

# TREATMENT CHOICES

#### **Tools for Success**

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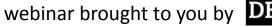
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## Creating a Plan as Unique as You Are

The choices you make regarding your treatment plan components form a wellness plan bouquet unique to you.

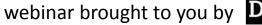






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## Presenters



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# Key to Success = Start with a Plan

YOUR NEEDS, YOUR WANTS, YOUR PLAN



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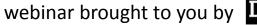


# **Changing Perspectives**

First there was the traditional "sickness" model

- You experience symptoms that are disrupting your life
- You get diagnosed and start taking medications
- Treatment goals are primarily compliance and stabilization
- Directly and indirectly you receive negative messages about a bleak future





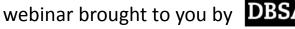


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Then along came the awareness that wellness and recovery <u>are</u> possible

Mental health recovery is a journey of healing and transformation enabling a person with a mental health problem to live a meaningful life in a community of his or her choice while striving to achieve his or her full potential.



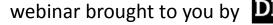


## **Changing Perspectives**

#### Then along came the awareness that wellness and recovery <u>are</u> possible

- Wellness is experiencing a rich and joyous life, not merely the absence of illness.
   Recovery is holistic: "Recovery encompasses an individual's whole life, including mind, body, spirit and community. Recovery embraces all aspects of life, including housing, social networks, employment, education, mental health and health care treatment, and family supports." (SAMSHA National Consensus Statement on Recovery)
- The building blocks of recovery are Hope and Goals

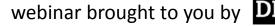




## What would wellness look like to you?

- Tools to help you create a plan
  - DBSA Wellness Plan on <u>www.FacingUs.org</u>
  - Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) by Mary Ellen Copeland <u>www.MentalHealthRecovery.com</u>
  - Pathways to Recovery Workbook available on Amazon.com or at <u>http://mentalhealth.socwel.ku.edu/pathways-recovery</u>

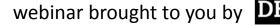




Choosing goals to move forward with my life: mind, body, spirit, and community

- "I wish I could..."
- "I used to..."
- "It probably can't ever happen, but..."
- "I would love to..."
- "I have always thought it would be interesting to..."
- "Maybe some day I could..."

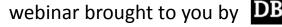




## Helpful Reminders

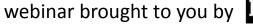
- There is no such thing as an unrealistic goal! But, there ARE unrealistic plans.
- Create plans with small, achievable steps and find the supports and resources that will help.
- Avoid "all or nothing" thinking.
- Abstinence violation effect: "Oh wow, I totally blew it. I feel so guilty, so awful, so inadequate. I guess it's hopeless. I won't even try any more.





Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.



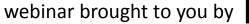




# Treatment Options For Mood Disorders

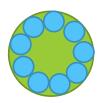
## TOOLS FOR SUCCESS



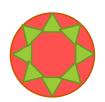




## Potential Wellness Plan Components



Medical or Biological Treatments



Talk Therapy



**Support Options** 



Lifestyle & Personal Strategies



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# Plan Component Medical or Biological

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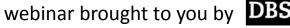




#### Learn the when, why, and which

- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) website <u>www.nimh.nih.gov</u>
  - Search: mental health medications
  - Search: brain stimulation therapies
- DBSA publications on <u>www.DBSAlliance.org</u>
  - Finding Peace of Mind brochure
  - Treatment Technologies brochure
- Medication Info phone apps
  - Might try: "Psych Drugs" and "WebMD"
- DBSA Treatment Choices Webinar Series <u>www.DBSAlliance.org/webinars</u>
  - Understanding Your Choices
  - Treatment Choices for Bipolar Disorder
  - Treatment Choices for Depression







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Treatment for these illnesses can also have ups and downs. Wellness might not happen ovemight. It is normal to wish you could feel better faster or to worry that you will never feel better. However, you *can* feel better and you can do things to help yourself.

Relief of symptoms is only the first step in treating depression or bipolar disorder. Wellness, or recovery, is a return to a life that you care about. Recovery happens when your illness stops getting in the way of your life.

You decide what recovery means to you. Talk to your health care provider (HCP) about what you need to achieve this recovery. Your HCP can provide the treatment(s) and/or medication(s) that work best for you. Along the way, you have a right to ask questions about the treatments you are getting and choose the treatments you want. It can also be helpful to work with a therapist, family member, or fellow support group participant to help define your recovery. Your definition may change at different times in your life.



