

PROPOSALS DUE: JUNE 30, 2010



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CALL FOR WEBINAR PROPOSALS

"TUESDAY TALKS"

Starting July 13, 2010

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 NRI is to make data and analysis available to states and other key stakeholders relevant to mental health policy making, monitoring, accountability, and improving programs and services.

Webinar and Learning Community Overview

In order to develop a robust and ongoing learning experience, NRI will host the "***Tuesday Talks***" ***Webinar Series*** beginning **Tuesday July 13, 2010** through **Tuesday, September 28, 2010**. NRI will offer, free of charge, a new webinar topic every week. These webinars will be in place of our Annual Conference.

The webinar series will serve as a vehicle for stimulating new and ongoing discussions on our webhosted learning forum. The learning forum will be free to join and hosted on NRI's website (site currently under construction).

NRI is particularly interested in receiving proposals from all stakeholders in the health care system, ranging from providers, payers (insurers), administrators, researchers, policy makers, and consumers who are engaged in the design, development, research, and evaluation of the public mental health system.

2010 Webinar Topics of Interest

NRI conducted an environmental scan of previous NRI Annual Conference attendees to gather feedback on relevant topics of interest. The following four

topical categories represent the results of this environmental scan. We are requesting proposals on the four topics and others:

Research and Evaluation on Integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health (services, programs, finances, workforce, and/or policies)

- Older adults services
- Youth services
- Services for persons with severe mental illness
- Physical health assessment and screening
- Primary prevention and wellness programs,
- Financing (i.e Medicaid services) and integration
- Substance Abuse/health/mental health integration

Outcome Evaluations, Benchmarking, and Reporting Systems

- Measuring outcomes and improving quality of public benchmarking
- Development and management of data reporting systems to inform practice and services
- Performance measures for community-based care
- Creating a culture and MIS infrastructure

Public-Academic Partnerships to foster Services System Research and Policy Analyses

- Collaborative research partnerships focused on services research in public mental health
- Special populations studied (active duty, reserves, and military veterans; older adults; children; and forensic)

Budget shortfalls and their impact on treatment and services

- Data on state, county, and local budget cuts and services for persons with mental illness
- Consumer involvement in the shortfall issue
- Innovative approaches to maintaining services given limited budget
- Cross-system collaboration with health, Medicaid, substance abuse, and mental health within limited budget environment

Review

A webinar planning committee representing mental health services researchers will assist in selecting proposals for presentation. All submissions will be selected through a rating review process according to relevance, methodology, outcomes that are actionable, and overall quality.

Webinar Presentations

Each presentation will last approximately 45 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of moderated questions and answers. NRI will assist each presenter with managing the technology related to the webinar production. It is expected that all presenters will offer a PowerPoint presentation.

In addition, NRI is requesting that all presenters will become part of our online learning forum which will be hosted on NRI's website (site is under construction). This community will serve to engage others in discussions related to the presentation, both pre and post the webinar. In addition, this new learning forum will serve to stimulate new discussions related or unrelated to the webinar topics.

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 webinar presenters. 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 strongly encouraged.

Webinar Sponsorship

The National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) will provide partial funding for the 2010 "Tuesday Talks" webinar series through Grant Number 5 R13MH073244-03/05.

If you are interested in financially supporting future webinars, please contact Michael Lane, Series Manager at michael.lane@nri-inc.org or 703-682-9466 to discuss various sponsorship opportunities.

Proposals **must** include the following:

- 1) A completed proposal cover form;
- 2) An abstract – strictly limited to one (1) page double-spaced;
Please name the abstract “<primary presenter last name_abstract>.doc”
- 3) A one-paragraph bio sketch for each presenter.
Please name the bio: “<last name_bio>.doc”
- 4) Two to three learning objectives that clearly describe what the participant will learn or be able to do as a result of having attended the webinar .

Notification of acceptance will be sent to presenters by **July 9, 2010**

All presenters will be asked to sign a Speaker’s Agreement.

Final Presentations

All accepted presenters will submit their final presentations to NRI not later than one week prior to the assigned webinar date.

Proposed Registration Fees

All webinars will be **free of charge**.

Website

Please visit our website to access the learning forum and webinar schedule (when available): <http://www.nri-inc.org/events>

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PROPOSAL COVER FORM

All presenters will be asked to sign a Speaker's Agreement. PowerPoint presentations for accepted proposals **must** be submitted to NRI not later than **one week prior to your assigned Tuesday webinar.**

Please indicate if the person listed is the presenter and/or is an author on the proposal but not presenting.

TITLE OF WEBINAR: _____

PRIMARY PRESENTER _____ Degree _____

TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Proposals must include the following:

Please complete and send an electronic copy of each item via e-mail to:

Michael.Lane@nri-inc.org

(See instructions)

- **An abstract – strictly limited to one (1) page double-spaced**
- **A one-paragraph bio sketch for each presenter**
- **Detailed learning objectives**