

Brett R. Harris

Senior Research Scientist

Brett R. Harris, DrPH, has 16 years of experience in the development, implementation, and evaluation of substance use and suicide prevention initiatives. At NORC, Dr. Harris leads a suicide prevention portfolio funded by SAMHSA, CDC, and private foundations and organizations that includes specialized work focused on rural residents, LGBTQIA2S+ communities, veterans, tribal communities, and the intersection of substance use and suicide. In addition, Dr. Harris leads several projects related to Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for substance misuse and led the development of the SBIRT-Suicide Care model to jointly address substance use and suicide. In addition to her role at NORC, Dr. Harris is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University at Albany Center for Integrated Health Sciences and President of the New York State Public Health Association. Prior to NORC, Dr. Harris spent 11 years implementing substance use and suicide prevention initiatives for the State of New York.

Relevant NORC Experience

ND HOPES Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program (CDC)

Co-Director, 2022 - 2027

Lead evaluation, technical assistance (TA), and implementation of a CDC-funded suicide prevention grant in Western North Dakota with tailored programs for veterans, rural residents, and LGBTQIA2S+ youth.

ND THRIVES Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Program (SAMHSA)

NORC Project Director, 2023 - 2028

Lead training, TA, and evaluation of a SAMHSA-funded Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grant serving rural and tribal youth 10-24 in schools, health care settings, and community-based organizations in 12 counties across the north-central and northeastern regions of North Dakota.

NAMI Support Groups Evaluation (NAMI)

Project Director, 2025 - 2026

Conducting a mixed methods evaluation of the National Alliance on Mental Illness' (NAMI) Connection and Family Support Groups.

Overdose and Suicide Prevention Community Needs Assessment in Genesee and Orleans Counties (opioid settlement funding)

Project Director, 2025

Conducting a survey and series of focus groups with professionals and community members to learn more about perspectives on opioids, addiction, mental health, suicide risk, stigma, and harm reduction and to develop actionable recommendations.

Education

DrPH, Health Policy, Management, and Behavior

University at Albany School of Public Health

MPH, Healthy Policy and Management

University at Albany School of Public Health

B.S., Human Development, Adolescents, and Social Policy

Cornell University

Expertise

- Nonprofit board leadership
- APHA affiliate affairs and governance
- Public health approach to suicide prevention
- Substance use prevention and SBIRT
- Rural and LGBTQIA2S+ communities
- Training and technical assistance
- Evaluation

Related Professional History

NORC at the University of Chicago,

Senior Research Scientist, 2020 – present

New York State Public Health

Association, President, 2022-present,
Vice President, 2021-2022, Board of Directors, 2018-2021

University at Albany School of Public

Health, Clinical Associate Professor, 2020
- present, *Clinical Assistant Professor,*
2016 - 2020

New York State Office of Mental Health,

Director of Public Health Initiatives, 2017 -
2020, *Suicide Prevention Project Manager,*
2015 - 2017

New York State Office of Addiction

Services and Supports, Research
Scientist, 2014 - 2015, Project Evaluator,
2010 - 2014

Exploring Coalition Needs for Community-Based Suicide Prevention (SAMHSA)*Project Director, 2024 - 2025*

Conducting a series of focus groups with state suicide prevention leads and substance use and suicide prevention coalition leads to explore needs for community-based suicide prevention and propose recommendations for future coalition resources and supports.

NAMI on Campus Evaluation (NAMI)*Project Director, 2024 - 2025*

Conducting an evaluation of the National Alliance on Mental Illness' (NAMI) peer-led high school and college mental health program called NAMI on Campus. The evaluation includes a survey of club members and focus groups with faculty and staff advisors.

Suicide Prevention Resources for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth (SAMHSA)*Project Director, 2022 - 2023*

Developed resource guides for technical assistance providers, school professionals, state suicide prevention coordinators, primary care providers, community-based organizations, and other key invested parties through a contract with the SAMHSA Suicide Prevention Resource Center to address a SAMHSA-identified priority. Resource guide content was informed by an environmental scan, literature review, key informant interviews with professionals, and focus groups with LGBTQIA2S+ youth and their parents.

Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families TA Center (SAMHSA)*NORC Project Director, 2022 - present*

Provide TA to SAMHSA Suicide Prevention Governor's Challenge teams on the development of Crisis Intercept Maps, strategies for addressing gaps, and developing and implementing data-informed approaches to suicide prevention in local communities.

