Presenters: Trauma Informed Ethics in Action: Working with Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse and Exploitation by Clergy and Others in Positions of Power

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Jim is a survivor of Clergy Sexual Abuse by multiple priests as a young child and adolescent and was part of the first group to successfully hold the Catholic Church via the Archdiocese of Boston to legal and moral responsibility and to begin to develop policies to protect children in the United States from abuse. He is the founder of Illumitiva, a survivor-led healing community for those who have experienced sexual abuse and betrayal by clergy and others in positions of authority. Jim also serves as the Chairperson of the ViaTiva Family of Companies—all focused on creating healing and empowering environments while aligning clinical, recovery, operational and business best practices to cultivate and radiate recovery capital while grounding in deep sustainability and growth. The ViaTiva Family of Companies serve the nation's largest behavioral health provider systems, insurers, and Fortune 500 companies around the world.

Jim previously served as Vice President with the nation's largest private behavioral health and wellness managed care organization. He has provided consultation and training nationally and internationally including for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment, the National Association for Addiction Professionals, the Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness as well as many other state and federal agencies. He has presented national seminars and at many conferences on "How Funding Works"; "Identifying, Accessing and Sustaining Funding in Behavioral Healthcare"; "The Nuts and Bolts of Working with Managed Care"; "Payment and Quality: Developing a Recovery Oriented Systems of Care"; and "The Trauma Informed Business Executive".

In addition to his role as a managed care executive, Jim has worked and consulted with programs across the country focusing on the connection between spirituality, mental health, addiction recovery, cultural diversity, financial wellness, creativity and the "next generation" in client-centered therapy processes. Jim has served as President of the New Mexico Recovery Professionals Alliance, is a Certified NIATx Change Leader (Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment), formerly a Key Supervisor for the Matrix Institute, and teacher of Mental Health First Aid. For over 35 years has helped companies and public healthcare systems create environments for recovery and positive therapeutic outcomes.

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