

Current list of interviews on the first national meeting of the New Recovery Advocacy Movement in Saint Paul MN with key leaders, recovery leaders in Government and the Frontiers of Recovery Research interview series as of March 1st, 2026

Over the years in the course of my writings I have had the distinct honor to conduct interviews focused on historical and future oriented topics of interest to the New Recovery Advocacy Movement (NRAM). These interviews and those that follow into the future may be of interest to future leaders as recovery movements evolve over the course of time. As it is the 50th Anniversary of Operation Understanding these may be of renewed interest to readers. Below are New Recovery Advocacy Movement Interviews with key thought leaders in the formation of the movement and the first National Recovery Movement Meeting in Saint Paul Minnesota October, 2001.

1. **William White** - Recovery Historian, researcher, and author of *Slaying the Dragon the History of Addiction and Recovery in America*, participant in the Saint Paul Recovery meeting (April 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
2. **David Whitters** - *Founder Recovery Consultants of Atlanta Inc. Decatur GA and participant in the first national meeting of recovery community in Saint Paul MN (May 2021)* [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
3. **Carol McDaid** - Cofounder McShinn Foundation Recovery Community Organization and then Principal at Capitol Decisions Inc, participated in the 2021 Saint Paul Recovery Summit. (June 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
4. **Ben Bass** - Executive Director of the Recovery Alliance of El Paso TX on his recollections on the forming of the New Recovery Advocacy Movement. (June 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
5. **Tom Hill** - Senior Advisor SAMHSA and senior advisor White House ONDCP (retired) and former Director at Faces & Voices of Recovery, participated in the Saint Paul Recovery Summit (July 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
6. **Dona Dmitrovic** – then Senior Advisor to SAMHSA who has served in leadership roles in the SAMHSA Office of recovery, former ED of RCO's PRO-A and the Rase Project and Saint Paul Participant (July 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
7. **Phil Valentine** - Exec Dir, Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) now retired, and participant at the first national meeting of recovery community in Saint Paul MN (July 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
8. **Johnny Allem** – Key leader, modern recovery movement in the 1980s, led the Society of Americans for Recovery (SOAR) the first national RCO in the 90s, participant at the Saint Paul MN mtg. (July 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
9. **Bev Haberle** – Then ED of PRO-ACT of The Council of Southeast PA, Inc (retired), involved with Marty Mann organization NCADD< participant at the Saint Paul MN meeting. (August 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
10. **William Cope Moyers** – Involved in documentary Close to Home aired on PBS in 1998, then VP Hazelden Betty Ford, co-organizer of the Saint Paul National Recovery Summit. (August 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
11. **H Westley Clark, MD** – Dir CSAT SAMHSA US Dep HHS (1998-2014) key leader at SAMHSA for the establishment of RCOs, critical to the Saint Paul recovery summit. (August 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
12. **Betty Currier** – Key leader in the development of recovery community organizations in the state of New York, helped form Friends of Recovery of Delaware and Otsego Counties NY (October 2021). [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
13. **Mark Sanders** – Key leader in African American focused recovery community and key concepts of recovery transmission. Author, historian, curator Museum of African American Addictions, Tx & Rec (Dec 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
14. **Cathy Nugent** – SAMHSA First grant officer Recovery Community Support Project who helped focus key recovery community organization leading up to the Saint Paul Recovery Summit. (Dec 2021) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
15. **John Winslow** – Worked for Mercedes McCambridge / observed events beyond Operation Understanding in 1976. Founder, Dri-Dock Rec Center Cambridge MD & International Recovery Day. (Feb 2022) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)

Tom Hill – Interview on Recovery Values & Government Service February – 2022 (March 2022) – Link [HERE](#)

Frontiers of Recovery Research Interview Series focused on topic areas of William White's Frontiers of Recovery Research. Keynote Address, Consortium on Addiction Recovery Science (CoARS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), April 24-25, 2024. (link to William White's 2024 paper [HERE](#))

1. **Cultural Coproduction in Recovery Science: A Conversation with Mark Sanders:** The Frontiers of Recovery Research Interview Series (August 2025) [LINK HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
2. **Social Transmission of Recovery as a Helix of Connectivity, not a Service Checklist: A Conversation with Dr David Best:** The Frontiers of Recovery Research Interview Series (August 2025) [Link HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)

3. **Definitions and Measurement of Recovery, Where We Have Come from and Where We Need to Go - Jason Schwartz:** Frontiers of Recovery Research Interview Series Interview (August 2025) Link [HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
4. **Recovery Management Nestled in a Recovery Grounded System of Care – an Interview with Dr Michael Flaherty:** Frontiers of Recovery Research Interview Series. (October 2025) Link [HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
5. **The Coproduction of a Recovery Evidence Base on the Frontiers of FRR an Interview with William White:** Frontiers of Recovery Research Series. (November 2025) Link [HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)
6. **An Interview with Caroline Beidler - The Future of Family Recovery as a Coproduced Collaborative Process of Resiliency:** The Frontiers of Recovery Research Interview Series (Feb 2026) Link [HERE](#) [PDF HERE](#)

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