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Project

Hosted by The Marbridge Foundation

## SYMPOSIUM AGENDA & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Shuttle service is provided for attendees staying at the Omni Southpark Hotel. Refer to schedule on Pg.2)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00pm      **Welcome Dinner  
Max's Wine Dive**  
207 San Jacinto  
Austin, TX 78701

### THURSDAY, APRIL 27

7:30am      **Registration and Full Breakfast provided by Marbridge**

8:30am      **Welcome and Introduction**

9:00am      **Keynote Speaker – Ron Suskind, Pulitzer-winning author and journalist.**  
Topic: Together with his son Owen, Ron Suskind shares his family's journey in connecting with their autistic son through animated films; a story told in the Academy Award nominated documentary, *Life, Animated*.

10:30am      **Break – *Life, Animated*, book signing with Ron Suskind**

10:45am      **David Seaton, Founder/CEO of Therapeutic Communities and Seaton Foundation**  
Topic: Learning Community for Cognitive Disability Innovation and Leadership; Training the next generation of caregivers, innovators and leaders in long-term care.

11:30am      **Networking; Lunch provided by Marbridge**

12:30pm      **Tour of Marbridge campus**

1:00pm      **Joseph MacBeth, ED, National Association of Direct Support Professionals**  
Topic: Direct Support Professional Development - The Eighty Percent Solution

2:30pm      **Break**

2:45pm      **Julia Nickerson, Nickerson Law Group; Board Certified Estate Planning & Probate Law**  
Topic: Help Families Plan/Pay for Lifelong Residential Care; Enrich Your Endowment

4:00pm      **Break**

4:45pm      **Depart Marbridge for networking dinner (transportation provided)**

5:30pm      **Networking Dinner  
Uncle Julio's**  
301 Brazos St #150  
Austin, TX 78701



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### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00am**      **Check In and Full Breakfast provided by Marbridge**
- 9:00am**      **Breakout Sessions**
- 1. CMS/State Trans. Plan Update:** Desiree Kameka: CCC/MHAF, Mark Olson, LTO
  - 2. Employment:** Jerry Davis: Workability International/Goodwill  
John Kelly: Workability International/SourceAmerica
  - 3. Care Outcomes:** Michael Storz, Chapel Haven
  - 4. Aging/IDD/SNF:** Duncan Murray; Marbridge, Brandi Meadows: Annandale
  - 5. Housing Models:** Ashley Kim, Villa de Vida  
Andy Conover, St. Louis Life  
Jim Whittiker, ARC of Jacksonville  
Debbie Harris, My Life Illinois  
Heather Stenberg, Stephen's Place
- 10:30am**      **Break**
- 10:45am**      **Coalition for Community Choice (CCC)**  
The CCC is an alliance of organizations, businesses, and housing professionals that strive to meet the housing and employment demand for an array of life options for those with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). The CCC will have their spring meeting at Marbridge on Friday, April 28th and have extended an invitation to interested Symposium attendees.
- 11:30am**      **Networking; Lunch provided by Marbridge**
- 12:15pm**      **Coalition for Community Choice continued**
- 3:00pm**      **Adjourn**

### Shuttle Schedule

**Wednesday, April 26** - shuttle will depart the Omni Hotel 6:30pm for dinner at Max's Wine Dive, returning to the Omni at approximately 9pm.

**Thursday, April 27** - shuttle will depart the Omni for Marbridge at 7:00am. Shuttle will depart Marbridge 4:45 pm for dinner, arriving at Uncle Julio's 5:30pm. Shuttle will then return guests to the Omni after dinner.

**Friday, April 28** – shuttle will depart the Omni at 7:30am, returning guests to the Omni at 3:00 pm.