Crisis Intercept Mapping Analysis (Policy Research Associates, Inc.)*Project Director, 2021*

Led a gaps analysis of 24 communities across the country that participated in Crisis Intercept Mapping with SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families TA Center. Results informed delivery of TA to improve the crisis care infrastructure that supports 988.

EvidenceNOW: Managing Unhealthy Alcohol Use Initiative (AHRQ)*Evaluation Task Lead, 2021 - 2024*

Led a mixed-methods cross-site evaluation of the integration of evidence-based substance use prevention/early intervention and medication treatment approaches in 700+ primary care clinics across the country to improve care for unhealthy alcohol use.

SBIRT Community-Based Outreach (NY CARES) (SAMHSA)*Project Evaluator and NORC Project Director, 2021 - 2026*

Lead evaluation, training, and technical assistance on the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS OASAS) SAMHSA SBIRT grant. This grant seeks to develop, implement, and evaluate a novel approach to SBIRT using community outreach to serve populations that may be hesitant to seek traditional health care including recent immigrants, LGBTQ+ youth, American Indian and tribal communities, and rural residents.

Community Overdose Prevention Education (Project COPE) (SAMHSA)*Project Evaluator and NORC Project Director, 2021 - 2026*

Lead evaluation of the NYS OASAS SAMHSA Project COPE grant which provides lifesaving supplies and training/guidance on naloxone administration and treatment to those serving four disproportionately affected populations: 1) pregnant, post-partum, and parenting women, 2) victims of intimate partner violence, 3) Native American communities, and 4) LGBTQ+ communities.

Evaluation of JED Campus Program (JED Foundation)*Project Director, 2022 - 2023*

Led an assessment of the implementation of the JED Foundation's Comprehensive Approach and Campus suicide prevention program to inform recommendations for scalability and program improvement.

SBIRT for Substance Use, Suicide Risk, and Problem Gambling on College Campuses (Project ACCESS) (SAMHSA)*NORC Project Director, September 2023 - 2028*

Lead the evaluation of training and technical assistance for a SAMHSA-funded SBIRT outreach grant for substance use, suicide prevention, and problem gambling among college students at the University at Albany.

Rural Mental Health Listening Tour*Principal Investigator, 2020 - 2022*

Led a focus group study of rural communities in New York State to identify unique needs, challenges, and assets; better understand help-seeking barriers and access to and utilization of services; and solicit recommendations for improving the delivery of mental health services, resources, and supports. The project included 289 participants across 16 counties.

RHHub Suicide Prevention Toolkit (FORHP)*Task Lead, 2021*

Expanded and enhanced the existing Federal Office for Rural Health Policy's Rural Health Information (RHI) hub suicide prevention toolkit. The new toolkit includes a comprehensive set of pages which focus on prevention, intervention, and postvention for a variety of settings as well as pages showcasing model programs.

SBIRT Implementation Manual (OASAS)*Project Director, 2023*

Led the development of an SBIRT implementation manual for NYS OASAS. The manual provides guidance for multiple service settings and for working with specific populations with higher rates of substance use.

LSF Health Systems Integrated SBIRT-Suicide Care TA and Training (LSF Health Systems)*Project Director, 2022*

Developed, delivered, and recorded a suicide prevention training series for LSF Health Systems including community-based suicide prevention, Zero Suicide, postvention, and SBIRT-Suicide Care (SBIRT-SC).

Peer Assistance Services Integrated SBIRT-Suicide Care TA and Training (Peer Assistance Services)*Project Director, 2021*

Developed a training and trainer's guide on SBIRT-Suicide Care (SBIRT-SC) tailored to the needs of Colorado TA providers and developed and delivered a train-the-trainer to build in-state capacity.

Relevant Past Project Experience

New Yorkers Advancing Suicide Safer Care for Youth (SAMHSA)

Project Director, New York State Office of Mental Health, 2019-2020

A Garrett Lee Smith grant to implement suicide prevention, intervention, and treatment services for youth ages 10-24 in clinical, community-based, school-based, and college settings in Onondaga County, NY and statewide.

New Yorkers Advancing Suicide Safer Care (SAMHSA)

Implementation Lead and Evaluation Manager, New York State Office of Mental Health, 2017-2020

A Zero Suicide grant to implement the Zero Suicide model in all five regions of New York State and to create a Suicide Safer Care Network across multiple sites in Onondaga County.

Learning from Loss: Using Suicide Fatality Review Teams for Targeted Prevention Activities (NYHealth Foundation)

Principal Investigator, New York State Office of Mental Health, 2019-2020

Grant to develop, test, and refine a formal suicide fatality review process in four New York State counties with the goal of improving the accuracy, timeliness, and completeness of data on suicide and using the data to inform suicide prevention activities at the local level.

