2017 ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

The Challenge of Change: Promise & Progress in Mental Health

September 15-17, 2017
Hotel RL, 2300 Evergreen Park Dr, Olympia WA

Conference Schedule

Friday, September 15, 2017

8:30AM - 12:30 PM  Pre-Conference Workshop: Mental Health & the Justice System
A Continuing LEGAL Education Program
This workshop is free, and open to everyone. However, those with WSBA # who wish to receive the CLE credit will need to pay $1.05 – checks only upon check-in. Pre-registration by 9/12 preferred, although Walk-Ins accepted

1:00 PM  Conference Opens
Tim Osborn, NAMI Washington President
Marilyn Roberts, NAMI Thurston/Mason Immediate Past President
Barbara A. Miller, M.S.W., NAMI Washington Vice President & Conference Chair

1:30 - 2:30 PM  Keynote: “Wait a minute! You want me to change?” Reflections on the Challenges of Being a Change Agent
David Wertheimer, MSW, MDiv
Director of Community & Civic Engagement
The Gates Foundation

2:45 – 4:00 PM  Systems Change in a Time of Change: Impact on our State Behavioral Health Systems
Chris Imhoff, Director, DSHS Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director, Washington State Health Care Authority
Carla Reyes, Assistant Secretary, DSHS Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery
Cheryl Strange, CEO, Western State Hospital

4:15 – 5:30 PM  Systems Change in a Time of Change: Law, Justice & Corrections Role in the Decriminalization of Mental Illness
Judge George N. Bowden, Snohomish Superior Court
Staci Coleman, MSW, LICSW, Mental Health & Veteran’s Court Program Manager, Thurston County District Court
John Hutchings, Thurston County Commissioner
Emily Cooper, JD, Sr. Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Washington
Karie Rainer, PhD, Director of Mental Health, Washington State Department of Corrections

6:30 – 8:00 PM  Dinner & Keynote Speaker
The Federal Landscape on Mental Health: Is the Glass Half Full or Half Empty?
Ron Honberg, JD
Senior Policy Advisor
National Alliance on Mental Illness

8:00 PM  Gathering of Remembrance

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:00 – 9:00 AM  Breakfast – no program
9:00 – 10:30 AM  WORKSHOP SESSION 1 (choose one)
• Setting the Record Straight on HIPAA & Confidentiality
• The Challenge & Promise of Returning Home: Putting Community Engagement at the Heart of the Veteran Transition
• Taking Your Volunteer Program & Fundraising to the Next Level
• Supportive Housing & Employment Services and the new Medicaid Transformation Benefits

10:30 – 10:45 AM  BREAK
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM  WORKSHOP SESSION 2 (choose one)
• De-Escalation Strategies for Crisis Situations: Awareness, Understanding & Respect
• Serving Transgender Individuals
• Washington State’s NEW Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program
• Mental Health Parity in Washington

12:15 – 1:15  LUNCH – no program
1:15 – 2:45 PM  WORKSHOP SESSION 3 (choose one)
• “Straight Talk” about Conversion Therapy
• Hidden Complications to Change: Traumatic Brain Injury and Behavioral Health – What you Don’t Know and Why you Should
• 13 Reasons Why: Issues for Teens and the Impact in the ER
• Ready for Reentry: Struggles & Success for those in custody

2:45 – 3:00 PM  BREAK
3:00 – 4:30 PM  WORKSHOP SESSION 4 (choose one)
• Trauma Informed Care
• Growing Resilience in At-Risk Individuals & Families through Dialectical Behavior Therapy
• What Can Parents Do? Accessing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Minor Children
• Historical Trauma & Modern Drama: Adverse Childhood Experiences & Historical Trauma in Native Communities

4:30 – 6:30 PM  Break
6:30 – 10:00 PM  Dinner, Awards & Entertainment
Join us as we present the Jim Adams Lifetime Achievement Award to Cassandra Ando. Cassandra has led the NAMI Washington Public Policy Committee as chair for several years and has also been a leader on the Board of Directors, and at her local affiliate, NAMI Spokane. After dinner we will be entertained and dance to the tunes of a live 14-piece band, Rich Wetzel’s Groovin’ Higher Orchestra!

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:45 – 9:45 AM  NAMI Washington Annual Meeting
10:00 – 11:30 AM  WORKSHOP SESSION 5 (choose one)
• Forefront in the Schools: A Comprehensive Approach to Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention
• Statewide Implementation of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis
• The Reasonable Accommodation Process & Behavioral Health Conditions
• Thorny Issues 2017: Complex Issues, Assertive Advocacy

11:30 – 1:00 PM  Closing Brunch Awards & Keynote
During our Closing Brunch we will give the awards for Outstanding Partner and Faith Community of the Year. Our closing keynote will be about a local program, Community Care Center: A collaborative Approach to serving our Community’s most vulnerable individuals
TJ LaRocque
Community Behavioral Health Manager
Providence Health Systems