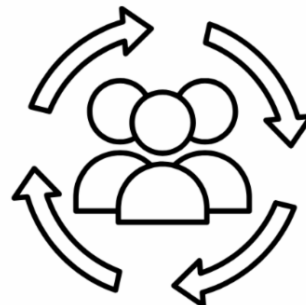


August Update & Leadership Announcement

a joint update from

Executive Director Suzie Walker
Board President Danielle Wallace



Dear Friends, Member Centers, and Partners,

Welcome to the August edition of the Recovery Partners of Vermont newsletter. As we prepare for a busy fall, we have an important update about our executive leadership.

After a meaningful tenure, Suzie Walker will be stepping down from her role as Executive Director, with her final day being Friday, August 14, 2026.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to express our gratitude to Suzie for her service, vulnerability, and heart-led leadership over the past year and a half. She stepped into RPV during a pivotal moment and has been an unwavering advocate for peer-led recovery across our state.

As we look ahead, RPV's mission and day-to-day work remain on steady ground. The Executive Committee and Board are executing a transition plan. We will be seating an Interim Executive Director in August to maintain full momentum on our core initiatives—including our upcoming October Annual Conference, Medicaid alignment, and legislative advocacy—while we conduct a comprehensive search for our permanent leader.

While our regular program highlights will return in the September newsletter, our key workstreams continue without interruption. Please reach out to the appropriate contacts below for ongoing inquiries:

- Executive & Transition Inquiries: Danielle Wallace, Board President – danielle@tpvt.org
- October Annual Conference & Sponsorships: cielo@vtrecoverynetwork.org

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to individuals and families across Vermont.

With gratitude,

Suzie Walker, Executive Director

Danielle Wallace, Board President, on behalf of the Board of Directors

P.S. Save the Date: RPV's Annual Recovery Conference is taking place this October! Stay tuned for registration and schedule details in our September issue.



Finding Grace

Suzie Walker
Executive Director

"Annie Lamott said that grace meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us. Grace met me in January 2025 when I started as Executive Director for the Recovery Partners of Vermont. Working alongside the recovery leaders, peers, and allies here has been one of the most impactful experiences in my life.

Seeing Recovery Coaches earn certification and recovery centers become Certified Recovery Service Organizations leaves me in awe of this system and its people! It's time for me to resume other work that feeds my soul and witness the talented, devoted RPV team excel. I'll be cheering you on as Vermont's recovery field continues to advance. People do recover. Recovery is real. Thank you to everyone who helps make access to recovery possible."

Save the Date!

5th Annual **Recovery is the Answer!**



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Peer Support is the Way Conference

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