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Investigator Name	Presentation Title	Summary	Target Audience
Bennett, Melanie	Motivational Interviewing and Motivational Enhancement: Preparing People for Change	Review of background and main components of MI including research literature on MI/ME interventions.	Anyone
Bennett, Melanie	Use of Motivational Enhancement Strategies to Promote Recovery in People with Serious Mental Illness	Use of MI/ME within a recovery framework.	Anyone
Bennett, Melanie	Negative Symptoms in Schizophrenia: Description, Assessment, and Evaluation of a New Measure	Review of the definitions of negative symptoms, methods of assessment, and use of the Clinical Assessment Interview for Negative Symptoms (CAINS).	Anyone
Bennett, Melanie	Psychosocial Treatment of Patients with Schizophrenia and Substance Abuse	Review of intervention strategies for treating substance abuse in persons with schizophrenia.	Anyone
Bennett, Melanie	Behavioral Treatment of Substance Abuse in SMI (BTSAS)	Trainings of various lengths ranging from 1-3 hours to full-day.	Anyone
Bennett, Melanie	Seminar on Substance Abuse (SA) and Schizophrenia	Includes the following topic areas: - Epidemiology - Impact of SA on schizophrenia - Assessment / Diagnostic Issues - Reasons for use - Treatments to date - Barriers to effective SA treatment - Behavioral Treatment for Substance Abuse in Schizophrenia: description and findings	Trainees/fellows in psychology and related fields.
Bennett, Melanie	Smoking Cessation in Serious and Persistent Mental Illness	Reviews background of smoking in SMI, assessment tools, and intervention strategies adapted for this group of smokers.	Anyone
Bennett, Melanie	Building Intimate and Romantic Relationships: What to Do and How to Do It (Client version)	Workshop for individuals with SMI regarding skills for dating and communicating with partners.	Persons with SMI and clinicians who work with them
Bennett, Melanie	Skills for Building Intimate and Romantic Relationships for People with Serious Mental Illness (Clinician training)	Workshop to teach clinicians how to talk to clients with SMI about dating and romantic relationships.	Clinicians who work with persons with SMI
Fischer, Bernie	The Clinical Pearls of Conventional Antipsychotics	Although most patients on an antipsychotic are on the newer, atypical drugs, the conventional antipsychotics have a lot to offer. This lecture goes through the conventional antipsychotics one by one and discusses clinical pearls for their use.	Graduate Students and residents
Fischer, Bernie	Psychopharmacology in pregnancy/breast feeding	Women with mental illness who want to/become pregnant/breast feed are presented with difficult choices about their drug treatment. This lecture examines the available literature in order to help providers feel comfortable having a knowledgeable discussion with their patients.	Any healthcare provider
Fischer, Bernie	What is schizophrenia? From Kraepelin to DSM-5	This talk examines the evolution of our understanding of schizophrenia from Kraepelin's first description through the DSM.	Anyone
Fischer, Bernie	Ethics in Mental Health	Ethical dilemmas can be vexing- and even more so when related to healthcare. This lecture covers very basic ethical theory, how to make decisions when confronted with dilemmas, and the special considerations of mental health ethics.	Anyone
Hack, Samantha	Supporting Veterans in Rural Areas	An overview of the rural veteran population, their unique needs, and how both VA and community providers can meet those needs. Presentation can be further specified to focus on rural Veterans with SMI	Clinical staff and trainees of all types
Lucksted, Alicia	A Recovery Approach to Mental Health Services: Introduction	This is a "Recovery 101" introduction to the recovery paradigm of mental health services, why it's important to know about, and how it differs from the older less person-centered models.	Can be easily adapted for all staff, veterans, families, trainees
Lucksted, Alicia	Working with Family Members of Adults with Serious Mental Illnesses	Reviews the need for and common gaps in providers working with family members of adult clients with SMI and multiple ways in which one can do so effectively and efficiently and ethically when one does or does not have client permission.	Clinical staff and trainees of all types
