

HIV/AIDS 2012: THE SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE

The Twenty-Fourth Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS

THEME: "LINKING POLICY AND PRACTICE: IMPLICATIONS FOR HIV SOCIAL WORK"

LOCATION AND DATES:

Hotel InterContinental, Miami
Thursday, May 24 (begins 5:30 pm)
through
Sunday, May 27, 2012
(ends 1:15 pm)

Read about:

Information on
"Call For Conference Presentation Proposals"
Submissions Will Be Accepted Until
December 15, 2011

Read About:

Information on our "Early-Bird" Conference
Registration Fee Discount
Just \$200... Available For All Until
January 23, 2012

This four-day annual conference has been held on a continuous basis since 1989, organized by Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

Please consider submitting a conference presentation proposal for our 24th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, to be held in the beautiful and vibrant City of Miami. Join me and over 500 other HIV social workers for this important gathering. Our 2012 theme will examine the many complex ways in which public policy informs direct practice. The conference will highlight the Affordable Care Act, an initiative that seeks to improve health care access to millions by expanding Medicaid coverage. The Act also seeks to eliminate discrimination based on the presence of pre-existing conditions. We will consider the many new challenges and opportunities that exist for the front-line HIV social worker as our nation moves toward health care reform.

As always we plan to offer over 100 presentations from all areas of contemporary HIV/AIDS social work practice during our four-day conference. We are especially interested in receiving proposals that address aspects of the 2012 conference theme. Conference sessions will begin at 5:30 on Thursday, May 24 and conclude at 1:15 on Sunday, May 27. There will also be several informal "meet and greet" networking receptions and social gatherings during all four days. In addition, many events will be organized by the Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS (PASWHA). We will once again offer our very popular Institute on Medical Case Management.

Complete information about submitting your proposal is contained in this flier. Respond soon since presentation opportunities are limited. Also, learn how you can save significantly with our "Early-Bird Fee" if you register by January 23 (regardless of whether you plan to be a presenter or a general attendee). Hope to see you in Miami.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Lynch, MSW, Ph.D.
Conference Founder and Chair

HOW TO PARTICIPATE AS A PRESENTER

Important Information For Presenters:

Your proposal may be on any topic related to HIV/AIDS social work practice, policy, research or education. Of special interest are submissions that relate to the 2012 theme of "Linking Policy and Practice: Implications for HIV Social Work Practice". These might include: strategies for decreasing health disparities, social determinants of health, reaching underserved populations, Ryan White Program issues, advocacy, lobbying efforts, case management services, evidence-based interventions, successful treatment adherence strategies, prevention or education programs that work and findings from qualitative or quantitative research. Other areas of interest include solving ethical dilemmas, strategies for funding services, serving communities of color, training/ supervision, psychotherapy or counseling approaches, self-care, and capacity building. We will accept proposals for consideration in three categories. These categories and other important information are detailed below.

Please Read Carefully All Proposal Preparation Information Below. All Proposals Must Contain:

FIRST:

A brief title.

SECOND:

A concise summary of proposed content (word lengths outlined below).

THIRD:

The name(s), degree(s) and institutional affiliation(s) for all contributors, including city and state. In the case of multiple contributors, provide the e-mail address of *one contributor* to whom we should correspond.

FOURTH:

Designation of one presentation category (selected from the three below) for which you'd like your proposal considered.

50-Minute "Conversations on Best Practices" (least competitive category). Presenters in this category will facilitate the informal discussion of a vignette from their practice that illustrates some thorny problem or ethical dilemma. Vignettes can be drawn from work with an individual client, a resource issue, an ethical dilemma, an administrative problem encountered or perhaps a supervisory issue. You should provide a 10-minute overview of the vignette, raise 2-3 questions for consideration and then facilitate a discussion whereby those present can develop a "best practices" solution to the questions posed. Up to six of these sessions will be offered concurrently. All presentations in this category will be scheduled on Sunday morning. These sessions should be informal and conversational in nature; no AV equipment will be used. Proposal summaries in this category should not exceed 250 words.

90-Minute Poster Session (moderately competitive category). Posters are a way to informally describe innovative programs and

services both visually and verbally. Up to thirty presenters will be assigned to a meeting room, standing next to their 24" X 36" mounted posters. The poster should contain your title and contact information, as well as talking points and graphics related to the topic. Presenters informally discuss their topic with those who visit their poster station. Posters will be scheduled on Thursday from 5:30-7:00. Proposal summaries in this category should not exceed 300 words.

