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Innovation in the delivery of care for substance abuse and mental health that is designed to increase the quality of care, outcomes, and affordability

This presentation will discuss the current and traditional modalities of care for addiction and underlying mental health care conditions. We will discuss and identify areas of the current continuum of care that could be optimized to saturate the least restrictive approach throughout the experience of care. We will also look at areas of opportunity on the continuum, that might be neglected from formal planning and funding. Patient-centered care can be re-evaluated from an “end to end” perspective, in context to relapse prevention and long-term management. We will take a fresh and careful look at the continuum to contemplate what more could be done to increase the quality of care and recidivism rates. Modern scientific thought and evidence support the notion of implementing: social

determinants, life scaping, and preventative care in the traditional treatment model. We have a great opportunity to decrease substance abuse relapse rates internationally. This presentation will offer more perspective on promising outlooks from what is evidence-based and affordable when considering the delivery of patient care.

Case Study to be Discussed: Operation Rio Grande, Utah. A collaborative community effort to improve success rates utilizing specific service providers for those that have been homeless and or have suffered chronic addiction. Sober Living Properties (SLP), took a key role in the services of recovering housing. SLP was acknowledged for two out of two success stories of individuals that were recognized in the first calendar year, from the state and the local government in Utah, concerning the Operation Rio Grande.

Biography

Renee G. Brown has a background of looking at cutting edge technology, optimizing systems, and benchmarking results. In her early employment, she taught emerging



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technology internationally for Hewlett Packard and fastidiously focused on the concept of Total Cost of Ownership; meaning “what does a widget really costs when you consider break/fixes over 3 or 5 years?” Her life and interests took a twist as a close family member of hers suffered from opiate addiction. With a passion, she wanted to make a difference for others and their families to have more recovery options available. She and her husband/business partner (Michael Brown), felt that recovery housing was an underutilized service that could be instrumental in assisting others in early recovery and relapse prevention. Together, they decided to open the first Recovery House in the state of Utah. They now own the largest independent recovery housing in their state. She is always eager to look at the big picture of treatment, to improve on the personal experience of care, relapse prevention, lasting outcomes, as well as the total cost of ownership to governments and consumers.

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