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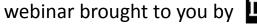




Tools to help you collaborate and/or monitor your progress

- DBSA Wellness Tracker <u>www.DBSAlliance.org/Tracker</u>
  - Medications and side-effects
  - Well-being and mood
  - Symptoms
  - Life influencers
  - Physical health stats
- Medication Reminder Apps
  - Might try: "MedCoach", "Pillboxie"





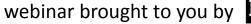


# Plan Component Talk Therapy



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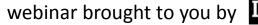


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  - Treatment Choices for Bipolar Disorder
  - Treatment Choices for Depression
- Website to share with your clinician about Interpersonal Social Rhythm Therapy from Dr. Frank in *Treatment Choices for Bipolar Disorder* webinar. <u>www.ipsrt.org</u>







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Finding the Right Treatment

Recovery Steps

Partnering with a Clinician

Understanding Medications

Additional Treatment Options

Understanding Talk Therapy

Support Groups

Personal Wellness Tools

Facing Us Clubhouse

DBSA Wellness Tracker

Wellness Toolbox

Preparing for a Crisis

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## Wellness Options

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# Plan Component Support Mechanisms (o

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### Building a trusted network of support

- Peers
  - DBSA in-person support groups at <u>www.DBSAlliance.org/findsupport</u>
  - DBSA online support groups at <u>www.DBSAlliance.org/OSG</u>
  - Online support groups at <u>www.depressionrecoverygroups/DBSA</u>
  - Social media (but exercise caution!)
- Family
  - If willing, help them learn more about your condition. Perhaps bring them to some clinical visits.
  - Suggest they may want to consider a DBSA/NAMI Family support group
- Community and/or Spiritual Supports
  - Mental health centers (E.G. <u>www.Thresholds.org</u>, Clubhouse International <u>www.iccd.org</u>)
  - Social, religious, education centers—expand your MH and non-MH circle



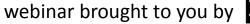


# Plan Component Personal Strategies



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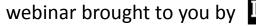




Which personal wellness strategies might prove helpful?

- Sleep
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Relaxation & Mindfulness
- Social Engagement
- Giving back to the community
- Time with animals







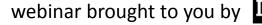


#### Examples of possible daily self-care goals

#### Sleep

- Go to bed at 10:00 PM every night.
- No smart phones, tablets, or computers in bed!
- Noise canceling headphones
- DVDs or apps with nature sounds
- Nutrition
  - Eat "clean" one meal a day
  - No caffeine after 2:00 PM
- Exercise
  - Play fetch with the dog for 15 minutes
  - Walk mindfully for a block









## Examples of possible daily self-care goals

#### Relaxation & Mindfulness

- Write down one item I am grateful for each morning
- Take a 2-minute break for a deep breathing exercise mid-morning and mid-afternoon
- Write a page in my journal each night
- Social Engagement
  - Call my sister
  - Leave the house or have a conversation with someone by 11:00 AM each day
  - Take a walk and make eye contact with, and smile at, 3 people



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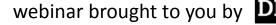




## Examples of things to do if I run into challenges

- "Catch it, check it, change it" for negative self-talk
- Positive affirmations
- Spend time with somebody who cares about me
- Peer support/support groups
- Do something physical that distracts me
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Take a brisk walk





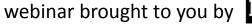


## Tools to help

#### Sleep

- Host of apps. Might try: "iSleepEasy"
- Exercise
  - Monitor: Pedometer, FitBit, etc.
  - Yoga in the Media Room at DBSA's <u>www.FacingUs.org</u>
  - Host of apps. Might try: "Map My Walk", "Endomondo"
- Nutrition
  - Host of apps. Might try: "My Fitness Pal", "Fooducate", "Eat Slower"





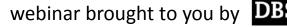




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- Social Engagement
  - Host of ways to expand network. Might try: Meetup.com to find groups with similar interests





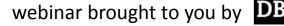


#### More tools to help

Track your progress with DBSA Wellness Tracker at <u>www.DBSAlliance.org/Tracker</u>.

- Build resiliency at <u>www.superbetter.com</u>.
- "Virtual Hope Box" app
- "eCBT" (iTunes only) or "eCBT Calm" app