College Student Mental Health: Help-Seeking Preferences and Impact on Access and Utilization of Services and Resources

Principal Investigator, University at Albany, 2019-2020

Conducted focus groups with undergraduate students, public health graduate students, LGBTQ+ students, student athletes, and international students to learn about help-seeking behaviors, their utilization of on- and off-campus services, and to provide institution-specific recommendations.

Suicide Prevention in Communities: Exploring Collaborative Opportunities among Substance Use and Suicide Prevention Coalitions

Principal Investigator, University at Albany, 2019-2020

Surveyed local mental health commissioners and substance use and suicide prevention coalition leads to explore attitudes, perceptions, and current practices in suicide prevention within New York State counties and identify opportunities for collaboration among substance use and suicide prevention coalitions.

Addressing the Opioid Crisis in School-Based Health Centers: Attitudes, Perceptions, and Practice of New York State Program Directors and Clinicians (University at Albany Initiatives for Women)

Principal Investigator, University at Albany, 2017-2018

Seed research funding to explore school-based health center providers' views on the opioid crisis and ways they may address the crisis among their adolescent patients.

Family Engagement in Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts (OJJDP)

Consultant and Subject Matter Expert, Policy Research Associates, 2016 – 2017

Conducted a needs assessment of professionals with youth-serving drug treatment courts, mental health courts, and hybrid courts and developed a TA brief outlining steps for successful engagement of families in the juvenile drug treatment court process.

Substance Use Prevention and Early Intervention in School-Based Health Centers (Conrad N. Hilton Foundation)
Research Scientist, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, 2014-2016

Research project examining the impact of a computerized SBIRT program with students receiving services in Mount Sinai St. Luke's/Mount Sinai Roosevelt Hospital System school-based health centers.

NYSBIRT and Project LINK (SAMHSA)

Project Evaluator, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, 2010-2015

Led the evaluation of two SAMHSA-funded OASAS SBIRT programs in New York City STD clinics and various health care settings serving the military community near Fort Drum.

SBIRT Attitudes and Perceptions in School-Based Health Centers and Community-Based Primary Care

Principal Investigator, University at Albany, 2012-2014

Surveyed program directors and primary care practitioners in school-based health centers and community-based primary care to identify provider knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions that facilitate and impede adoption and implementation of SBIRT for substance misuse.

Selected Publications

Harris BR, Harris D, Flanagan E, Mariani A, Hay TA. Crisis intercept mapping for community-based suicide prevention: An assessment of the crisis infrastructure and future considerations for 988. *Community Ment Health J*. 2024. DOI: 10.1007/s10597-024-01329-9.

Harris BR, Gallant KC, Cohen H, Karydi A, McPherson TL. Communication and support as suicide prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ youth: Perspectives of professionals, parents, and youth. *J. LGBT Youth*. 2024. DOI: 10.1080/19361653.2024.2377661.

Gallant KC, **Harris BR**. Community collaboration for suicide and overdose prevention: Attitudes, perceptions, and practices of community-based professionals and county leadership in New York State. *Community Ment Health J*. 2024. DOI: 10.1007/s10597-024-01238-x.

Harris BR, Horner A. Optimizing Professional Development for New York State Public Health Association Members: Findings from a Mixed Methods Assessment of Public Health Professionals. *Health Promot Pract*. 2024. DOI: 10.1177/15248399241258725.

Harris BR, Gallant KC, Mariani A. Mental health in rural New York: Findings and implications of a listening tour with residents and professionals. NORC Working Paper Series, WP-2023-001. 2023. https://www.sbirteeducation.com/_files/ugd/e278f7_45417d63154f40139965b09ff6e7a7cf.pdf.

Harris BR, Gallant KC. In their own voice: Behavioral health care delivery barriers in rural New York. *J Rural Ment Health*. 2023. DOI: 10.1037/rmh0000237.

Harris BR. Helplines for mental health support: Perspectives of New York State college students and implications for promotion and implementation of 988. *Community Ment Health J*. 2023. DOI: 10.1007/s10597-023-01157-3.

NORC at the University of Chicago. Mental health promotion and suicide prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ youth: A resource guide for professionals, families, and communities. *Suicide Prevention Resource Center*. 2023. <https://sprc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/LGBTQIA2S-Resource-Guide.pdf>.

