



Conference on Promoting Community Mental Health - Issues, Achievements and Visioning into the Future

Organized by Social Work Services Division, Caritas - Hong Kong

You are cordially invited to attend the “Conference on Promoting Community Mental Health – Issues, Achievements and Visioning into the Future” to be held at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 15 – 17 December 2009.

You are also welcome to submit an abstract not later than 31 August 2009, for an oral presentation at the parallel sessions or for conducting workshops so as to share with participants your experience.

This Conference will provide a platform for mental health practitioners to share and exchange experiences in the planning, design, delivery and evaluation of community mental health service in Chinese societies. Local and international experts will gather together to address a wide variety of topics of interest in community mental health, to share new and creative innovations on intervention and delivery models, as well as to facilitate mutual learning and to promote inter-disciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration.

Please visit the website and sign up for this meaningful event before 30 September 2009.

I. Theme:

Promoting Community Mental Health – Issues, Achievements and Visioning into the Future

II. Theme of Keynote Speech, Plenary Sessions and Closing Speech:

1. Keynote Speech:

Issues and Concerns in Mental Health Services

2. Plenary Session 1:

Importance of Identification, Diagnosis and Understanding

3. Plenary Session 2:

Pioneering in Intervention, Rehabilitation and Integration

4. Plenary Session 3:

Trends in Promoting Resilience, Recovery and Advocacy

5. Closing Speech:

Visioning into the Future

Conference Period

15 – 17 December 2009

Venue

The campus of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

We welcome papers which will later be organized into parallel sessions and workshops.

For this conference, papers related to the central theme, plenary theme and sub-theme are of interest, but should not be limited by them.

If you want to know more about the conference, please visit our website: www.mhconference.com

Call for Papers

Deadline of Abstract Submission: 31 August 2009

III. Sub-theme:

1. Client Groups

- 1.1 Working with Children and Adolescents
- 1.2 Working with Adults (Men and Women)
- 1.3 Working with Elderly
- 1.4 Working with Community

2. Disorder and Behavioral Problem

- 2.1 Working with people with Addiction
- 2.2 Working with people with Violence
- 2.3 Working with people with Bipolar Disorder/Mood Disorder

3. Strategies and Intervention Models

- 3.1 Prevention and Education
- 3.2 Rehabilitation and Training
- 3.3 Mobilization and Family Support
- 3.4 Community Care and Support Service
- 3.5 Social Integration
- 3.6 Carer Support
- 3.7 Crisis Intervention
- 3.8 Suicide Prevention

- 3.9 Therapeutic Community
- 3.10 Social Enterprise
- 3.11 Reminiscence
- 3.12 Eastern Practice
- 3.13 Trauma Management
- 3.14 Positive Psychology
- 3.15 Recovery

4. Practice Issues

- 4.1 Spirituality
- 4.2 Cultural Issue
- 4.3 Professional Burnout
- 4.4 Mental Health in Work Place
- 4.5 Therapies (Art, Dance, Music)
- 4.6 Side-effects of Prescription
- 4.7 Hard-to-reach Population

5. Advocacy

- 5.1 Consumer Movement
- 5.2 Curriculum Design in Primary and Secondary Schools
- 5.3 Corporate Contribution
- 5.4 Policy and Service Models
- 5.5 Mental Health Ordinance
- 5.6 Anti-Discrimination Law

The deadline for the first round of paper calling is **31 August 2009**. Proposals are reviewed within a month of submission. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Full details of the Conference, including an online abstract submission form, can be found at the Conference website: <http://www.mhconference.com>

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- Early Psychosis Intervention Society
- Guangdong Provincial Disabled Persons' Federation
- Hong Kong Association for the Promotion of Mental Health
- Hong Kong Psychogeriatric Association
- The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists
- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Please join us for this meaningful event, to work together in building a healthier and happier community for all! We look forward to receiving your abstract and hope you will be able to join us in Hong Kong in mid-December 2009.