

HIV/AIDS 2008: THE SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE

The Twentieth Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS

CONFERENCE THEME:

“PREPARING TOMORROW’S LEADERS IN HIV/AIDS SOCIAL WORK...TODAY”

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATION PROPOSALS DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2007

CONFERENCE VENUE

Hyatt Regency
Washington—Capitol Hill
MAY 22-25, 2008

MAJOR PLENARY SESSION SPEAKERS:

WILLIS GREEN, JR. KEYNOTE:

“Social Work Empowerment:
We Need to Lead...Now!”

Randall H. Russell, LICSW, PIP
R2 Solutions and
Gilead Sciences

GARY LLOYD PLENARY:

“Leadership During Difficult Times:
Lessons Learned in the Aftermath
of Katrina”

M. Beth Scalco, LCSW, MPA, Director,
Louisiana Office of Public Health
HIV/AIDS Program;

DeAnn Gruber, Ph.D., Assistant Professor,
Louisiana State University School of
Public Health

PUBLIC POLICY PLENARY:

“2008 Public Policy Update:
Implications for Leadership”

A. Gene Copello, D.Div., M.Div., MSW
The AIDS Institute;

Evelyn Tomaszewski, ACSW
National Association of Social Workers
(NASW), HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

Please join me and over 500 other AIDS-care social workers in May at our 20th annual conference, to be held in Washington, DC. Our conference theme will focus on social work leadership development in AIDS-care. This issue will be addressed consistently in our three major plenary sessions. Also, a specialized “leadership track” will be offered for those who wish more in-depth training in this area. There will also be an optional legislative advocacy opportunity on Capitol Hill for those who wish to combine their conference learning with social action. In addition to these special sessions and events, we anticipate offering over 100 various sessions presented by AIDS social workers like yourself. Finally, we’ll present many exhibits, social events, a job fair and other networking opportunities. **Please look elsewhere in this flier for registration discount information and also how you can participate as a presenter.** Our next mailing, in late January, will provide more details on day-by-day conference events. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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

This four-day annual national conference has been conducted on a continuous basis since 1989, organized by Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. We are grateful to these co-sponsoring organizations for their support:

- Gilead Sciences
- Johns Hopkins Adult HIV/AIDS Service
- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, AIDS Administration
- National Association of Social Workers, HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project
- The AIDS Institute
- Abbott Laboratories
- Whitman Walker Clinic
- Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center
- Mountain Plains AIDS Education and Training Center

HOW TO PARTICIPATE AS A PRESENTER: You are invited to send us a presentation proposal on any area relevant to HIV/AIDS and social work. Of special interest are proposals that relate to the 2008 theme of leadership. Some other topics of strong interest include strategies for funding services, mental health services and HIV, treatment adherence approaches, cultural competency topics, utilizing CARE Act resources, prevention/education, lobbying, grant writing, capacity building and serving those with HIV and co-existing addictions (especially crystal meth). We accept proposals in four categories. Those 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 contributors. Also, specify the name and e-mail of the one contributor to whom we should direct all our correspondence.
- FOURTH:** Which category you wish your proposal considered.

BRIEF REPORTS (least competitive category). This is a 15-minute oral presentation that will be paired with one other presentation on a similar topic and scheduled in a 45 minute period, leaving about 10-15 minutes for Q&A or discussion. Presenters might discuss informal findings/observations from direct practice or perhaps report on some preliminary findings from an ongoing research project. Your proposal summary must not exceed 250 words or it will be returned unreviewed.

POSTER SESSIONS (moderately competitive category). Poster sessions provide informal networking and informational sharing regarding innovative programs and services. Presenters are assigned an area where they stand by their 24" X 36" mounted poster that contains key "talking points" on their topic. They discuss their topic with attendees who stop by their poster station. Your proposal summary must not exceed 250 words or it will be returned unreviewed. Poster sessions are 60 minutes in length.

90-MINUTE INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOPS (highly competitive). These are intended to be in-depth discussions on selected topics from direct practice, research, or policy. A limited number of slots are available in this category. Up to eight of these sessions may be offered concurrently during designated 90-minute workshop periods in each of the four days of the conference. Your proposal summary must not exceed 250 words or it will be returned unreviewed.

ADVANCED CONTENT 90-MINUTE WORKSHOPS (most competitive category). An extremely small number of these sessions are available. The proposal must demonstrate that the content area will be geared to an audience with at least five years of HIV practice experience. These presentations will address practice, research or policy issues from advanced perspectives. Your proposal summary must not exceed 500 words or it will be returned unreviewed. You also must submit 2-3 literature references on the proposed topic.

The deadline for receipt of all submissions is December 31, 2007. All decisions of the review committee are final. **Decisions will be made on a "rolling basis" so it is 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. A limited number of proposals accepted by December 17 will be listed in our January flier. Please send your e-mail submission as a "Microsoft Word" file (.doc). Your submission needs to be sent to Gina Mulvaney at <mulvaneg@bc.edu>

Any general questions may be directed to the conference chair, Dr. Vincent Lynch at 617.552.4038 or at <lynchv@bc.edu>

REGISTRATION FEE: All who register for the conference using the "Super-Early-Bird" discount form in this flier pay the deeply discounted rate of \$175 if registration with payment is mailed by January 14, 2008. The fee will increase to \$250 between January 15 and April 15. After April 15 the registration fee will be \$300. Any refund requests need to be made by May 1st, 2008. Whether you participate as a presenter or a general attendee, the "Super Early-Bird Rate" is your best value.

HOTEL INFORMATION: A limited number of guest rooms are available to attendees at the Hyatt Regency Washington-Capitol Hill for the special conference rate of \$145 per night, single or double occupancy. You can make your reservation by calling 202.737.1234 and ask for the *Boston College AIDS Conference* special rate. Conference sessions begin at 4:30 PM on May 22 and conclude at 1:00 PM on May 25.

"SUPER EARLY-BIRD" REGISTRATION

All who Register by January 14, 2008 pay only \$175.00. Save Now!

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Please Note: A limited number of registration fee waivers are available to people living with HIV. For more information please e-mail Vincent Lynch at lynchv@bc.edu for details.

PAYMENT DIRECTIONS

FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:

Please go to:
<http://socialwork.bc.edu/outreach/hiv-aids/>
and click "online payment"

FOR MAIL-IN PAYMENTS:

By credit card: Please complete in full.
I wish to pay by:

_____ MasterCard _____ VISA

\$_____ Total amount charged

Account number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

By check: Make your \$175 check payable to Boston College GSSW.

Please mail this completed registration form with payment to:

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