

## 2018 CIT International Conference

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Mary Giliberti, J.D**

Mary Giliberti is the chief executive officer of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and has been leading the nation's largest grassroots advocacy organization for people with mental illness and their families since 2014.

Prior to becoming chief executive officer of NAMI, Ms. Giliberti was a section chief in the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to that, she was the director of public policy and

advocacy for federal and state issues at NAMI.

During her 20+ years in the mental health field, Ms. Giliberti was also a disability counsel for the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and a senior attorney at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law.

Mary earned her B.A. at Harvard College and her J.D. at Yale Law School. She is a native of North Bellmore, N.Y.



**J. Steven Lamberti, MD**

Dr. Lamberti is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center, where he serves as Chair of the Research Subject Review Board for Behavioral and Social Sciences. He received his medical degree from the University of Missouri and completed his psychiatry residency and a neuropsychiatry fellowship at the University of Rochester.

Dr. Lamberti and his research team have conducted numerous clinical trials evaluating novel treatment and rehabilitation strategies for people with schizophrenia and related disorders. He has also received funding from National Institute of Mental Health and foundation sources to develop and test the Rochester forensic assertive community treatment (R-FACT) model. R-FACT is designed to prevent criminal recidivism and promote recovery among justice-involved adults with severe mental illness through mental health and criminal justice partnership.

For their pioneering work with in developing the R-FACT model, Dr. Lamberti and his colleagues received the 1999 APA Services Achievement Gold Award, the 2002 New York

State Community Health Improvement Award, and the 2009 NAMI Program Award. Dr. Lamberti is also a recipient of the 2004 APA Van Ameringen Award for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and he is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

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**Paton Blough**  
**Peer Specialist**

Since 2009, Paton has helped train more than 1,000 police officers, correctional officers and first responders on the finer points of Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). He uses his story of past struggles with bipolar disorder that included 6 arrests and 6 psychiatric hospitalizations to show people how to properly handle someone in crisis and to also show that recovery is possible.

He has now become a national speaker for CIT and mental health recovery and has spoken to, or on behalf of groups like the National Alliance on Mental Illness, The South Carolina Police Chief's Association, CIT International, the South Carolina Bar Association and the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of people with Mental Illnesses in Jails which included two presentations on Capitol Hill.

Paton founded the organization Rehinge which he uses to bring awareness to mental health issues, fight stigma and to band advocates behind common sense legislation. In 2015 he initiated the SC Mental Health Court Program Act and drove the legislation all the way to the Governor's desk. In 2017 he initiated and helped pass CIT legislation that would require all officers in South Carolina to continue their CIT education as part of their three-year recertification.

Paton is a Certified Peer Support Specialist, a graduate of the Greenville, South Carolina Mental Health Court in 07, he received the South Carolina NAMI Recovery Member of the Year award in 2011 and the NAMI South Carolina Stigma Buster of the Year award in 2014 and now serves on the Greenville Crisis Intervention Team and the South Carolina NAMI state board. He is a proud father of 6 and is thankful his life has been preserved so he can now help others.