75-Minute Individual Workshops (highly competitive category). These are intended to be in-depth presentations on varied topics from direct practice, education, research, or policy. Of special interest will be presentations that incorporate the theme of the conference. A limited number of slots are available in this category so please submit your proposal early. Up to six of these sessions will be offered concurrently during 75-minute periods from 10:45-6:30 on Friday and Saturday. Please indicate whether your proposal will be geared to a beginning, intermediate or advanced audience. PowerPoint technology may be used in these sessions if so desired. We will provide a laptop computer, LCD projector and screen. Proposal summaries in this category should not exceed 350 words.

IMPORTANT: The deadline for receipt of all submissions is December 15, 2011. Decisions will be made on a "rolling basis" so it is highly advantageous to submit proposals as soon as possible since space is very limited. In most cases you will receive a decision by e-mail within ten business days. Those proposals accepted by early December will appear in our January registration flier.

Please send your e-mail submission as a "Microsoft Word" file attachment (.doc) to Vincent Lynch at lynchv@bc.edu

THE CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 PM ON THURSDAY MAY 24 AND WILL CONCLUDE AT 1:15 PM ON SUNDAY MAY 27.

Conference Schedule at-a-Glance:

*Thursday May 24:

- (a) 5:30 - 7:00 Posters;
- (b) 7:00 - 8:45 Opening reception

*Friday May 25:

- (a) 9:00 - 10:30: *The PASWHA Opening Plenary Session on Policy Issues:* Topic- "HIV/AIDS Social Work Strategies in Health Care Policy Reform"
Speakers: Randall H. Russell, MSW, LCSW, PIP- Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Seattle, WA; Marsha Martin, DSW- Office of the Mayor, City of Oakland, CA
- (b) 10:45 - 6:30: *Concurrent "75-minute Presentations"*

*Saturday May 26:

- (a) 9:00 - 10:30: *The Willis Green, Jr. Plenary Session on Practice Issues:* Topic- "Update on Medical Case Management: Implications for HIV Social Work"
Speakers: Melinda A. Marasch, LCSW and Matthew S. Bennett, MA, MBA - Diverse Management Solutions, Denver, CO.
- (b) 10:45 - 6:30: *Concurrent "75-minute Presentations"*

***Sunday May 27**

(a) 8:30 - 12:20: *Concurrent 50-minute "Conversations on Best Practices"*

(b) 12:30 - 1:15: *Closing General Session*

"Early-Bird Registration Fee": All who register by January 23, 2012 pay only \$200, our best value. After January 23, the general registration fee will be \$300 and presenters will pay \$275. PASWHA members will pay \$250 after January 23. Students may register at \$200 at any time. A limited number of registration fee waivers are available for students who wish to serve as volunteers. Contact us soon if interested in this student volunteer opportunity.

Medical Case Management Institute: We plan to again offer this popular 15-hour training during Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Sample content: Ryan White Program Issues, Care Planning, Crisis Management, Ethical Issues, Motivational Interviewing, Risk Reduction. Faculty: Melinda A. Marasch LCSW and Matthew S. Bennett, MA, MBA Diverse Management Solutions, Denver, CO.

Information for Exhibitors: Our exhibit area will be open during Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please consider reserving an exhibit table. It's a great and affordable way to reach over 500 AIDS-care social workers from all across the country. You can successfully promote your services, sell your product or widely disseminate your organization's message. For your exhibitor fee (\$550 non-profits/ \$800 for-profits) you'll receive booth/table space and also one conference registration. E-mail: lynchv@bc.edu to reserve your spot today since space is limited!

Continuing Education Credits: All who attend receive a Certificate of Attendance and 25.5 social work continuing education credits from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

Hotel Information: All conference events will be held at the beautiful Hotel InterContinental Miami. This hotel is close to the nightlife of South Beach and is situated on beautiful Biscayne Bay. We can offer attendees a special guest room rate of \$135 per night (single or double occupancy). The hotel's address is 100 Chopin Plaza. Please call the hotel at (305) 577-1000 and ask for reservations. **Request the Boston College AIDS Conference Rate of \$135 per night. Reserve Soon. Space is Limited!**

General Questions: Contact Dr. Vincent Lynch at lynchv@bc.edu or 617.552.4038.

**"EARLY-BIRD"
REGISTRATION FORM
(ONLY \$200 UNTIL 1/23/12)**

You can register online by going to our web page at:
<http://bc.edu/schools/gssw/academics/ce/conferences.html>
... then, click "Register Online" and proceed.
For mail-in registrations please follow directions below.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

____ Please do not list me in the e-mail directory of attendees (to be distributed to all).

____ Please register me for the 15-hour Medical Case Management Institute.

Please note: Thanks to the Manuel Fimbres Project, a limited number of registration fee waivers are available to people living with HIV/AIDS. For more information please e-mail lynchv@bc.edu

Payment Directions:

____ By check: Make your \$200 check payable to Boston College GSSW

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Please send this completed mail-in registration form with your payment to:

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