



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON STATE MENTAL HEALTH
AGENCY SERVICES RESEARCH, PROGRAM EVALUATION AND POLICY

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2007
WASHINGTON, D.C.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Applied Research and Evaluation Outcomes to Enhance Mental Health Services

PROPOSALS DUE AUGUST 11, 2006

About the NRI

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors Research Institute, Inc. (NRI) is a non-profit corporation devoted to informing issues in the public mental health system. The mission of the NRI is to promote quality and accountability of mental health services by generating and facilitating the use of relevant research, data, and information that meets the collective and individual needs of state mental health agencies.

Conference Overview

NRI hosts an Annual Conference on State Mental Health Services Research, Program Evaluation, and Policy. The Conference focuses on research and evaluation on mental health services within state mental health systems. Recent conference agendas can be found on the NRI web site: www.nri-inc.org.

In May 2006, NRI conducted interviews with the State Mental Health Agencies to determine their most immediate research/evaluation priorities. NRI is planning to base the 2007 Conference on states' need for *applied* research results.

The 2007 Conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday February 12 and adjourn by noon on Wednesday February 14.

2007 Conference Theme

NRI is soliciting proposals for presentations highlighting a mental health services research project that utilized a research or evaluation technique itemized below. Results of the completed project must be presented. Conference attendees will be interested in the type of technique used, the characteristics of the program and clients, the results of the research/evaluation project, and the implications of those results.

Researchers/evaluators in public mental health are interested in:

- Outcomes measures
 - Specific to an individual's recovery,
 - Population-based, or
 - Program level
- Benchmarking
- Fidelity measures
- Models of mental illness disease management

Conference Structure

Oral Presentations

Each presentation will last approximately one hour, followed by 30 minutes of facilitated discussion time. A major goal of the Conference is to provide multiple discussion and networking opportunities.

Poster Presentations

NRI will consider proposals for poster presentations. The poster session will be held on Monday evening in conjunction with a reception. Poster presentations are an extremely effective method for sharing your experiences, research, or program with other people at the Conference in a more relaxed, informal, and personal atmosphere. NRI will help you plan your poster based on specific guidelines that facilitate the layout process.

Proposal Requirements

Anyone interested in mental health services research is eligible to submit a proposal. For example, students, mental health practitioners, consumers, researchers, evaluators, policy makers, managers, and others are encouraged to apply.

Preferential consideration will be given to research projects that include women and minorities as subjects in the research as well as representation of these groups as presenters on a panel. Proposals that highlight the relevance of the research and its findings to the special needs of women, children, and under-represented minorities will also receive special consideration. Presentations that include multiple perspectives (e.g., consumer, practitioner, researcher, policy maker) are encouraged.

Presentations must include research **results** and the implications of the findings. Presentations should also allow ample time for discussion and questions from the audience. A facilitator will be assigned to each session for an extended discussion time.

Proposals must include the following:

- 1) A completed proposal cover form;
- 2) An abstract – strictly limited to two (2) pages double-spaced;
- 3) A one-paragraph bio sketch for each presenter.

We prefer that you complete these items online (<http://www.nri-inc.org>), but we will accept an electronic copy of each item via E-mail (vera.hollen@nri-inc.org). Notification of acceptance will be sent to presenters by October 20, 2006.

REQUIRED: All accepted presentations will submit their slides to NRI not later than February 2, 2007. NRI will prepare handouts for you and pre-load all electronic presentations on laptop computers to reduce technical difficulties on-site.

Registration Fees

Register by December 31 and save \$25 off the listed registration fees!

- State Government Employees..... \$350
(Including state employees and employees of local non-profit mental health entities)
- Private Organizations \$500
(Including managed care firms, universities, and private for-profit mental health service providers)
- First two presenters for a presentation \$250
- Full Time Students..... \$100
- Consumers/Family Members..... No charge
- Federal Government..... No charge
- Daily rate..... \$175
- Walk-in Rate (Full conference)..... \$500

Web Site

Please visit our web site for conference updates: www.nri-inc.org.

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Invitation to Exhibitors

Each year the Conference is attended by over 300 individuals interested in mental health services research. Participants include researchers, evaluators, policy makers, practitioners, local mental health systems, university faculty, managed care organizations, recipients of mental health services, family members, program managers, leaders in state government, and representatives from the federal government.

Please contact Vera Hollen, Conference Manager, or refer to the NRI web site, for specific details on exhibiting your products or services.

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PROPOSAL COVER FORM

Proposals due to NRI August 11, 2006

PowerPoint presentations for accepted proposals **must** be submitted to NRI not later than February 2, 2007.

Please indicate if the person listed is attending the Conference and presenting, or is an author on the paper but not presenting. All additional authors will be included in the Book of Abstracts. All presenters will be listed on the agenda and also in the Book of Abstracts.

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

Attending Conference and presenting
Additional author but not presenting

NAME _____
Degree _____

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1. Preferred Presentation Format:

- Oral presentation
 Poster presentation

2. Time Needed for Presentation (for oral presentations only)* :

- 1 hour 1½ hours

* Time allocations may need to be modified by Conference Planning Committee.

3. Has this presentation been made previously in the same format?

- No Yes: where & when _____

4. Special Requirements: (e.g., day or time restrictions; special audio-visual requirements, special needs assistance)

(We will attempt, but we cannot promise, to honor special requirements.)

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