Harris BR, Maher BM. Student-athlete mental health, help-seeking, and service utilization: Implications for a multi-tiered, public health approach on college campuses. *J College Stud Psychother*. 2022. DOI: 10.1080/87568225.2022.2109548.

Harris BR, Maher BM, Wentworth L. Optimizing efforts to promote mental health on college and university campuses: Recommendations to facilitate usage of services, resources, and supports. *J Behav Health Serv Res*. 2022. DOI: 10.1007/s11414-021-09780-2.

Harris BR, Rich JH. Upstream prevention of opioid misuse in school-based health centers: Provider attitudes, perceptions, and practice. *J Soc Work Pract Addict*. 2021. DOI: 10.1080/1533256X.2021.1935153.

Harris BR. Suicide as a hidden contributor to the opioid crisis and the role that primary care and emergency medicine play in addressing it. *Prev Med*. 2021;148. DOI: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2021.106572.

Harris BR, Tracy M, Comber KG, Pechenik SF, Carruthers JW. Suicide safer care in behavioral health settings: A comparative analysis of attitudes, perceptions, and practice between mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers. *J Subst Abuse Treat*. 2021;126. DOI: 10.1016/j.jsat.2021.108330.

Harris BR. The role of public policy in advancing SBIRT implementation and dissemination. In: Cimini D ed. Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment for substance use: A practitioner's guide. Washington, DC: APA. 2020; 266-298.

Harris BR, Yu J. Serving high-risk, hard-to-reach populations: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for veterans and active duty military in civilian health care settings outside of a military base. *J Soc Work Pract Addict*. 2019;19(1-2): 177-187. DOI: 10.1080/1533256X.2019.1589886.

Yu J, Hussain S, Appel P, Astone-Twerell J, Kearse R, **Harris B**. Substance use, military experience, and posttraumatic stress disorder among veterans in community-based residential treatment. *Mil Behav Health*. 2019;7(3): 279-285. DOI: 10.1080/21635781.2018.1530623.

Harris BR, Yu J, Wolff M, Rogers M, Blank S. Optimizing the impact of alcohol and drug screening and early intervention in a high-risk population receiving services in New York City sexual health clinics: A process and outcome evaluation of Project Renew. *Prev Med*. 2018;112:160-167. DOI: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2018.04.018.

Yu J, **Harris BR**, Shi J. Adopting early intervention for substance use disorders: A preliminary study of primary healthcare professionals in New York State. *Drug-Educ Prev Polic*. 2017;25(6): 475-482. DOI: 10.1080/09687637.2017.1335286.

Harris BR, Keator K, Vincent-Roller N, Keefer B. Engage, involve, empower: Family engagement in juvenile drug treatment courts. National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice. 2017. Available at: <https://www.ncjfcj.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Engage-Involve-Empower-Family-Engagement-in-Juvenile-Drug-Treatment-Courts.pdf>.

Appel P, Warren BE, Yu J, Rogers M, **Harris BR**, Highsmith S, Davis C. Implementing substance abuse intervention services in New York City sexually transmitted disease clinics: Factors promoting interagency collaboration. *J Behav Health Serv Res*. 2017;44(1): 168-176. DOI: 10.1007/s11414-015-9473-8.

Harris BR. Talking about screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment for adolescents: An upstream intervention to address the heroin and prescription opioid epidemic. *Prev Med*. 2016;91:397-399. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2016.08.022>.

Harris BR, Yu J. Attitudes, perceptions and practice of alcohol and drug screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment: A case study of New York State primary care physicians and non-physician providers. *Public Health*. 2016; 139:70-78. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2016.05.007>.

Harris BR. Communicating about screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment: Messaging strategies to raise awareness and promote voluntary adoption and implementation among New York school-based health center providers. *Subst Abuse*. 2016;37(4): 511-515. DOI: 10.1080/08897077.2016.1175400.

Harris BR, Shaw BA, Lawson HA, Sherman BR. Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment for adolescents: Attitudes, perceptions and practice of New York school-based health center providers. *Subst Abuse*.

2016;37(1): 161-167. DOI: 10.1080/08897077.2015.1015703.

Harris BR, Shaw BA, Lawson HA, Sherman BR. Barriers to addressing adolescent substance use: Perceptions of New York school-based health center providers. *J Sch Health*. 2016;86(2): 96-104. DOI: 10.1111/josh.12358.

