

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: Stephen M. Taylor, MD, MPH, DFAPA, DFASAM, Chief Medical Officer, Pathway Healthcare Services, LLC



Dr. Stephen Taylor will serve as an invited speaker at GSAM 2024, on July 20, 2024, in Savannah, Georgia. His presentation, *“Prevention, Evaluation and Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in Youth”* will review what is known about the prevention, evaluation and treatment of adolescents with substance use disorder. It will include a discussion of evidence-based prevention interventions, and then review risk factors and warning signs of adolescent SUD. There will also be a review of evidence based psychosocial, behavioral and pharmacotherapeutic treatment approaches to adolescents with SUD, including a review of NIDA’s long established (but surprisingly little known) Principles of Drug Adolescent Addiction Treatment.

Dr. Stephen Taylor is board-certified in general psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, addiction psychiatry, and addiction medicine, and for almost 30 years has devoted his professional life to the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders in adolescents and adults. Dr. Taylor is the Chief Medical Officer of Pathway Healthcare, a company based in Birmingham, AL that currently operates 17 outpatient mental health and addiction treatment offices across Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas and Arkansas, and will soon grow to encompass 60 offices, taking care of over 30,000 patients in all of those states as well as Iowa, Oregon and California. For the past 16 years, Dr. Taylor served as the Medical Director of the Player Assistance/Anti-Drug Program of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA).

Dr. Taylor is currently the President-Elect of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). He is a Distinguished Fellow of ASAM (DFASAM) and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (DFAPA). Dr. Taylor is a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC). He has also served on the Drug Testing Advisory Board (DTAB) of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and he currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Foundation for Opioid Recovery Efforts. An honors graduate of Harvard College, with a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health and a medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine, Dr. Taylor completed “Triple Board” residency training in pediatrics, psychiatry, and child and adolescent psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, then completed a fellowship in addiction psychiatry at NYU School of

Medicine/Bellevue Hospital Center. Registration for GSAM 2024 will open in early 2024. Stay up to date on speaker announcements and more here: <https://gsaminfo.org/conference/>

About GSAM: The Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine represents a small but dedicated group of physicians and health care providers who seek to improve the health and well-being of those who suffer from the disease of addiction. The mission of the Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine, a state chapter of the [American Society of Addiction Medicine](#), is to improve the care and treatment of people with the disease of addiction and advance the practice of Addiction Medicine. Our goal is to increase access to treatment and improve the quality of treatment provided by healthcare professionals. We aim to provide education for addiction medicine specialists, physicians, students, counselors, therapists, and others in the medical field, as well as legislators, law enforcement, and the general public while promoting the appropriate roles of physicians in the care of patients who suffer from addiction.