

**Gerontology Symposium:
Connection, Community and Collaboration
Agenda - May 15, 2023**

- 7:30 – 8:10am** **Registration / Coffee**
- 8:10 – 8:15** **Welcome and Introduction**
Amber Snow, APRN and Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH
- 8:15 – 8:45** **Vermont Update**
Angela Smith-Dieng, Director, Adult Services Division, DAIL
Rhonda Williams, Chronic Disease Prevention Chief; Vt Department of Health
- 8:45 – 9:45** **KEYNOTE – What Can We Learn From Those Living With Dementia?**
Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper, Minister to Older Adults and Author of *On Vanishing*
- 9:45 – 10:00** **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:15** **CONCURRENT SESSIONS I**
- Choice 1** **Managing Challenging Behaviors as Dementia Progresses**
(Non-Pharmacological Approaches)
Amber Snow, APRN; Erin Roelke, Age Well
- Choice 2** **Innovative Programs From the UVMDC Dementia Family Caregiver Center**
Lori McKenna, LICSW; Jeanne Hutchins, MA
- Choice 3** **Self-Sustenance: Your Inner Resources**
Francesca Arnoldy, End-of-Life Doula, Death Literacy Advocate
- Choice 4** **Cannabis – The Basics, Benefits, Cautions and How to Talk to Your Provider ***
Jessilyn Dolan, RN **Not eligible for credit*
- 11:15 – 12:15pm** **PANEL** **Fostering Social Connection and Inclusion**
Moderator: Tiffany Smith, MA
Panelists: Emily Raymond, MSW; Soheila Saghari, RN; Karen Gravlin, MLS
- 12:15 – 1:15** **Lunch**
- 1:15 – 2:30** **CONCURRENT SESSIONS II (repeated from Session I)**
- 2:30 – 2:45** **BREAK**
- 2:45 – 3:45** **PANEL** **Advocating for Your Care Recipient**
Moderator: Rev. Rick Neu, Center on Aging
Panelists: Sarah Matt, RN; Chapin Kaynor; Jane Dwinell
- 3:45 – 4:00** **Wrap-up**

