Northwest Regional Human Services Conference

April 15-17, 2010

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 15

THE HERRETT CENTER

4:00-7:00pm Registration
6:00-7:00pm Reception

7:00-8:30pm KEYNOTE
Kenneth Minkoff, M.D.
Changing the World: Developing Welcoming Integrated Systems of Care

Dr. Minkoff is a board-certified psychiatrist with a certificate in addiction psychiatry. He is recognized as one of the nation’s leading experts on integrated treatment for co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse disorders (ICOPSD) or “dual diagnosis”. He developed the integrated systems of care and implemented a national consensus best practice model for systems design: the Comprehensive Continuous Integrated System of Care (CCISC). Dr. Minkoff has developed considerable expertise in public and private managed care. He is currently a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Friday, April 16

THE HERRETT CENTER

8:00-10:00am Registration

8:30-10:00am KEYNOTE
Robert Meyers, Ph.D.
Community Reinforcement & Family Training (CRAFT) overview of a highly-effective, evidence-based, motivational program for family members/loved ones of substance abusers

Dr. Meyers is an internationally known speaker and trainer. Dr. Meyers developed the innovative "intervention" program used to engage resistant substance abusers to enter treatment called Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT). He is currently the Director of Robert J. Meyers, Ph.D. & Associates and a Research Associate Professor Emeritus in Psychology at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Meyers has co-authored 5 books including “Get Your Loved One Sober: Alternatives to Nagging, Pleading, and Threatening”.

10:00am-10:15am Break

10:15-11:45am WORKSHOPS

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11:45am-12:00pm Break

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING

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Doug Lehrman is the Executive Director of a large nonprofit child and family oriented social service agency in Vancouver, WA. Doug’s 35 year career in social services delivery and administration has included 25 years with the Washington State Children’s Administration, where he served as a social worker, supervisor, program manager, and area administrator responsible for child welfare and child protection in southwest Washington State. Doug has a broad perspective on the needs of children and families, as well as on the challenges and opportunities facing the human service workforce as we move into the 2nd decade of the new millennium. Doug holds an MSW from Portland State University and a BA in Sociology from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. Doug grew up in Southern Idaho.

Debbie Thomas, M.Ed., LPC, ICADC; Outpatient Program Director/ Clinical Supervisor, The Walker Center

Professional Self Care— Why It Is Important

This presentation will focus on the importance of professional self care & the impact of burnout, compassion fatigue, & vicarious trauma on the helping professional including physical & emotional consequences. The presenter will discuss what to do to avoid burnout & why it is important to develop a personal self care plan.

Michelle Pospichal, LMSW and Refugees from various cultures, CSI Refugee Programs

Refugee Panel— "Exploring the Refugee Experience, Cultural Awareness, & Competent Services

Our communities are quickly becoming diverse cities, various languages are spoken in our public schools, and cultural competency is a must for providing core services to our clients. Some are not clear on who refugees are and what we as service providers can do to empower them & enrich our communities with their wonderful diversity & valuable contributions. The Refugee Panel will share their experiences/journey to their new life in America.

Anne Hatcher, Ed.D, RD, CACIII, NCACII; Co-Director of the Center for Addiction Studies at Metropolitan State College of Denver

The Changing Face of Professional Standards

This presentation will describe the work of the NASSCC (National Addiction Studies & Standards Collaborative Committee) & competencies for addiction professionals from entry level to advanced proficiency. Competencies for the new master’s program will be shared with participants along with a proposed list of courses, resources, & plans for implementation.

Scott Rasmussen, LCSW and Barbara Crumrine, LCPC

Ethics Training: Contemporary Ethics in Community Mental Health PART 1

This training is comprised of three sections, 1) A brief history of Counseling & Social Work Ethics with a
discussion on the limitations and benefits of Professional Codes of Ethics, 2) Differing Ethical Viewpoints, and 3) Training on researched and accepted Ethical Decision Making Tools with time for practice using vignettes.

2:30-2:45pm Break

2:45-3:45pm WORKSHOPS

HSHS BUILDING

Frances Wright, E.Ed., LCPC
Richard Neu, BS; Eric Call, LCSW; Jay Dexter, LCSW
Region 5 Department of Health & Welfare, Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Panel—“What Really Works”

The Panel will provide an overview of evidence-based programs and treatment interventions that the Department of Health & Welfare, Behavioral Health employs across the state of Idaho. The programs include: Assertive Community Treatment, Adult Mental Health Court, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Seeking Safety for Women with PTSD, Wrap Around Services & Parents with Loving Limits for Children’s Mental Health families.

Leanne Trappen, Community Services Director, South Central Community Action Partnership

Homelessness: Demographics of homelessness & occurrences that may result in homelessness. Homelessness Prevention Programs, activities & outcomes and the impact on families & communities.

Mary Christy, MS, ACADC; Assistant Professor & Program Manager of the CSI Human Services/Addiction Studies Program

PAMI—Promoting Awareness of Motivational Incentives

An introduction to the use of motivational incentives in substance abuse treatment programs. Research has shown that motivational incentive programs using low-cost reinforcement delivered in conjunction with onsite urine screening, promotes higher rates of treatment retention and abstinence from drug use. The Blending Team focused their efforts on informing the field about successful approaches in the use of motivational incentives.

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Ethics Training: Part 2

3:45-4:00pm Break

4:00pm Raffle

4:10-5:00pm Regional MTG

After 5 - Dinner on Your Own

5:00-7:00pm STUDENT SOCIAL

CSI Challenge Course

The CSI Challenge Course is an exciting experiential program. The course is nestled in a park-like setting adjacent to the main campus & is the largest pole ropes course west of the Mississippi. The CSI Challenge Course Program is accredited by Project Adventure Inc.

There is no charge for students to participate. Don’t forget to bring your Waiver Form. Pizza & pop will be served.
Kelly Felice, MSM, Assistant Professor of Human Services at Metropolitan State College of Denver & Founder of I Have A Dream Foundation in Colorado

From Student to Professional: Creating Community Connections

Creating appropriate and important connections in your community can lead to success in the job search. This workshop will look at the critical features of the resume and discuss recommendations for personal presentation. The focus will be on building a professional network and utilizing mentors to develop a strong professional life.

10:00-10:15am Break
10:15am Raffle

Jim Palmer, CM

Happiness Skills: The Key to Embracing Your Assets

Jim Palmer has been a Counselor, Consultant and an Instructor for over 35 years. He has a Master’s degree in Education and Counseling and is a bilingual (English/ASL) Certified Interpreter for the Deaf (retired). Retiring in 2007, Jim developed and taught the Human Services Program at the College of Southern Idaho from 1999-2005. He maintains a private counseling practice specializing in relationship issues, disability-related issues. He developed a model of helping relationship concepts and uses a strengths-focus in his work. During his teaching experience, Jim served on the National Council of Standards of Human Service Education (CSHSE) which accredits Human Service Programs nation-wide.