SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING SYMPOSIUM
“Taking Stock and Forging Ahead”

June 10 – 11, 2019

Hosted by: American University Washington College of Law
4300 Nebraska Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016

AGENDA

Day One – June 10

9:00am-9:20am Welcome and Introductions
Robert Dinerstein, American University Washington College of Law;
Tina Campanella, Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities,
“Purpose of Symposium and Projected Outcomes”

9:20am-10:00am Opening Plenary Session
Tina Campanella, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making, “Supported Decision-Making in Perspective”

10:15am-11:45am Concurrent Breakout Sessions
2. “Supported Decision-Making in Maine” – Nell Brimmer, Disability Rights Maine; Margaret Cardoza, Self-Advocate
3. “Learning from Supported Decision-Making Pilot Projects in Georgia and Massachusetts” – Michael Kendrick, Center for Public Representation; Dana Lloyd, Georgia Advocacy Office; John McCarty, Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center Fellow

12:00pm-1:15pm Lunch and Plenary Speaker
Day One – June 10 (cont.)

1:30pm-3:00pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1. “More on NCD Reports: Beyond Guardianship and Turning Rights into Reality” – Phoebe Ball, National Council on Disability; Morgan Whitlatch, Quality Trust; Nicole Jorwic, The Arc of the United States; Kelly Israel, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
2. “100 Miles an Hour: Getting from Project to Law in Three Years in Indiana” – Melissa Keyes, Indiana Disability Rights; Erica Costello, Indiana Supreme Court Adult Guardianship Office
3. “My Choice Kentuck: Grassroots Efforts to Expand Supported Decision-Making” – Laura Butler, Human Development Institute University of Kentucky

3:15pm-4:45pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1. “Everyone Communicates: A Toolkit from the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network” – Samantha Crane, ASAN
2. “Learning the Language of Dementia to Enhance Supported Decision-Making” – Kim Grier, Grier Dementia Training
3. “Exploring Opportunities and Barriers to Supported Decision-Making in the District of Columbia” – Molly Whalen, DC Association for Special Education; Thomas Mangrum, Project ACTION; Liz Seaton, DC Department on Disability Services; Joan Christopher, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development

4:45pm–6:30pm Networking Reception

Day Two – June 11

9:00am-9:45am Opening Speaker
Professor Rebekah Diller, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, “Legal Capacity for All: Including Older Persons in the Shift from Adult Guardianship to Supported Decision-Making”

10:00am-11:30am Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1. “Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act (UGCOPAA), the PRACTICAL Tool, and Elder Justice Initiative Finding the Right Fit Curriculum” – Erica Wood and Dari Pogach, ABA Commission on Law and Aging
2. “Supported Decision-Making for People with Psychiatric Disabilities” – Christopher Schneiders and Sonja Castaneda-Cudney, Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics
Day Two – June 11 (cont.)

10:00am-11:30am  Concurrent Breakout Sessions (cont.)
3.  “A Multi-Faceted Journey to Supported Decision-Making in Missouri” – Jane St. John, UMKC Institute for Human Development

11:45am-12:45pm  Lunch and Plenary Speaker
The Honorable Kristin Booth Glen, University Professor and Dean Emerita at CUNY School of Law, Project Director of Supported Decision-Making New York (SDMNY)

1:00pm-2:30pm  Concurrent Breakout Sessions
1.  “SDMNY: Lessons Learned 3 Years into a Statewide Supported Decision-Making Pilot Program” – Matthew “Hezzy” Smith, Joan Cornachio, Ketrina Hazell, and Nelle Richardson from SDMNY
2.  “ABLE Accounts and Supported Decision-Making” – Jonathan Martinis, Burton Blatt Institute; Jason Harris, Jason’s Connections
3.  “Supported Decision-Making in Health Care” – David Hutt, National Disability Rights Network; Thelma Green, Project ACTION!

2:45 pm- 3:45pm  Plenary Panel: Looking to the Future of Supported Decision-Making

3:45 pm- 4:00 pm  Closing Remarks
Tina Campanella, National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making

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