75
Tuesday afternoon registration only, nonmember + CE credits	\$100

**Student Registration:**

Student registration	\$100
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Refund/cancellation policy – Cancellations up to 30 days prior to the Meeting date will result in full refund.

Continuing Education Credits: a total of **6.5 credits** will be available for those attending the entire meeting. CE's will be awarded on a session-by-session basis. Attendees registering for CE credits will receive an email after the meeting with instructions on completing the paperwork (surveys, content questions) required by APA. In the following brochure, items marked with an asterisk (\*) are for members only. Items marked with a ^ are NOT offered for CE's. SOCCPN is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. SOCCPN maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Any potential commercial supports or conflicts of interest for any of the CE programs or instructors involved in this meeting are listed in the session description. No other known conflicts of interest exist.

The Grand Hyatt River Walk is fully ADA accessible. Please contact the SOCCPN Meeting Planning Chair, Jennifer Schneider, at [Jennifer.Schneider@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Schneider@doh.nj.gov) for any additional accommodations needed.

# SOCCPN

MONDAY, Oct. 14TH

1:00 pm

## President's Welcome \*

**Jennifer Schneider, Ph.D.** SOCCPN President  
*Research Scientist, New Jersey Special Treatment  
 Unit*



1:15-2:15

## What Shapes Our Perspective? \*

**Lauren Herbert, Psy.D., LP**, Forensic  
 Evaluation Department Director and  
**Cassandra Lind, Psy.D., LP**, Forensic  
 Evaluation Department Manager,  
 Minnesota Sex Offender Program

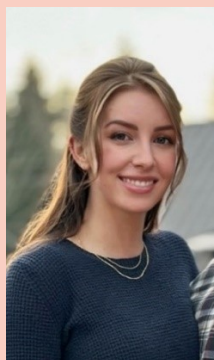
### Instructional Level: Introductory

#### Abstract:

Our perspective is shaped by many things, such as our identity, experiences and personal and professional roles. How do these perspectives change how we view the world around us, as well as our clients? Do these perspectives impact our decision-making? Should they? The extent to which cognitive biases may influence decision-making is a well-studied notion within the context of our profession. What is less clear is how our susceptibility to certain information and experiences impacts how we, as individuals, show up in the world around us. Join us for a thoughtful discussion about the impact our perspective has on professional and personal decision-making and how we work to both challenge and embrace the impact.

**Learning Objectives:** This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Learners will be able to identify certain aspects of their identity and consider how it may impact their decision-making
2. Participants will be able to discuss the effects of our perspective
3. Learners will be able to identify several markers to challenge and embrace the impact of their perspective



**2:30pm – 3:45pm**

**Developing Praxis for Special  
Commitment Center Programs:  
Social Work in Forensic Settings\***

**Caitlin Konya**, MSW, Psychiatric Social  
Worker, Washington State Special  
Commitment Center

**Instructional Level: Introductory**

**Abstract:** Secure Community Transition Facilities, contracted and non-contracted community Least Restrictive Alternatives). Strategies that have been implemented to address micro, mezzo, and macro levels of practice and discuss the positive impact on the residents treatment progression will be identified. An area of focus will be how SCC develops relationships across disciplines, community, and intergovernmental partners. These relationships provide opportunities for our residents to address dynamic and protective factors related to their sexual offending and build practical skills that will support them for their unconditional release. Lastly, this presentation will cover the barriers that SCC encounters within clinically complex systems and how developing Community Programs using clinical social work principles sets a strong foundation for individualized discharge planning.

**Learning Objectives:** This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Explain how SCC has evolved from operating out of a prison to shifting care to take place within community contexts.
2. Explain the inception of Special Commitment Center Community Programs.
3. Describe the barriers, but prudence, of establishing community partnerships.
4. Identify the role of social work principles within Community Programs.



**4:00pm – 5:30pm**

**Political and Legal Updates\***

**Ken Carabello**, MSW, Senior Vice President,  
Liberty Healthcare Corporation

**Instructional Level: Introductory**

**Abstract:** Mr. Carabello will lead a group discussion with participants regarding current political and legal issues affecting each state's SVP program, among those represented at the meeting. The discussion will center on upcoming and ongoing legal challenges faced by both the operations and treatment aspects of SVP programs, as well as managing SVPs on conditional release in the community, and will involve a group problem solving effort designed to elicit potential solutions to these challenges.

