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### *Workplace Responses to the Current Opioid Crisis*

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**Speaker:** Eric Goplerud, Ph.D.

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**Session Description:** One aspect of the current opioid crisis which has received little attention is its negative impact on workforce health and productivity. A report by the National Safety Council found that fewer than 20% of employers felt prepared to deal with issues related to opioid use by employees. This free webinar will provide valuable information on the current dimensions of opiate use in the workforce; the impact that opioids have on employee health, productivity, and retention; the cost to employers of failure to help employees get effective treatment; the workplace benefits of those who recover from addiction; and resources EAPs can use to assist work organizations in more effectively responding to this crisis.

**Speaker Biography:** Eric Goplerud, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist and expert on treatment and prevention of substance use disorders. He is the former Senior Vice President of the NORC at the University of Chicago's Department of Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Criminal Justice Studies, research professor at George Washington University, and senior policy advisor at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. His work has focused on the integration of behavioral health into healthcare reform efforts, improving access and financing for behavioral health in primary and specialty medicine, and engagement of businesses, health insurers, and EAPs to promote access to effective, affordable behavioral health care. He founded and led the BIG (Brief Intervention Group) Initiative, which worked across the EAP industry in the US and Canada to make screening and brief intervention for substance use disorders a routine, universal standard for EAP practice. Dr. Goplerud attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he earned his Ph.D. in Clinical/Community Psychology.

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