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Call for Presentations

The 21st Annual Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference

June 24-25, 2010 | Yakima, WA

WHY IS THIS THE YEAR TO SUBMIT A CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS PROPOSAL?

- A hallmark of the conference is the high caliber of the presenters — *we want to include you!*
- The conference is a great place for everyone with an interest in behavioral health to meet and share ideas and is unique in its diversity of voice — *consumer and family advocate presentations are strongly encouraged!*
- We know there are innovative and cutting-edge programs and services happening across the state — *the conference is the place to share your knowledge and resources with a broad audience!*
- Application materials and a sample submission are available on-line at www.wcmhcnnet.org/conferences.html — *we want to make it easy for you to apply!*

Application Deadline: DECEMBER 4, 2009

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2010 Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference — Partnering for Recovery

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the 21st annual Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference. With each conference we strive to bring together a diverse group to share information about innovative therapeutic techniques, skills, programs, practices and policies. Presentations from clinicians, consumers, advocates, family members, staff of public and non-profit agencies and other system partners are integral to the conference's success. Our goal is to provide a conference that meets participants' interests and educational needs and promotes community partnerships. Last year over 600 people attended — this is a great opportunity to share your experience!

Topics:

Proposals relating to the mental health field across the lifespan are welcomed. Specific areas of interest for 2010 are:

- Health, Wellness & Integrated Care
- Evidence-Based & Promising Practices
- Trauma-Informed Services (incl. Veterans & PTSD)
- Issues of Diversity & Cultural Competence in Mental Health
- Substance Abuse & Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment
- Consumer Recovery, Resiliency & Advocacy
- Child & Family Services
- Older Adult Services
- Youth in Transition
- Housing & Employment

Priority will be given to proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Present information based on outcomes and/or measurable results
- Build participant skill development & enable easy implementation of programs; offer practical & innovative approaches
- Display sensitivity and applicability to a multicultural population, and employ person-first language
- Address meaningful involvement of consumer and family voice
- Incorporate evidence-based and/or promising practices
- Promote the advancement of clinical skills beyond an introductory level

Please note that presenters at the WBHC should expand upon the information provided in PowerPoint slides, providing additional information rather than simply reading their slides aloud, and that handouts for each workshop are strongly recommended.

General Information:

Complimentary conference registration and one night's hotel accommodations will be allocated for presenters whose proposals are accepted. Travel expenses and per diem will not be provided. **Panel presentations will be limited to 3 speakers.**

Guidelines for Submission:

- Please read application instructions carefully and review the application checklist to ensure a completed submission.
- Proposals must be postmarked by **December 4, 2009**.
- Notice of receipt of the proposal will be sent via a post card or email. Notice of acceptance will be sent out Feb. 2010.
- Workshops are scheduled for 90 minutes. Please tailor proposal materials and objectives to fit within this time frame.

Application Instructions:

1. Please type the application forms on the following pages. Please note that electronic versions of this application are available and **preferred**. They can be downloaded at www.wcmhcnnet.org/conferences.html. A sample submission can be viewed online at that same address to guide your application process. **Struggling with the application? Contact us!**
2. Please attach the supporting documents required by the application (a 50 word abstract; a 300 word summary, etc).
3. Send the completed application packet to the Washington Community Mental Health Council via mail, email, or fax to the Conference Selection Committee using the contact information on Page 2 of the application.

Questions? Please contact Alison Avery, Education and Project Manager for the Washington Community Mental Health Council at (206) 628-4608 ext 12.

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This proposal is being submitted as a Workshop w/one speaker Workshop w/two speakers Panel (limit of 3)

Please check dates that you are available to present: Thursday, June 24, 2010 Friday, June 25, 2010

Presentation Title (12 words or less)

Presenter Information:

Submit a completed two page application for **each** speaker or panelist. Copies of this two page application must be made and completed by each member of a panel or group. **Please note that your application will not be considered complete unless each speaker in the workshop fills out completely and returns this two page application.**

Name: _____ Degree: _____

Affiliation/Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Email: _____

Presenter Biographical Data:

Briefly describe your professional expertise or areas of expertise relevant to this presentation. In other words, we would like to know how you have firsthand professional or personal experience with the submission topic you have chosen. Please include any publications or previous presentations that are relevant to this current submission. A resume/CV may also be included, but a brief summary is still required.

Educational Objective:

Please describe the specific **skills, tools or knowledge** attendees will take away from your presentation. **We are interested in how your presentation will provide attendees with information that can help them replicate programs or services back in their agencies (e.g. a tool kit), or better understand other aspects of recovery and mental health.** All presentations must clearly articulate an educational objective.

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References:

Please list one credible reference the Selection Committee may contact regarding the experience you have in facilitating workshops, seminars or presentations.

Name _____ Phone number _____

What qualifies this person to tell us about your speaking abilities? _____

Audio-Visual Needs:

Please indicate your audiovisual needs. Please note: **laptops must be provided by the presenters**, and due to rental costs for equipment, the Selection Committee does factor audiovisual requests into their selection considerations.

LCD Projector/Screen Flip Chart Other: Please list _____

Application Checklist:

Please check each item to ensure a complete application. The Selection Committee will also consider this to be an acknowledgment that you understand the terms of submission. Please feel free to call **Alison Avery (206) 628-4608 ext 12** if you have questions or need clarification.

Proposal includes the following:

- Application form (both pages completed fully)
- Completed application for each presenter of a panel submission
- An Educational Objective that articulates the skills, tools or knowledge attendees will acquire
- A 300 word summary of your presentation (included on a separate sheet of paper)
- A 50 word abstract (to be used to describe your presentation in the conference brochure)

I understand:

- I am submitting a **proposal** for the 2010 Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference.
- My proposal may not be chosen by the Selection Committee for this year's conference.
- I may call the Washington Community Mental Health Council at (206) 628-4608 ext 12 if I have questions or if I need special accommodations in completing my application.
- I will be notified of receipt of my application via mail or email and will be notified via mail whether or not my submission has been selected.
- If selected, my workshop will follow the original session description (or the edited description) as it appears in the printed and online programs.
- Applications must be postmarked by **December 4, 2009.**

Completed Applications:

Please mail, fax or email applications to:

Washington Community Mental Health Council
Attention: Conference Selection Committee
600 Stewart Street, Suite 202
Seattle, WA 98101

Fax: (206) 448-2448

Email: aavery@wcmhcnnet.org