

ABVE 2018 Conference “Elevate Your Practice”

Professional Volunteerism; Using Your Skills and Experience to Help Your Community by Mitchell A. Schmidt, M.Ed, CRC, ABVE/D, LPC

Outline for Discussion:

Part 1- The Why, Who, What and How

- 1. Why do I / We do this ?**

- 2. What do/can I bring to the table ?**
 - **Professional qualifications/ employment experience / other assets**
 - **Personal experiences/ life history/ personal or family/friends challenges**

- 3. Who do / can we serve ?**

- 4. Where can we find the opportunities ?**

- 5. Who is the population we serve ?**
 - **Why are they in these situations ?**

- 6. What are the barriers to job obtainment or job betterment ?**
 - **How or can we help our recipients of service hurdle these barriers ?**

- 7. What community resources are available ?**
 - **How do we access them and/or connect our recipients of service with these services. Can we assist with the work of other service providers ?**

Part 2- The Experiences and Outcomes

Discussions / sharing of redacted and anonymous service experiences.

What has worked, what hasn't and why- (if possible to assess.)