Lucksted, Alicia	Mental Health Social and Self Stigma: Strategies for Reducing Harm	Describes both social and self stigma regarding mental illnesses, the harms caused by both, common sources, and strategies at several levels for reducing both.	Can be easily adapted for all staff, veterans, families, trainees
Lucksted, Alicia	MIRECC Clinical and Educational Small Grants: What they are and how to get them	Orients attendees to this VISN-5 resource, what types of applications are sought, how to apply, and the help that is available in designing and writing an application.  Includes time for discussion of attendees' ideas and development of an application.	All staff and veterans affiliated with a VA-connected group or unit, in VISN-5 *ONLY*, not limited to MH programs but applications have to address MH needs or populations

Lucksted, Alicia	Mental Health Self Help Groups: Concepts and Resources	Surveys the diversity, evidence base, use and benefits of mental health self help groups and consumer-run organizations for wellness and advocacy and presents local and national resources.	Can be easily adapted for all staff, veterans, families, trainees
Lucksted, Alicia	Research Careers: What are my options?	Highly interactive structured discussion of the various types of mental health research careers available, pros and cons of each, tips and things to look for.	Trainees of all types, especially Psychology Interns
Lucksted, Alicia	Serving the Needs of LGBT Adults with Mental Health Concerns	Multifaceted information and discussion of realistic ways that mental health professionals and programs of all types can better serve the needs of LGBT clients.	Clinical staff and trainees of all types
Lucksted, Alicia	Fostering Recovery-focused Care on Inpatient Mental Health Units	This series of six 30 minute sessions applies the 10 SAMHSA/VA consensus principles of a recovery approach to mental health services to inpatient settings in an interactive way that builds on ways the staff are already fostering recovery and encourages consideration of ways to take the next step. Can also be delivered in other formats (one 2-3 hour session, three 1 hour sessions, etc.)	Staff working on inpatient units, all discipline levels
Lucksted, Alicia	Creating a Welcoming Clinical Environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Veterans	This hour-long presentation offers a continuum of levels at which one can self assess to what degree one's individual or program practices create a safe and welcoming clinical environment for LGBT Veterans, accompanied by practical strategies for enhancing the environment at each level	Clinical staff of all disciplines and levels; administrative personnel in mental health
Sandson, Neil	Clozapine: A Guide for VA Prescribers	An orientation to the use of clozapine, both generally and within the VA system specifically.	Geared primarily toward prescribers but other professionals , Veterans, and families may also find helpful and informative
Sandson, Neil	Drug-Drug Interactions	An overview on the topic of drug-drug interactions, with a focus on psychiatric meds, but not exclusively so.	Geared primarily toward prescribers but other professionals , Veterans, and families may also find helpful and informative
Sandson, Neil	Drug-Drug Interactions Involved in Pain Management	Focuses on the issue of drug-drug interactions as it specifically applies to analgesic medications.	Geared primarily toward prescribers but other professionals , Veterans, and families may also find helpful and informative
Sandson, Neil	Drug-Drug Interactions Involving Prodrugs	Focuses on the issue of drug-drug interactions as it specifically applies to prodrugs, which are inactive in their administered form and are transformed by bodily metabolism into active compounds (unlike most drugs that are initially active and bodily metabolism inactivates them).	Geared primarily toward prescribers but other professionals , Veterans, and families may also find helpful and informative
Sandson, Neil	New Drugs and New Indications	Focuses primarily on antipsychotics and antidepressants.	Geared primarily toward prescribers but other professionals , Veterans, and families may also find helpful and informative
Sandson, Neil	Unanticipated Pharmacologic Consequences of Smoking and Smoking Cessation	Deals with the drug-drug interaction issue as it relates to smoking, a quite significant and pervasive issue.	Geared primarily toward prescribers but other professionals , Veterans, and families may also find helpful and informative

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