

# STEVEN G. LIGA

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## EDUCATION

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### RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

M.S.W. in Administration, Policy, and Planning, May 1997

Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drugs Certificate

### VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

B.A. in English, December 1991: Magna cum Laude

Honors Program and Peace & Justice Studies Minors

National Merit Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa

## EMPLOYMENT

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### RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

#### Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

##### *Part-time Lecturer, 2006-Present*

- Teach three 300 level undergraduate courses: Drugs, Culture & Society; Addiction Policy; and Science of Prevention, which is taught as both a traditional class and as a fully online course.
- Created the latter two original courses and developed a Certificate Program in Addiction Prevention.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL on ALCOHOLISM and DRUG DEPENDENCE (NCADD) of MIDDLESEX COUNTY

#### *Executive Director/CEO, 1998-Present*

- Maintain a track record of better than 50% success writing Federal, State, and County government grants and multiple foundation grants, including two from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, more than tripling the agency's budget within ten years.
- Develop programs for purchase and use throughout the nation, including the only two programs from New Jersey to be listed on SAMHSA's National Registry of Effective Programs and Practices.
- Responsible for the revision of the organization's bylaws, personnel manual, and job descriptions for all staff and the rebuilding of the Board of Trustees, resulting in regular contracts to provide strategic planning services for other organizations.
- Present workshops and keynote presentations at the National Prevention Network's annual Research Conference and the annual conferences of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, New Jersey Prevention Network, National Association of Social Workers – New Jersey, and New Jersey Associated Treatment Providers.
- Train collations and agencies on evidence-based programs and the Strategic Prevention Framework as far away as Alaska.
- Serve as a reliable source for the media, including television interviews on ABC's Nightline, CNN's Anderson Cooper program, NJN and News 12 New Jersey; radio news broadcasts for all Millennium Radio stations in New Jersey, including 101.5 FM; and newspapers throughout the region.
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with community groups, service providers, government offices, and other relevant agencies to further advocacy efforts, public relations for the organization, and provision of services to the community.

### MERCER COUNTY OFFICE ON ADDICTION SERVICES

#### *County Alliance Coordinator, 1996- 1998*

- Provided on-going technical support to local Municipal Alliances, conducted on-site administrative and programmatic evaluations, and compiled state quarterly fiscal and programmatic reports.
- Reviewed funding proposals, helped lead the County's strategic planning process, and completed a countywide needs assessment.

### MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

#### *Program Coordinator, 1997- 98*

- Developed curriculum, scheduled courses, and designed marketing strategies to expand enrollment.
- Solicited course proposals from practitioners in the field, reviewed course content to ensure it met Board standards, and evaluated instructor and program performance.

### CADC & CPS COURSE INSTRUCTOR

#### *1996- Present*

- Provide workshops for professionals training to be addictions counselors and prevention specialists through various programs sponsored by Rutgers University, NAADAC, Rowan University, Matt Talbot Institute, Prevention Plus of Burlington County, NCADD of Middlesex County, Mercer County Community College, and Recovery Assistance Program Training.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### *Addictions Counselor, 1995- 96*

- Designed and implemented policy and curriculum for a sixteen-week outpatient program for high-risk DWI clients referred by the Mercer County Intoxicated Driver's Resource Center (IDRC).
- Provided group, individual, and family counseling.

## **RESCUE MISSION OF TRENTON, INC.**

### ***Addictions Counselor, 1992 -95***

- Provided case management, group, and individual counseling for clients in a long term residential program, including inmates and parolees as part of a 90-day in-patient pre-release program.
- Served as liaison between the program, State Coordinators, and District Parole Officers.
- Assisted in the drafting of the State Licensure Regulations for Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities for the New Jersey Department of Health.
- Developed and instituted agency's first No-Smoking Policy and recreational therapy program.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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### **NEW BRUNSWICK MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION**

#### ***2003 - 2008, Co-Chair***

- Developed a new coalition focusing on the mental health and substance abuse needs of underserved New Brunswick residents as part of the *Healthier New Brunswick 2010* initiative sponsored by New Brunswick Tomorrow and UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
- Helped secure a \$100,000 grant to fund special projects for this and three other coalitions that are part of the initiative, including a \$25,000 training program for lay leaders in faith communities on mental health and substance abuse.

### **NEW JERSEY PREVENTION NETWORK (NJPN)**

#### ***1998- Present, Treasurer 2002, Vice-President 2004-2008, President 2009-2010***

- Provided oversight for annual budget of \$8 million. Developed new budgeting process and methods of increasing financial and programmatic accountability of member organizations. Negotiate with funders on fiscal and programmatic matters. Provide technical assistance to member organizations.
- Rewrote bylaws and assisted with the development of a \$25,000 full service Internet and Intranet site.
- Represented NJPN at legislative hearings, public meetings, and on interdisciplinary task forces.

### **HEALTHY NEIGHBORS**

#### ***1998- 2005, Co-Vice Chair 2002-2003, Chair 2004***

- Served on Board of Trustees for this broad-based community health organization sponsored by Solaris Health System.
- Provided workshops on Developmental Assets throughout the region.
- Led strategic planning process and advocated for healthy recreation opportunities for youth, which ultimately led to the building of the new community center in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

### **MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE on ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (PACADA)**

#### ***1996 – Present, Vice Chair (2003-2005), Chair (2005-2009)***

### **NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION of ALCOHOLISM and DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS**

#### ***1992- 2004, Past President***

- Elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995, 1st Vice President 1996-98, and President 1998-2000.
- Advocated for addiction counselors with legislators, public and private providers, and managed care companies, ultimately leading to the law requiring licensure for addiction counselors.
- Assisted with the development of the Association's web site, mission statement, brochure, major membership drive, and coordination of annual state conference (1996 Co-Chair).
- Editor-In-Chief of quarterly newsletter (1995-98).

### **NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT of HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES, DIVISION of ADDICTION SERVICES**

#### ***Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) Representative, 1998- 2001, 2006-2008***

### **MERCER ORGANIZATION of ADDICTION TREATMENT & EDUCATION SERVICES**

#### ***Chairperson, 1993- 96***

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS**

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### **NEW JERSEY BOARD OF MARRIAGE and FAMILY EXAMINERS**

*Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC #37LC00113100), 2005- Present*

### **NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

*Licensed Social Worker (LSW #44SL00548400), 1998-Present*

### **ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS CERTIFICATION BOARD OF NEW JERSEY**

*Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC #2157R), 1995-2005*

*Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS #194), 1998- Present*

*Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS #252), 2008-Present*