Call for Presentations

31st Annual
Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference

June 17-19, 2020 | Kennewick, WA

WHY IS THIS THE YEAR TO SUBMIT A WBHC PRESENTATION PROPOSAL?

- The WBHC features national & regional experts in behavioral health & recovery, consumer leaders, and providers of local model programs built on evidence-based and data-informed practices.
- Consumer, family & peer presentations are strongly encouraged, and they contribute to the unique diversity of voice and inclusive atmosphere at the WBHC.
- The WBHC attracts a statewide audience for sharing knowledge and resources, networking, and celebrating stories of recovery.

Application Deadline: DECEMBER 4, 2019

Join us in presenting innovative workshops at the 31st annual Washington Behavioral Healthcare Conference!

The conference brings together a diverse group of presenters to share information about therapeutic interventions, recovery supports, promising programs, and policies that advance best practices. Our goal is to provide a learning experience that expands professional knowledge, promotes community partnerships, and helps make recovery a reality. Last year over 680 people attended—this is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience!

As a presenter at the 2020 WBHC, you’ll gain visibility and have the opportunity to interact with a broad audience. Conference attendees include clinical staff, program managers, clients/consumers, family members, peers, nonprofit staff, advocates, and staff of system partners and state agencies including the Health Care Authority, DSHS, and the Department of Corrections.

Each proposal chosen will receive a complimentary conference registration and one night hotel accommodations for each presenter (up to the strict limit of 3 presenters per workshop). Travel expenses and per diem are not provided.

Submitting a Proposal

- Workshops are scheduled for 90 minutes. Please tailor proposal materials and objectives to fit within this time frame. If chosen, we expect that your presentation in June will reflect the materials & objectives submitted.
- A Word version of the application is available at www.thewashingtoncouncil.org/2020-washington-behavioral-healthcare-conference/
- Completed applications & supporting documents must be received by December 4, 2019.
- Notification of acceptance will be sent out in February 2020.

Topics

We’re interested in proposals that address behavioral health across the lifespan of those served. Specific areas of interest for 2020 include:

- Health, Wellness & Integrated Care
- Substance Use & Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment (including MAT & responding to the opioid crisis)
- Corrections & Mental Health
- Diversity & Cultural Awareness in Behavioral Health
- Prevention, Recovery & Resiliency
- Homelessness, Housing & Employment
- Consumer-Run and/or Peer Support Services
- Services for LGBTQ Communities
- Crisis Outreach & Diversion Services
- Trauma-Informed Care/Services
- Evidence-Based, Best & Promising Practices (including but not limited to suicide prevention, early identification & intervention for psychosis)
- Management, Leadership & Operations
- (HR, payment & regulatory environment, customer service)
- Older Adults & the Aging Population
- Services for Veterans in Community Agency Settings
- Children & Families, Youth in Transition Services
- Questions? Need help with the application? Please contact Alison Avery, Education & Project Manager for the Washington Council for Behavioral Health at (206) 628-4608 x12.
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT & RECOVERY

We’re interested in proposals that address the topic areas described on the previous page. Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
- Promotion of advanced clinical skills beyond an introductory level
- Clear articulation of the objective and purpose of the presentation
- Experience and/or expertise of the presenter(s)
- Focus on skill development of participants and practical replication of a successful program (vs. promotion of your program or product)
- Meaningful inclusion of consumer & family voice
- Contribution to improved outcomes, recovery, and quality of life of those served
- Incorporation of evidence-based, best and/or promising practices
- Opportunities for engaging and stimulating sessions with participants
- Use of person-first language and sensitivity/applicability to a multicultural population

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PROPOSAL SUBMITTED:

Presentation Title:__________________________________________________________________________________________

Lead Presenter:____________________________________________________________________________________________
Degree (incl. field of study):__________________________________________________________________________________
Organization:______________________________________________________________________________________________
Street Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________State:_________ Zip Code:____________Phone:_______________________________
Email:____________________________________________________________

Presenter 2:_______________________________________________________________________________________________
Degree (incl. field of study):__________________________________________________________________________________
Organization:______________________________________________________________________________________________
Street Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________State:_________ Zip Code:____________Phone:_______________________________
Email:____________________________________________________________

Presenter 3:_______________________________________________________________________________________________
Degree (incl. field of study):__________________________________________________________________________________
Organization:______________________________________________________________________________________________
Street Address:_____________________________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________State:_________ Zip Code:____________Phone:_______________________________
Email:____________________________________________________________

Does your presentation require audio/visual equipment? □ Yes □ No
If yes, please specify: □ LCD Projector/Screen □ Flip chart/markers □ Sound patch for audio

Please note that speakers must provide their own laptop.

Application Checklist:
Please check each item to ensure a complete application. The Education Committee will also consider this to be an acknowledge that you understand the terms of submission. Please feel free to call Alison Avery at (206) 628-4608 x12 if you have questions or need clarification.

I understand that:
□ A fully completed & signed application (including a separate document that describes focus area, learning objectives & goals of presentation, 300-word abstract and bios for each presenter) is required
□ There is a limit of 3 presenters for each workshop
□ I may call the Washington Council for Behavioral Health at (206) 628-4608 x12 if I have questions or need assistance in completing my application
□ Each presenter (up to the limit of 3) will receive a complimentary registration and one night of hotel accommodations; travel expenses and per diem are not included
□ If selected, my workshop will follow the original (or edited) description as it appears in the printed & online programs
□ Applications must be received by December 4, 2019

SIGNATURE:______________________________________________          Date:___________________________________

Electronic signature accepted

Completed Applications: Please email, mail or fax applications & supporting documents to:
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