



CONFERENCE

2019 RCPA Conference: “Impact” Was A Huge Success!

The 2019 RCPA Annual Conference, by all accounts, was a great success. While we are still going through all of the mobile app feedback, initial responses have been very complimentary. With nearly 750 attendees, there were many positive comments on the level and range of presenters, as well as the general flow of events. Specific highlights noted were:

- ▶ The opening Keynote Address: The Power and Potency of Social Capital, presented by AI Condeluci, PhD;
- ▶ RCPA human resources favorite, Attorney Michael Cohen, returned with two packed sessions;
- ▶ RCPA leadership favorites, John Amato and Thomas Sullivan;
- ▶ The plenary on Pennsylvania’s Journey Towards Value-Based Payments by DHS leaders Leesa Allen, Kristin Ahrens (ODP), and Kevin Hancock (OLTL), facilitated by Fady Sahhar, XtraGlobex, Inc.;



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Members in the News

- ▶ RCPA Member UniqueSource® Announces Biggica As New President And CEO
- ▶ RCPA Member Partners For Quality Board of Directors Names Human Services Veteran Margaret Rothenberger President & CEO
- ▶ Message From RCPA Partner First Nonprofit: Why Request A 2020 Unemployment Insurance Evaluation?
- ▶ Congratulations To RCPA Member CareLink On Their 60th Anniversary Celebration!



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Visit the [RCPA website](#) for up-to-date information on legislation, meetings, trainings, and other industry developments. ◀

As the largest state association of its kind, RCPA continues to look for ways to strengthen its voice. One way to facilitate this is by the recruitment of new members. For new provider members, there is a discount for the first year of membership. If you have questions about membership or know of an organization that would benefit from membership with RCPA, please contact [Tieanna Lloyd](#), Accounts Receivable/Membership Services Manager.

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- ▶ Hearing from our national leaders, Gabrielle Sedor of ANCOR, Chuck Ingoglia of the National Council for Behavioral Health, and Charles Curie of The Curie Group; and
- ▶ The powerful closing plenary on The American Problem: Gun Violence, Mass Shootings, and Mental Illness by Dr. Jack Rozel.

As always, we are looking for ways to improve each year and make the experience that much more worthwhile. We encourage you to go into the mobile app and complete the overall conference evaluation to help us inform our programming; this will remain available until October 18. The RCPA staff and Conference Committee are happy to hear your feedback directly as well.



Our goal is to have the RCPA conference be the primary event that you put on your calendar each year. To reach that goal, we need to listen and continue to adapt — all ideas are welcome. Next year, we are back again in Hershey and the planning has already begun. Until then... stay involved! The success of RCPA in representing providers depends upon the membership staying active in our efforts. Our staff are at the Capitol every day, continuing to regularly meet with the administration, legislators, and the governor's office, and have active committee meetings — we look forward to seeing you there and your being involved.

Special thank you to our [sponsors](#) — thank you for your support of the conference!

Thank you as well to our [exhibitors](#) — thank you for making Exhibit Hall a success!

SAVE THE DATES

**Mark Your Calendars
Now!**

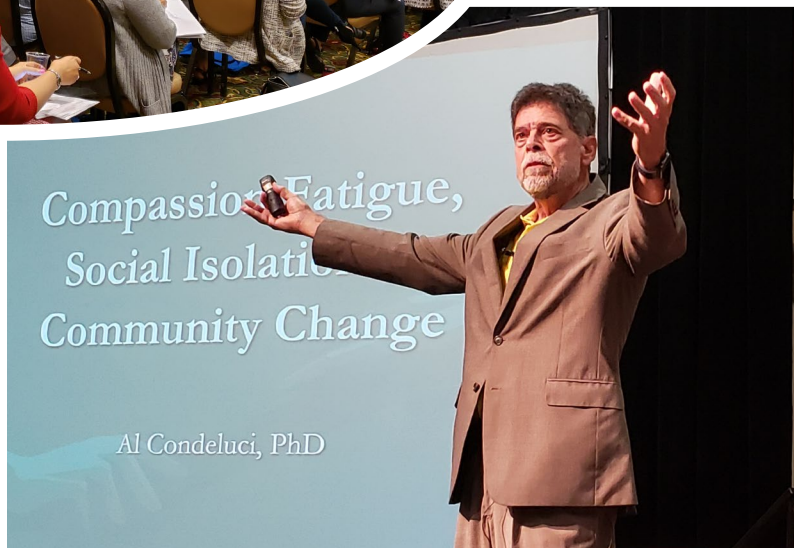
2020 RCPA Conference

Tuesday, September 22 –
Friday, September 25
at Hershey Lodge

2020 RCPA PAC Golf Outing

Tuesday, September 22 at
Hershey Country Club
12:00 pm shotgun start





2019 RCPA Conference: “Impact” Continued

Exhibit Hall’s “Best in Show” goes to Salisbury Behavioral Health, Inc. Once again, Salisbury Behavioral Health accepted and won the challenge to work the 2019 theme, IMPACT, into their booth décor and giveaways. From the socks to the window breaker, their IMPACT was clear. Congratulations to the Salisbury Behavioral Health team for their support and enthusiasm in exhibiting at the 2019 RCPA Conference. Salisbury will receive 20% off their 2020 exhibit booth.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR EXHIBIT HALL PRIZE WINNERS!



