**Developing the Agenda for Stakeholder Engaged Research in Behavioral Health**

The Rhode Island Community-Academic Partnership for Behavioral Health (RICAP) invites you to the third of our four symposia. We will present *Developing the Agenda* on Friday, July 26. Registration from 8:00-8:30 am, program 8:30-noon. The event will be hosted **by Rhode Island College at Alger Hall 110, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence**.

The event will feature five breakout groups in which participants will contribute their own ideas for stakeholder engaged comparative effectiveness and policy relevant research in behavioral health in Rhode Island; and vote on prioritization. As the next step RICAP will facilitate collaborations between community based organizations and academic investigators to develop proposals and obtain funding to carry out the agenda. The groups will each focus on one of these five areas:

1. Timely diagnosis and prevention

* Differences between SUD and mental illness
* Identification of affected/at risk students in schools and appropriate responses
* Primary Care
* Community based programs
* Military

2. Families

* Differences in family involvement in SUD and mental illness
* How to support families affected by behavioral health problems
* How to positively engage families of people living with behavioral health issues

3. Co-occurring SUD and other mental disorders

* Concepts of recovery for people with co-occurring disorders
* Integrated vs. parallel treatment
* Clinical settings, site and system level issues

4. Recovery pathways

* Definition/conception of recovery for SUD vs. mental illness
* Natural history of illness and recovery
* Non-abstinent recovery
* Differences in severity
* Agency and choice; how to design programs to give people captaincy in their own recovery

5. Criminal Justice

* Diversion (pre vs. post-arrest), alternative sentencing
* Juvenile justice system, disproportionate minority contact, diversion, positive resources
* Management and treatment within correctional institutions
* Re-entry

For more information about RICAP and to register for the event, please visit our web site <https://www.brown.edu/academics/public-health/ricap/>. **Registration and parking are free but you must register to obtain a parking pass.**

We welcome your input, which you can give directly to Bart Laws at [Michael\_Barton\_Laws@Brown.edu](mailto:Michael_Barton_Laws@Brown.edu), or by commenting on our blog at <https://sites.brown.edu/ricap-blog/>