Yu J, Appel P, Rogers M, Blank S, Davis C, Warren BE, **Harris BR**, Hussain S. Integrating intervention for substance use disorders in a public health setting: Practice and outcomes in New York City STD clinics. *Am J Drug Alcohol Abuse*. 2015;42(1): 32-38. DOI: 10.3109/00952990.2015.1094478.

Harris BR. Adoption and implementation of alcohol and drug screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) in school-based health centers: Provider knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions as barriers and facilitators [dissertation]. Albany, NY: University at Albany; 2014.

Selected Conference Presentations

Harris BR, Harris S, Goodridge N. New and evolving mental health needs of K-12 schools in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic: A qualitative study. New York State Public Health Partnership Conference, May 1, 2025, Ithaca, NY.

Harris BR. They forgot us: Graduate student perspectives on suicide prevention services and supports on college campuses. Suicide Research Symposium, April 24, 2025, Virtual.

Harris BR. School mental health needs following COVID-19: Perspectives of administrators, teachers, and student support professionals. Suicide Research Symposium, April 25, 2025, Virtual.

Gallant KG, Kaniuka AR, **Harris BR**, Flanagan E, Cohen H, Waugh-Reed V. Doing more with less: Findings and recommendations for supporting suicide prevention coalitions. Suicide Research Symposium, April 25, 2025, Virtual.

Harris BR, Call A, Sheridan-Johnson J, Sorbello J, Seward K. Leveraging evidence-based harm reduction Practices to prevent overdose among disproportionately affected populations in New York State: Successes, challenges, and lessons learned from Project COPE. SAMHSA Prevention Day, February 3, 2025, National Harbor, MD.

Harris BR, Liller K, Amarisangham O, Schneider E. Where to begin? State-level policy and advocacy for mental and behavioral health and how to get involved. APHA Annual Meeting, October 28, 2024, Minneapolis, MN.

Gallant KG, **Harris BR**, Cohen H, Karydi A, McPherson TL. Mental Health promotion and suicide prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ youth: An introduction to resources for professionals, families, and community members. American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference, May 7-10, Las Vegas, NV.

Gallant KG, **Harris BR**, Cohen H, Karydi A, McPherson TL. Positive messaging and social support for LGBTQIA2S+ youth: Perspectives of youth, parents, and professionals. Suicide Research Symposium, April 17-19, 2024, Virtual.

Harris BR, Townsend K, Neuman CC, Pallas C. Strengthening equitable messaging in 988 outreach. APHA, November 2023, Virtual.

Harris BR, Horner A, Starr A. Optimizing the New York State public health association membership experience: Findings from a mixed method assessment of public health professionals across the state. APHA Annual Meeting, November 2023, Atlanta, GA.

Harris BR. Helplines for mental health support: Perspectives of New York State college students and implications for promotion and implementation of 988. APHA Annual Meeting, November 2023, Atlanta, GA.

Harris BR, Harris D, Flanagan E, Mariani A, Hay T. Strengthening crisis infrastructure to support 988: An analysis of community crisis intercept mapping. APHA Annual Meeting, November 2023, Atlanta, GA.

Harris BR, McPherson TL, Marino N, Call A. Baseline results from EvidenceNow: Managing unhealthy alcohol use in primary care. INEBRIA Conference, September 2023, Greensboro, NC.

Harris BR. Mental health in rural New York: Findings and implications of a listening tour with residents and professionals. North Country Leadership Summit, September 2023, Lake George, NY.

Harris BR, Maher BM. NYSPHA New Directions initiative: Findings, accomplishments, and next steps. Public Health Partnership Conference, April 2023, White Plains, NY.

Harris BR, Flanagan E, Harris D. Crisis Intercept Mapping for community-based suicide prevention: Implications for the rollout of 988. Suicide Research Symposium, April 2023, Virtual.

Harris BR, Gallant KC, Maher BM, Mariani A, Calabrese G. Mental health inequity and suicide risk in rural New York: Perspectives of community members and professionals. APHA Annual Meeting, November 8, 2022, Boston, MA.

Harris BR, Horner A. Leveraging New Directions survey data to create new opportunities for public health practice for New York State Public Health Association members. APHA Annual Meeting, November 8, 2022, Boston, MA.

Harris BR, Maher BM, Fera N, Puerta A. The impact of social connectedness and social isolation on mental health: Perspectives of rural New York community members and stakeholders. APHA Annual Meeting, October 22, 2021, Denver, CO and virtual.

Harris BR, Maher BM, Tahara D. NYSPHA's New Directions initiative: Engaging members in a post-pandemic world. APHA Annual Meeting, October 27, 2021, Denver, CO and virtual.