2019 RCPA ASSOCIATION AWARDS LUNCHEON



Congratulations to the award winners!

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EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Presented to an individual or agency/facility that has shown a strong commitment and dedication in service to the association, its members, and related issues.

Awarded to: Mark Wendel, CenClear

Nominated by: Kristin Kuruzovich, CenClear, RCPA Staff, and Members

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Presented to an individual in recognition of extending service and knowledge to the community at large and efforts in helping the community better understand the needs of individuals served by RCPA members.

Awarded to: Jonna DiStefano

Nominated by: Jeff Wilush and Jerry Skillings, Horizon House

Awarded to: Alternative Community Resource Program

Accepted by: Frank Janakovic, Alternative Community Resource Program

Nominated by: DeAnn Cardarella, Alternative Community Resource Program

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to an individual who has shown significant leadership and commitment to government affairs and legislative issues on behalf of RCPA and its members.

Awarded to: Representative Michael Schlossberg

Nominated by: RCPA Staff and Members

INNOVATION AWARDS

Presented to an individual or agency/facility in recognition of significant innovation. Examples include cross-systems integration, physical health/behavioral health integration, and the implementation of new technology.

Awarded to: Salisbury House

Accepted by: Shaun Poulton, Salisbury House
Nominated by: Mary Ann Davis, Salisbury House

Awarded to: Ryan Smith, Inperium, Inc.

Nominated by: Jennifer Tursi, Inperium, Inc.

Awarded to: Troy Brindle, Springfield Psychological

Nominated by: Justin Behrens, Keystone Mission

Awarded to:

PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

Accepted by: Jeff Geibel, PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

Erie County Department of Human Services, Office of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Accepted by: David Sanner, Erie County DHS, Office of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

West Branch Drug and Alcohol Commission

Accepted by: Shea Madden, West Branch Drug and Alcohol Commission

Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships

Accepted by: Aleisha Albertson, Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships

All Nominated by: Jessica Myers, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Presented to an individual in honor of their significant, consistent, and enduring contribution throughout their career in support and furthering of the field.

Awarded to: Dr. Brian Eberts, Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc.

Nominated by: Michael Quinn, Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc.

Awarded to: Stephen Christian-Michaels, Wesley Family Services

Nominated by: William Stennett, Wesley Family Services, RCPA Staff, and Members

Awarded to: Joan Erney, JD, Community Behavioral Health

Nominated by: RCPA Staff and Members

Awarded to: Alan Hartl, Lenape Valley Foundation

Nominated by: Jessica Bollard, Lenape Valley Foundation, RCPA Staff, and Members

Awarded to: Dennis Nebel, Human Services Center

Nominated by: Michele Kelly-Thompson, Human Services Center, RCPA Staff, and Members

CONFERENCE

Register for the 2020 RCPA PAC Annual Golf Outing

Save the date for the RCPA PAC Golf Outing on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020**. Conference attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, and presenters can now [register](#) to participate in the RCPA PAC's annual golf outing at the beautiful Hershey Country Club (West Course), 1000 East Derry Road, Hershey, PA 17033.

Registration starts at 10:30 am, lunch begins at 11:00 am, followed by a putting contest and 12:00 pm shotgun start. [Sponsorships](#) are available for this worthwhile cause. We hope you will consider becoming a golf outing sponsor; it is a great way for your organization to get name recognition and an opportunity to support the RCPA PAC.

The RCPA PAC raises money and supports campaigns of state legislators and representatives who advance our interests on Health & Human Services issues. The funds raised through RCPA PAC can make a notable difference. Further questions may be directed to [Jack Phillips](#), RCPA Director of Government Affairs. ◀



CONFERENCE VIDEOS



Attendees Shannon and Diana of UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies share why they enjoy the RCPA Conference

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First time exhibitors Twinsis LLC give their first impressions of the RCPA Conference and Exhibit Hall

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OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 8	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	IPRC Advocacy, Education & Membership Committee <i>Conference Call</i>
Thursday, October 10	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	IPRC Webinar: Rehab/School Interface
Tuesday, October 15	12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	IPRC Outcomes & Best Practices Committee <i>Conference Call</i>
Thursday, October 17	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Government Affairs Committee <i>Conference Call</i>
Thursday, October 17	9:00 am – 11:30 am	IDD Residential Subcommittee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Thursday, October 17	9:15 am – 11:30 am	SCO Subcommittee <i>RCPA Conference Room</i>
Thursday, October 17	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	IDD Committee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Wednesday, October 23	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Brain Injury Committee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 7	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Outpatient Rehab Committee – Webcast Only
Tuesday, November 12	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	IPRC Advocacy, Education & Membership Committee <i>Conference Call</i>
Wednesday, November 13	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Human Resources Committee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Wednesday, November 13	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Human Resources Training: A Different Way of Thinking: How Consumerism, Wellness & Plan Design Can Improve Your Health Plan & How They Can't <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Tuesday, November 19	12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	IPRC Outcomes & Best Practices Committee <i>Conference Call</i>
Thursday, November 21	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Government Affairs Committee <i>Conference Call</i>
Thursday, November 21	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Children's Steering Committee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Thursday, November 21	10:00 am – 11:30 am	IDD Employment Subcommittee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Thursday, November 21	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Children's Committee <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>
Thursday, November 21	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Physical Disabilities & Aging Division <i>Penn Grant Centre</i>