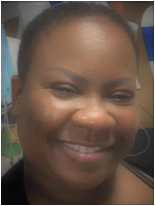




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Meet the panelists



Terri Ellzey is a licensed Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor and Professional Counselor. Terri has been working as a human services professional for 27 years following a summer temp assignment in 1995. For 27-years Terri has worked in several diverse settings where she currently performs as the Director of Clinical Services for Mental Health America of Wisconsin. In addition, Terri is in her second year as a doctoral student. The work Terri engages in to fulfill the need to become involved in leading for change within the community she was raised. Terri offers both personal and professional insight from a cultural lens offering advocacy when and where needed. Terri who has beat many odds of her own wanted to extend the olive branch to others by these two proverbs, "teaching people how to fish, versus giving them a fish" and "it takes a village." It is for these reasons she is an educator and advocate for those who lack in information and resources. What drives Terri is her compassion, tough love, and understanding of trauma, mental health, and substance use disorders which has plagued the community abroad. Terri is a member of several professional committees reflective of the current issues she is compassionate about to include MIRACLE Inc. a faith-based coalition of diverse individuals and the African American Round Table (AART) a community collaboration of stakeholders working in the interest of racial justice and political accountability. Terri is the mother of an awesome Rufus King High School student in his junior year and married 18 years to her wonderful husband, partner, and best friend with a total of 21 years in all. Terri aspires to continue the work in mental health, substance use disorders, and racial justice advocacy through teaching, consultation, books, and research.

"With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity." Keshavan Nair

Dr. Jennifer L Smith, PsyD, LPC

Dr. Jennifer L. Smith received her PsyD in Clinical Psychology from Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology in July 2017. She has worked in a variety of professional and clinical settings, providing therapy services to teenagers, adults, and couples with a variety of mental health concerns and substance use disorders. Additionally, she has provided outpatient individual and group therapy to individuals on community supervision with the Division of Community Corrections (DCC) dealing with substance use disorders and dual diagnoses. Dr. Smith has been the Clinical Supervisor at NAMI Southeast WI since 2016, providing supervision to certified peer specialists working with individuals in Community Service Programs (CSP) and providing support as a mental health professional for the Survivors Helping Survivors Support Group. Dr. Smith also has experience as a family member of loved ones impacted by mental health conditions and dual diagnosis.



Beth Ritter was born and raised in Southeastern Wisconsin. She is a mother of 3 adult sons, one of whom suffered from mental illness and substance use disorder. She uses his story of addiction from doctor's office to hospice bed as a way to provide support and comfort for others who find themselves and their loved ones in a similar situation.

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