



Defining Addiction Recovery

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Description: The word "recovery" is often used, but what does it really mean? This webinar will highlight the emergence of recovery as an organizing paradigm for addiction treatment, outline the challenges in defining recovery and related concepts, review samples of work to date to define recovery, and discuss areas of emerging consensus and continued contention in defining recovery.

Learning Objectives: As a result of participating in this webinar, you will be able to:

- List at least 3 factors that contributed to the early 21st century rise of recovery as a new organizing construct in the addictions field
- Identify the 3 core ingredients contained within recent governmental/professional consensus panel definitions of recovery
- Distinguish recovery and clinical remission

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He has also recently published three seminal monographs:
Recovery Management and Recovery-oriented Systems of Care: Scientific Rationale and Promising Practices, *Peer-based Addiction Recovery Support: History, Theory, Practice and Scientific Evaluation*,
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Recovery-oriented Methadone Maintenance
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Addiction Recovery Management: Theory, Research and Practice
. Bill’s collected papers can be found at
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