# Key to Success = Work Your Plan

# STRATEGIES TO HELP ALONG THE WAY

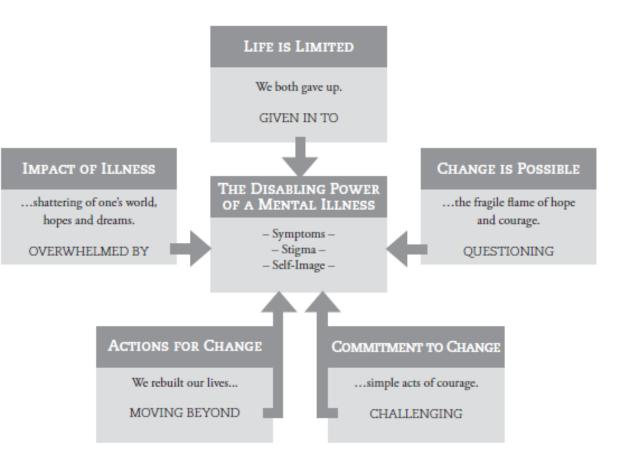


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## Five Stages of Recovery





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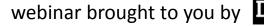




#### *Creating the Life You Want—10 Steps to Accomplishing a Goal*

- 1. State as clearly as possible in a positive manner what it is that you want to create in your life.
  - Within the next (time frame)\_\_\_\_\_, I choose to...
- 2. Be clear why you want this and how your life will be different once you achieve this goal.
  - I believe the benefits of doing this will be...
  - If I decide not to do this, it will mean...
- 3. Understand what you have going for you to help you achieve this goal.
  - Three things that I have going for me in terms of creating the kind of future that I want are...





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#### *Creating the Life You Want—10 Steps to Accomplishing a Goal*

- 4. Understand the challenges that exist.
  - Three things that may keep me from creating the kind of future that I want are...
- 5. Be especially aware of the negative self-talk that sabotages and undermines your attempts to succeed.
  - The negative and destructive self-talk that I need to watch out for is...
  - I will fight this negative self-talk by...
- 6. Be clear about what you need to achieve this goal in terms of skills, resources, support systems, etc.
  - I need to learn the following skills in order to accomplish this goal...,
  - I need to get these resources...
  - I need to develop these supports...



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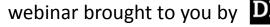




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- 7. List the 3-5 major actions that you need to take to start moving toward this goal.
  - I need to get started by doing these things...
- 8. Think of ways to care for yourself as you work to achieve this goal.
  - I will take care of myself while working to create the kind of future I want by...
- 9. Stay focused on what you want to create, not on the difficulties you might be having.
  - I will keep myself focused on what I want to create and the benefits this will bring me by...
- 10. Be easy on yourself! Have fun! Enjoy it! Enjoy life!
  - I will remember to be easy on myself.
  - I will work to enjoy life by doing these things...





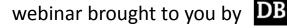


## Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone and Taking Risks

#### What's one of your dreams?

- What would be a first step in moving in that direction?
- Set yourself up for success!
  - Identify your personal style and decide whether to build on, or to challenge, that.





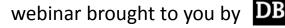


Stepping Outside Your Comfort Zone and Taking Risks

#### To take that first step...

- Do I need to first learn a new skill?
- Do I need to find a particular resource?
- Do I need to find/create a supporter for motivation and encouragement?



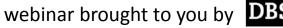


## Working Your Plan

Become the leader of your life. Lead yourself to where you want to be. Breathe life back into your ambitions, your desires, your goals, your relationships.

- Steve Maraboli, Unapologetically You: Reflections on Life and the Human Experience

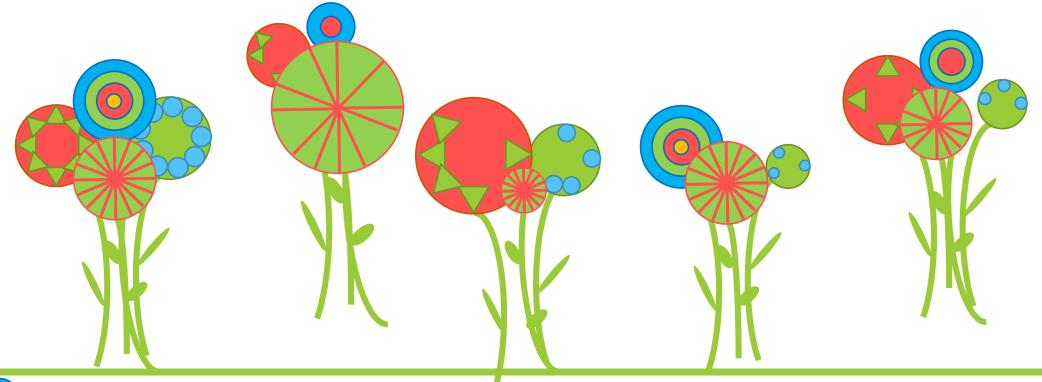




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## Your Unique Bouquet of Choices

Everyone's needs and goals are different. Everyone's wellness plan bouquet will be different too. None is better than another as long as it works for the person.





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