**Learning Objectives:** This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Compare case law developments related to the civil commitment process in states with active SVP laws.
2. Analyze political themes influencing the treatment and operations of SVP programs in jurisdictions reporting.
3. Create effective responses to legal and political challenges in order to maintain program integrity in SVP facilities across the nation.

## Cocktail Hour with cash bar

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

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8:30am – 9:45 am



**Developing Professional Resilience  
when Working with Individuals who  
Sexually Offend\***

**Skye Brister Korby**, Psy.D., Clinical  
Supervisor and **Kathryn Lockie**, M.A.,  
Director of Clinical and Professional  
Development, Minnesota Sex Offender  
Program

**Instructional Level: Intermediate**

**Abstract:** Join us for a discussion on what is resilience as we dive into what the research tells us, as well as thoughts from individuals working in the field. Following a brief presentation, you will break into small group discussions where you'll be able to explore and share your thoughts and experiences. At the end of our time together, you'll come together and discuss how your personal experiences align with research and others' experiences.

**Learning Objectives:** This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Participants will gain an understanding of the main findings of research on professional resilience.
2. Participants will be able to describe the wisdom collected from other professionals on what contributes to resilience.
3. Participants will be able to compare their experience with resilience to research and other professionals.
4. Participants will be able to explain their professional resilience.

**9:45 - 10:00 am – Break^**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Round Table Discussions\*^**



**12:00 pm – 1:15pm**  
**Catered Lunch\***



**1:15 pm – 2:45 pm**

**GPS: A Community Supervision and Management Tool**

**Scott Halvorson**, B.S. Reintegration Director,  
and **Kelly Esser**, B.S, Program Coordinator,  
Minnesota Sex Offender Program

**Instructional Level: Intermediate**

**Abstract:** GPS is widely used throughout the nation to assist in supervising and managing sexual abusers whom reside within our communities. Research has shown that this can be a useful tool for supervision and management programs, along with traditional supervision to reduce recidivism. This presentation will explore the research that supports and identifies shortcomings of this supervision tool. Furthermore, a look at how the Minnesota Sex Offender Program is using this technology with clients on Provisional Discharge and placed into the community will be discussed.

**Learning Objectives** - This workshop is designed to help you:

- 1) Discuss how GPS is being used to supervise and manage sexual abusers residing in the community.
- 2) Explain research findings on how GPS is reducing recidivism rates.
- 3) Demonstrate how MSOP uses GPS to supervise and manage clients being granted a Provisional Discharge.
- 4) Identify ways to incorporate GPS into your supervision and management program.

**2:45 – 3:00 pm – Break^**



3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## 2024 Annual Survey of Sex Offense Civil Commitment Programs



**Jennifer Schneider, Ph.D.**, New Jersey Special Treatment Unit; **Rebecca Jackson, Ph.D.**, Wellpath Recovery Solutions; **Deirdre D'Orazio, Ph.D.**, CA Dept. of State Hospitals; **Naomi Freeman, Ph.D.** New York State Office of Mental Health; **Jannine Hébert, MA, LP**, Minnesota Sex Offender Program, **Timothy Thornton, MA**, Director,

### Instructional Level: Introductory

**Abstract:** This session presents the results of the SOCCPN annual survey administered to SVP programs in the United States. The survey presents the findings from responding jurisdictions with SVP programs in the areas of facility operations, treatment, and community supervision of conditionally released SVPs. The presenters compare this year's findings to those of previous years when the survey was administered. Trends and future directions of SVP program management and treatment are discussed.

**Learning Objectives:** This workshop is designed to help you:

1. Analyze treatment progress measures utilized with SVP populations
2. Explain barriers to conditional release for SVP populations
3. Compare approaches to conditional release of SVPs across civil commitment programs

Please Note: Sessions marked with a \* are open to SOCCPN Members Only