

## Agenda and Speaker Information

7:15 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Welcome and Intro

8:30 a.m. **Global Innovation: Thriving with Dementia**

Benjamin Surmi is the Director of People and Culture at Koelsch Communities. Empowering people to thrive, no matter what disability or cognitive disorder they may live with, has been the focus of Benjamin's work as a social gerontologist, caregiver, activity director, lifelong learning center director and home repair coordinator. These roles shaped his understanding of the unique needs of seniors. Benjamin guides the person-centered training for over 2,400 employees in eight states and is currently implementing an evidence-based approach to care developed by two French caregivers called Humanitude. He supports 80 Life Enrichment Directors in helping over 1,200 seniors thrive.

10:00 a.m. Morning Break

10:15 a.m. **Managing Client Fears about Aging: A Legal Point of View**

Marilyn Rowley is an Illinois licensed attorney specializing in estate law, elder law, business planning, asset protection, wealth preservation, trusts and wills. She is the founder and managing director of Rowley Law, LLC, which serves clients in the Chicago area and surrounding suburban communities. Ms. Rowley's finance degree (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), law degree (DePaul College of Law) and experience is a knowledge base that is unique among her attorney peers and lends itself to a legal practice focused on estate law, elder law, business planning, asset protection planning, wealth preservation, trusts and wills.

11:45 a.m. Lunch, Resource Booths & Door Prizes

12:45 p.m. **Managing Client Fears about Aging: A Therapeutic Point of View**

Patricia Stern, MSW, LCSW, MBA, PMP, CSM is a Clinical Social Worker at Patient Centered Care Partners with a broad background in health care venues, wellness, benefits, behavioral health and health care delivery systems. Ms. Stern has extensive social work experience as a consultant to nursing homes and medical home care agencies. She is a private practitioner in a psychotherapy practice and created the first Department of Social Services in a telehealthcare disease management organization. Her professional titles include Marketing Manager Home Services, Advocate Health Care/Condell Medical Center; Director Advocacy Services, Trustmark Companies/Health Contact Partners; Program Director of Compassionate Care Hospice and Clinical Program Manager, BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

2:15 p.m. Dessert Break

2:30 p.m. **Elderwerks Dementia Unlimited: When Mental Illness and Dementia Collide**

Michelle Moore is the Vice President of Specialized Care and Training with Elderwerks Educational Services and a Senior Living Executive who has worked in senior housing operations and consulting for over 10 years. Due to her own personal experiences and her day to day observations in Senior Housing Operations, Michelle is an advocate for vulnerable and behaviorally challenged seniors with dementia. Her career is focused on geriatric mental health, dementia advancements/education, front line staff training, and developing resources for families caring for seniors with complicated dementia.

4:00 p.m. Conference Wrap-Up, Evaluations

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D'Andrea Banquets & Conference Center  
4419 Northwest Hwy., Crystal Lake, IL  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

**Registration Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2019**

### Registration Form:

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## McHenry Dementia Conference

This educational conference is designed to provide knowledge and insight to professionals working in the health care field regarding dementia topics, such as how to use therapeutic services with patients and clients, understanding their legal needs, managing client fears about dementia and information about the new Dementia Plus program.

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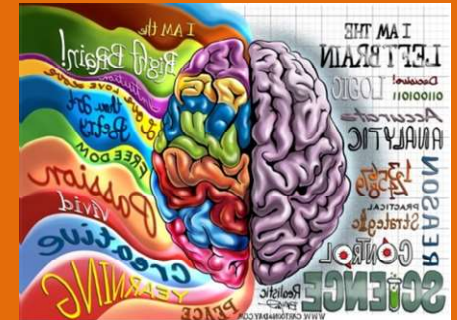


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