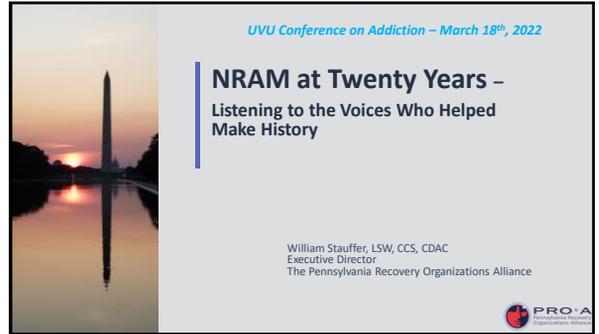
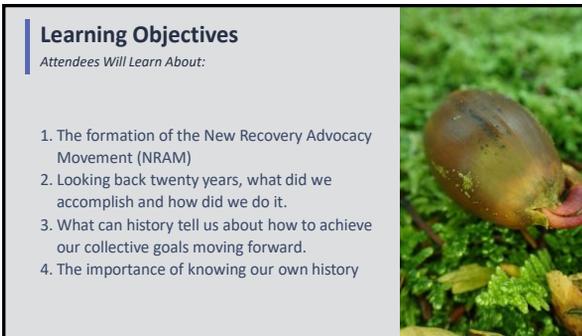




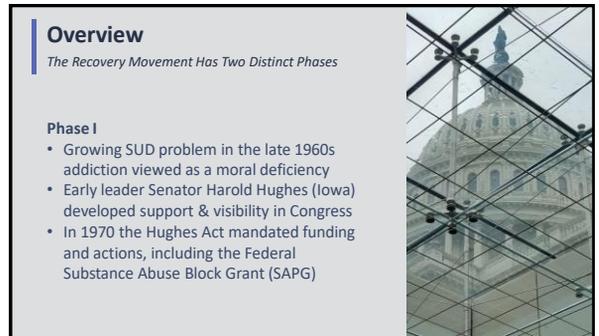
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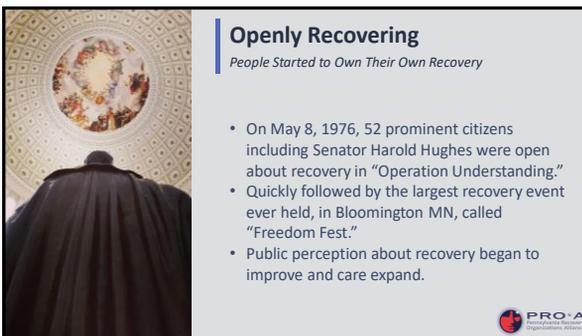
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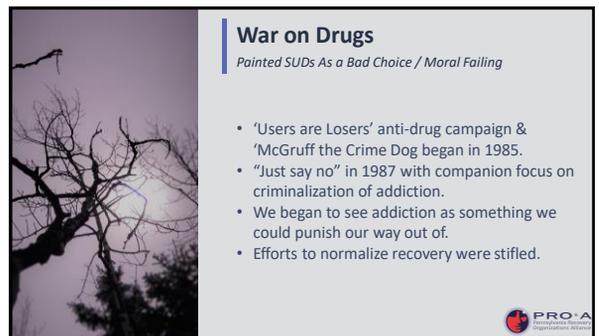
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SUD Services in the early 1990s
 Conditions That Led To The Formation of NRAM

- MCOs began to carve out care with lower financial incentives for intensive treatment.
- SUD coverage declined 75%, compared to 11.5% for general health care.
- The shift resulted in a drastic reduction in frequency and duration of inpatient care.
- No corresponding increase in outpatient care.
- Negative impact on rehabilitation efforts.



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Recovery Movement
Rebirth - Phase Two of the Recovery Movement - NRAM

Phase II
 There was a growing recognition in the mid 1990s that there was no representation of persons in recovery in policy development.

- Former Senator Hughes founded the Society of Americans for Recovery (SOAR) in 1990 to advocate for recovery.
- It ran for a few years and folded, set the stage for what came next
- Concern about these issues increased during that era.



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Acute Care Service System
A Short Residential Stay and a Graduation Coin

- The SUD treatment system and workforce became disconnected from recovery.
- Barriers made it hard for persons in recovery to get into the SUD field,
- The field became increasingly distanced from the community it served.



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Lack of Organized Voices
Making the invisible visible

Recognition developed, first within SAMHSA with David Mactas and then H. Westley Clark that funding recovery organizations would help transform our care system in necessary ways.

The RCSP (Recovery Community Support Project) program was born and community voices from around the nation began to come together to support broader recovery efforts



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Saint Paul Recovery Summit
Bringing the Voices of Recovery Together

- Funding came from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- The original RCSP attendees and other vocal recovery advocates were urged to attend.
- It was the first gathering of the national recovery community in history and occurred a few weeks after the September 11th attack.



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“There was electricity in the air from the moment we gathered, and I distinctly remember thinking at one point that what we were doing could mark a new chapter in the history of addiction recovery—a line in time between that in the future would demarcate “before” and “after.” You see, many of us knew of each other but we had never gathered as recovery advocates. The energy generated by finally placing so many of us in one place was amazing.” – Bill White



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"I met a woman who was attending the event who was openly in Medication Assisted Recovery. She was the first person I ever met who openly embraced this pathway. This was very new to me as a person who was following a 12-step recovery process and it stands out to me as important because it was because of her that I started to see and become open to multiple pathways of recovery." – David Whifers



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"Here were two members of Congress standing up and talking about the importance of advocating for recovery. They got up to the podium and openly talked about the legitimacy of recovery and about the need for parity in care for persons with substance use disorders. We had never seen anything like that before. They gave us a sense of dignity and worth, a sense that our voices mattered. It made it okay for us to speak out too. If they could advocate for us, we could advocate for ourselves and our communities." – Dona Dmitovic



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What emerged from Saint Paul
The New Recovery Advocacy Movement Was Born

It had three overarching goals:

1. To celebrate recovery in all its diversity,
2. To foster advocacy skills in the tradition of American advocacy movements and
3. To produce principles, language, strategy and leadership to carry the movement forward.

Nothing About Us Without Us!
became the rallying cry



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Celebrating recovery
Moving Recovery Out Into The Light

- Recovery became something to celebrate openly as people shared about recovery
- Recovery events were organized across the United States
- As a result, it has become easier for people to talk about having a problem with substances and to seek help



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Advocating for our needs
Shifting Away From The Acute Care Model

- Dialogue on improving our fragmented, acute care SUD system was initiated.
- We began to develop community-based recovery support services across America
- We started thinking about what a recovery-oriented system of care would look like.



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Developing a National Voice
Developing a Constituency of Consequence

- Faces & Voices of Recovery was born out of the Saint Paul Recovery Summit.
- The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 could not have occurred without an organized recovery community.
- It became more important to include people in recovery in matters that impact us.



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How did they do it?

It Did Not Happen by Accident

- The Book Slaying the Dragon just came out, attendees were aware of how vulnerable it was to internal & external disruption.
- People listened to each other and put aside their own agendas for common purpose.
- There was recognition and excitement because we had something valuable to offer.



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What Can We Learn From NRAM

History Is Not Linear – We Need To Heed It

- What has been gained can be lost
- Knowing our own history is important
- We can achieve great things, together
- Developing leaders should learn from history what went well and what could have gone better



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Moving Forward

Sustaining Our Momentum

What do we know about our own local histories

- What worked
- What did not work
- What conditions lead to positive change
- What can erode our efforts
- How do we communicate what we know to the next generation?



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