

## The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Restraint/Seclusion Prevention Provider Forum

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Restraint/Seclusion Prevention Provider Forum on May 1, 2019 was attended by more than 280 leaders representing psychiatric and general hospitals, residential services, public schools, juvenile justice programs, correctional facilities, developmental disability centers, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient services, trade organizations, six state agencies, and youth/adult peer consumers and family members. The theme of the conference was the application and translation of the Six Core Strategies across populations, services, and countries.



This years' forum highlighted two Keynote Speakers: Dr. Kevin Ann Huckshorn, Principal Investigator of the Six Core Strategies, who spoke on "Sharing the Six Core Strategies Model: Results and Lessons Learned" and Jake Lukas, Chief Executive of Novalis Trust in Stroud, United Kingdom *pictured* who shared their successful implementation of the model. The event also included a poignant panel presentation. The panelists included Emmanuel Hernandez [DMH Young Adult Peer Coordinator] and Ken Vachon [Parent], Dr. Huckshorn, Jake Lukas, and Moe Lord, RN [Director of Psychiatric Services, Anna Jaques Hospital] with the audience mutually weighing in on a Case Scenario offered by Moe Lord who requested collective input and assistance with strategies to prevent the use of restraint with people who present with highest risk (violent/harmful behavior, sexually provocative, unable/unwilling to participate in treatment or take medication, etc.).

Capping the Provider Forum was a streamed PowerPoint slide show of more than 100 programs offering their "year in review." ... **save the date for Provider Forum 20 to be held on May 6, 2020 at the Westboro Doubletree. We look forward to seeing you there!**