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Client Forum 2009

Healing Trauma—"We Can Do It!"
Supporting Each Other, Raising Awareness,
Empowering Our Movement

Call for Presenters

Crowne Plaza
1221 Chess Drive
Foster City, CA 94404

February 20-22, 2009

Included: Request for Caucus Rooms, Exhibit/Display Space, and Vendor Space

At this Client Forum we will strive to help those attending to understand what "trauma world view" means and begin to find ways of understanding our own world, our experiences, and help each other find new ways to respond to them.

The Keynote Speakers, Institutes and Workshops focusing on the Trauma Informed Model will guide us in learning to help each other build healing relationships and move through the feelings that have kept many of us bound to our cycles of pain.

As social action is linked to personal, cultural, and relational healing, we can find validation and acceptance through our shared experiences and mutual support. "We can do it" through peer support services that are non-judgmental, non-labeling and offer each other relationships that are respectful to our experiences, our ways of communicating, and how we can tell our story.

Application for Presentations

Client Forum 2009 is a conference for, by and of mental health clients. We value client leadership in the workshops and Institutes. We also encourage clients who have never presented a workshop before to submit applications for presentations.

**We are pursuing CEU's for presentations and workshops.

Review Criteria:

- Completed Presentation Application Packet (attached)
- Relation of Presentation to Theme of Conference
- Relevance to Clients, including the subject areas of Public Policy/Advocacy; Cultural Competency/Diversity Outreach; Self-Help/Peer Support/Client-Run Services; Wellness/Recovery (including Holistic Alternatives & Co-Occurring Problems); Employment and Training; and Stigma and Discrimination.
- Culturally Competent Content and Presentation
- Background of Presenters in Topic

The Client Forum schedule offers both ninety-minute workshops and a small number of three hour Institutes. Please organize the content of your proposed presentation to accommodate these time periods.

Please note that the CNMHC cannot offer scholarships or reduction in fees for presenters to attend the conference.

Information needed for the application:

- Name and contact information of presenter(s). Please include address, phone, cell, email for each member of presentation team. Failure to provide contact information will result in the application being held in reserve.
- Title of presentation (10 word maximum) and a short description of the topic.
- Discuss the topic's relationship to the theme, its relevance to clients, and the following subject tracks:
 - Public Policy/Advocacy
 - Cultural Competency: Diversity Outreach
 - Self Help/Peer Support/Client Run Services
 - Wellness/Recovery
 - Employment and Training
 - Stigma and Discrimination
- Outline of presentation, type of format (lecture, interactive, A-V presentation), estimated time period, and a sample of handout material if available.
- Please briefly describe background of each presenter in the topic material, the sector of the mental health community with which each presenter most identifies,

and if any of the team members have previously presented at a Client Forum in any topic.

- List Audio-Visual needs for the presentation and the desired room set-up.

Applications for Presentations may be mailed, faxed or electronically submitted.

Deadline for applications is January 1, 2009.

Selections will be made by the Client Forum Subcommittee and contacts will begin on or after January 1, 2009.

Request for Caucus Room

Please notify the CNMHC office if you are interested in scheduling a caucus meeting for an informal gathering of people about a specific subject. Caucuses will be held on Friday night, February 20, 2009. Requests for a caucus room should be submitted prior to January 1, 2009.

Request for Exhibit Space and/or Vendor Space

Please notify the CNMHC office if you wish to secure a vendor space. The cost is \$50.00 for client-run groups and \$100 for others. (If you are a client-run group and this fee is a hardship, please contact us.) Fees should be pre-paid unless arrangements in writing are made prior to the conference. The spaces are limited and will be assigned in the order of the request.

Requests for Exhibit or Vendor space may be mailed, faxed or electronically submitted to the below information.

Space is limited: First come, first served.

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