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NARMHs 2012 Call for Presentations

ALASKA ... we are RURAL
and then some!

*2012 National Association
for Rural Mental Health Conference
(NARMH)*

*Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska
May 15-18, 2012*

*Co-sponsored by
University of Alaska
WICHE*



The National Association for Rural Mental Health invites you to join us in the land of midnight sun, aurora borealis, mountains majesty, salmon filled waters and rich traditional cultures for the 38th Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. If you have ever dreamed about visiting Alaska, there will no better time to do so then for our conference May 15-18, 2012. Reflecting a strong rural identity and vast network of service providers and communities, the title of this conference is Alaska: We are RURAL.and then some!

The National Association of Rural Mental Health invites presentation ideas for the following focus areas:

- 1) Aging and mental health
- 2) Mental health/behavioral workforce development
- 3) Program success-evidence base practice, and promising approaches
- 4) Cultural attunement and culturally attuned services

Specific topics your presentation could address:

- Telebehavioral health, telepsychiatry, and other at a distance approaches and services
- Wellness-traditional and New Age
- Confronting the stigma of mental illness and mental health services at the local level
- Provider and resources collaboration-none of us is stronger than all of us
- Resilience of rural people and communities
- Professional kinship, i.e., we are all in this together!
- Mental health/behavioral health literacy across cultures and/or development stages, e.g., for the elderly
- Clinical supervision at a distance
- Integrating mental health and primary care
- Dual relationships in rural communities: The delicate balance of ethics and connection
- "Growing our own" behavioral health workforce
- Cultural attunement and culturally attuned context
- Domestic violence and sexual assault
- Substance abuse intervention and prevention
- The wisdom and guidance of Elders and other mentors
- Other

Selection Criteria

Proposals should draw upon current research, promising practices and/or model programs or systems solutions that offer application for rural communities. Proposals should indicate how consumer input, diversity and cross-cultural issues are represented and appreciated. Program presentations should contain explicit details regarding the target population(s) served, the context in which services are delivered, and demonstrate effective outcomes. In addition, successful proposals also will demonstrate content and presentation clarity.

Types of Presentations:

Contributed Papers:

Sessions are formed around a general theme and comprise several presentations by different authors. The author of each piece is allotted approximately 30 minutes for presentation which includes time for questions from the audience at the end of the session.

Workshops:

60 minutes – two or more presenters/commentators sharing perspectives on a single topic or several elements of a research project.

Panel/Roundtable Discussions:

Two or three authors are encouraged to work together to develop a panel presentation in which papers are coordinated and focus in-depth on a particular topic. Sixty minutes is reserved for the panel presentation (authors may choose how the presentations are to be connected), time for questions from the audience is reserved at the end of the session.

Posters:

Poster sessions are reports on applied research or practice summarized in graphic format: tables, graphs, pictures, and text. Authors are present during the assigned poster session time to discuss their work. Attendees visit the author(s) individually. The purpose of the poster presentation is to share with others the work you are doing in your community or program, to present new research results, or to showcase new innovative approaches.

Proposal Form - Deadline September 1, 2011
or until agenda is filled

Please indicate the primary role for each presenter: Clinician, Administrator, Junior Researcher (not beyond the post-doc by 7 years), Senior Researcher, Consumer or Other (please specify)

Lead Presenter: _____ Credentials: _____

Lead Presenter Role: _____

Clinician Administrator Junior Researcher (not beyond post-doc by 7 yrs)

Senior Researcher Consumer Other, please specify _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Affiliation: _____

Co-presenter(s): _____ Credentials: _____

Co-presenter(s) Presenter Role:

Clinician Administrator Junior Researcher (not beyond post-doc by 7 yrs)

Senior Researcher Consumer Other, please specify _____

Proposal is for: Contributed Paper Workshop Panel/Roundtable Poster

Focus area(s) addressed (please circle) : #1 #2 #3 #4

Title of Presentation: _____

Learning objectives:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Submitting your application:

Please enclose the application, learning objectives, a description (30 words or less), and an abstract (500 words or less) by completing the application online at www.narmh.org.

Presenters will be notified of acceptance by November 30, 2011.

The lead presenter is responsible for forwarding information to co-presenters.

Presenters are encouraged to register for the conference and are responsible for their own registration fees, travel, and hotel arrangements.