Harris BR, Kjolhede C, Niebuhr J, Worden L. Suicide prevention and opioid spike response. Public Health Partnership Conference, April 28, 2021, Virtual.

Harris BR, Maher BM. Mental health and suicide risk across specific college and university student populations: Unique challenges, help-seeking preferences, and access to and utilization of services and resources. American Association of Suicidology conference, April 24, 2021, Virtual.

Harris BR, Maher BM. Opportunities and challenges for suicide prevention across diverse rural communities: Perspectives of professional stakeholders and community members at-large. American Association of Suicidology conference, April 22, 2021, Virtual.

Harris BR, Tracy M. Suicide safer care in behavioral health settings: A comparative analysis of attitudes, perceptions, and practice between mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers. APHA Annual Meeting, October 25-28, 2020, Virtual.

Harris BR, Maher BM, Calabrese GM. New York State's comprehensive approach to suicide prevention. New York State Public Health Association Annual Meeting, May 1-3, 2019, Cortland, NY.

Harris BR, Yu J, Wolff M, Rogers M. Optimizing the impact of alcohol and drug screening and brief intervention among a high-risk population receiving services in New York City sexually transmitted disease clinics: A process and outcome evaluation of Project Renew. International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol and Other Drugs Annual Conference, September 14-15, 2017, New York, NY and Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse Annual Conference, November 1-4, 2017, Washington, D.C.

Harris BR. Talking about screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment for adolescents: An upstream intervention to address the heroin and prescription opioid epidemic. New York State Public Health Association Annual Meeting, April 27-28, 2017, Lake Placid, NY.

Harris BR, Yu J. Attitudes, perceptions and practice of alcohol and drug screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment: A comparison of New York State primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. APHA Annual Meeting, October 29-November 2, 2016, Denver, CO.

Harris BR. Preventing adolescent addiction through school-based health centers. New York State Public Health Association Annual Meeting, April 23-24, 2015, Bolton Landing, NY.

Harris BR, Shaw BA, Sherman BR, Lawson HA. Factors that facilitate and impede adoption and implementation of

screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment in New York State school-based health centers. APHA Annual Meeting, November 16-19, 2014, New Orleans, LA.

Harris BR, Shaw BA, Sherman BR. Implications for training in adolescent SBIRT: Knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of school-based health center providers. Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse annual conference, November 6-8, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

Harris BR, Highsmith S, Rogers M, Blank S, Davis C, Espinoza R, Appel P, Freeman A, Hussain S, Yu J. Linking substance abuse treatment and public health: Identification and early intervention in New York City STD clinics, February 1, 2008-September 30, 2012. Poster presented at: APHA Annual Meeting, November 2-6, 2013, Boston MA.

Board and Advisory Group Memberships

New York State Public Health Association

Board of Directors, 2018-present

- President, 2022-present
- Vice President, 2021-2022
- Founder and Chair, Public Health in Action Committee, 2021-present
- Founder and Chair, Mental Health Workgroup, 2023-present
- Founder and Chair, State Behavioral Health Advisory Group, 2025-present
- Chair, Board and Staff Development Committee, 2018-2023

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Board of Directors, Capital Region, New York Chapter, 2021-present

New York State Rural Health Disparities Advisory Committee

Member, 2024-present

Community Relations Board, Fusion Recovery

Member, 2023-present

NORC at the University of Chicago

Steering Committee, Adolescent SBIRT Initiative, 2018-2020

University at Albany

Council of Directors, SAMHSA SBIRT Training Grant, 2015-2018

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice, PRA

Advisory Board, Hilton SBIRT Project, 2014-2018

Honors

- 2025 Women of Distinction Award, 110th Assembly District (Phil Steck)
- 2023 American Public Health Association (APHA) Mental Health Section Award
- 2023 APHA Council of Affiliates Award for Excellence
- 2023 APHA Council of Affiliates Outstanding Affiliate of the Year, New York State Public Health Association
- 2022-2024 Power Player in Health Care, PoliticsNY
- 2019 de Beaumont Foundation 40 Under 40 in Public Health, inaugural list
- Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse John Nelson Chappel Best Curricula, Quality Improvement, and Program Abstract Award Winner for "Optimizing the impact of alcohol and drug screening and brief intervention among a high-risk population receiving services in New York City sexually transmitted disease clinics: A process and outcome evaluation of Project Renew"
- Delta Omega Honor Society in Public Health
- Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Honor Society
- Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology