

Presenters and Panelists Information

Randy and Heather Bacchus: Randy and Heather Bacchus lost their 21-year-old son, Randy Michael, to cannabis-induced psychosis and suicide in July 2021. By delving deeply into today's cannabis and current research, Randy and Heather have gained a wealth of information that has helped them understand what happened to their son. They created their nonprofit "Be Extraordinary. Be You!" to inform and educate parents, youth, and young adults on the harmful and damaging effects of cannabis on the developing brain.

Ben Zawacki: Commander Ben Zawacki has been in law enforcement since 2001 graduating from the Alexandria Law Enforcement Program. He started his career with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office in 2006. Commander Zawacki has held the rank of drug task force investigator, task force supervisor and Investigative Captain at the Sherburne County Sheriff's office. He has been in his current role as Commander of Operations since 2022.

Rafael Mattei: Rafael Mattei has 23 years of experience in law enforcement, concentrated on stopping drug overdoses and poisonings in the United States by detecting and prosecuting Drug Trafficking Organizations involved in the illegal production, distribution, and diversion of controlled substances.

Paul Fischer: Paul Fischer is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. He works at M Health Fairview Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program in Princeton. Part of Paul's role with M Health Fairview is to provide chemical health services to the Elk River School District. Paul has worked with adolescents with substance use disorders and mental health diagnoses for over 20 years. He has volunteered on several boards and coalitions serving adolescents within the greater Sherburne County Area.

Alicia Maxwell: Alicia Maxwell serves as a Community Health Coordinator with Sherburne County Public Health and coordinates the Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Coalition. With over 10 years of experience in prevention and a decade of dedication to the county, Alicia brings expertise and passion to her work. Holding a Master of Public Health degree and certification as a Prevention Professional, Alicia effectively collaborates with community partners to address substance use concerns and promote health and wellness in Sherburne County.

Michelle Loberg: Michelle Loberg is an Elk River resident who lost her 20-year-old son Nicholas in October of 2020 to fentanyl. She is a board member at Fentanyl Free Communities and a parent volunteer for the Sherburne County SUP Coalition.



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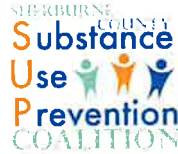
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