

HIV/AIDS 2015: THE SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE

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

HYATT REGENCY NEW ORLEANS - MAY 21-24, 2015

**THEME: "STAYING RELEVANT IN AN ERA OF GREAT CHANGE—
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIV/AIDS SOCIAL WORK"**

Call For Presentation Proposals... Submission Deadline is December 5, 2014

Please Also See Details About Our "Early-Bird" Registration Fee Discount

DEAR COLLEAGUE:

Please consider submitting a conference presentation proposal for our 27th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, to be held in the vibrant City of New Orleans. Join me and over 400 other HIV/AIDS social workers for this important gathering. The 2015 theme will examine ways how we as social workers can remain relevant in AIDS care. In this past year Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Treatment (PrEP) has been widely discussed in this country. Many divergent views exist on this issue. Further, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), The National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and Ryan White Program (RWP) funding issues present new challenges and opportunities. All of these will impact the future of HIV/AIDS social work practice. What is our niche in this new era?

Over 100 presentations will be delivered that address all areas of contemporary HIV/AIDS social work practice. We are especially interested in receiving presentation proposals that examine aspects of the 2015 conference theme. Sessions will begin at 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 21 and conclude at 1:15 PM on Sunday, May 24. There will be several informal "meet and greet" receptions and social gatherings during all four days and 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 "\$200 Early-Bird Registration Fee" if you register by January 25, 2015 (regardless of whether you plan to be a presenter or a general attendee). Hope to see you in New Orleans!

Sincerely,

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

Important Information for Presenters:

Your proposal may be on any topic relevant to HIV/AIDS social work practice, research and education. Of special interest are those that relate to the 2015 theme such as: capacity building, “HIV Treatment Cascade”, the NHAS, ACA issues, RWP funding, PrEP treatment, forging strategic partnerships, medical case management, fiscal sustainability and work with underserved populations. We will accept proposals for consideration in four categories. More details can be found 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 contributor(s), including city and state. In the case of multiple contributors, provide the e-mail address of one person with whom we should correspond.

FOURTH:

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

Presentation categories include:

20-Minute Brief Reports (least competitive category). This category is designed for those who have a brief announcement or other HIV/AIDS-related item of interest they wish to share with attendees. There will be three of these reports scheduled during 75-minute sessions on Friday and Saturday. No AV equipment is to be used. Your proposal summary should not exceed 200 words.

50-Minute Conversations on Best Practices (next competitive category). Presenters in this category will facilitate the informal discussion of a vignette from their practice that illustrates some thorny problem. Vignettes can be drawn from work with a 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. Six presentations will be offered concurrently during 50-minute sessions. All presentations in this category will be scheduled on Sunday morning. These sessions should be informal and conversational in nature. No AV equipment is to be used. Your proposal summary should not exceed 250 words.

90-Minute Poster Sessions (moderately competitive category). Posters are a way to informally describe innovative programs and services both visually and verbally. Up to forty posters/presenters will be assigned to one meeting room with presenters standing next to their 24” X 36” mounted posters. Your poster will be tacked to a large corkboard for display purposes. You will share the poster board with one other poster presenter. 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 PM. Your proposal summary 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 five of these sessions will be offered concurrently during 75-minute periods on Friday and Saturday. Please indicate whether your presentation will be geared to a beginning, intermediate or advanced audience. PowerPoint may be used in these sessions if so desired. We will provide a laptop computer, LCD projector and screen. Your proposal summary should not exceed 350 words.

IMPORTANT: The deadline for receipt of all submissions is December 5, 2014. 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 be listed 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

Early-Bird Registration Fee Information: All who register by January 25, 2015 pay only \$200, our best value. After January 25, the general registration fee will be \$300 and presenters will pay \$275. The fee for PASWHA members after January 25 will be \$250. 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

A PREVIEW OF CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE :

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 3:00 - 8:00 Conference Registration Desk Open
5:30 - 7:00 Posters
7:00 - 8:00 Opening Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 8:15 - 9:45 The Willis Green, Jr. Memorial Opening Plenary Session
10:00 - 6:15 Concurrent 75-minute Presentations and Brief Reports

SATURDAY MAY 23

- 8:30 - 6:15 Concurrent 75-minute Presentations and Brief Reports

SUNDAY, MAY 24

- 8:30 - 12:20 Concurrent 50-minute Conversations on Best Practices
12:30 - 1:15 Closing Plenary Session

Medical Case Management (MCM):

We plan to again offer this popular 12-hour training during Friday and Saturday. Pre-registration is required (see registration form). Please note: by registering for it you will not be able to attend most of Friday's or Saturday's other sessions. Sample content: Ryan White Program Issues, Care Planning, Crisis Management, Ethical Issues, Motivational Interviewing, Risk Reduction.

Institute Director: *Melinda Marasch*, LCSW, Aspire Training and Consulting, Denver, CO.

Information for Exhibitors/Sponsorships:

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 400 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 table space and also one conference registration. For more information about exhibits as well as opportunities such as sponsored lunches, receptions, etc. please e-mail: lynchv@bc.edu We hope to hear from you!

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 Hyatt Regency New Orleans. This hotel is in the heart of downtown. We can offer attendees a special guest room rate of \$139 per night (single or double occupancy). The hotel's address is 601 Loyola Avenue. Please call Hyatt reservations toll-free at 888.421.1442. Request the Boston College AIDS Conference Rate of \$139 per night, single or double occupancy. Reserve Soon. Space is Limited!

BOSTON COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

"EARLY-BIRD" REGISTRATION FORM (ONLY \$200 UNTIL 1/25/15)

All credit card payments can be made online at the conference website: www.bc.edu/swhivconf ... then, click "ONLINE REGISTRATION" and proceed. We accept VISA, MasterCard or American Express. Please fill out this mail-in form below if you prefer to pay by check.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

SOCIAL WORK LICENSE # (IF AVAILABLE) _____

_____ Please register me for the 12.0 hour Medical Case Management Intensive 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 e-mail: lynchv@bc.edu for more information.

For multiple registrations, a separate registration form needs to be completed for each person. You may make multiple copies of this form.

Schedule of Registration Fees:

_____ Early Bird: \$200

Directions for Mail-in Check Payments:

Make your check payable to: Boston College GSSW

\$_____ Total amount

Please mail this completed registration form with payment to:

Dr. Vincent J. Lynch

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Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Boston College Tax ID Number is: 042 103 545

Any other questions? Contact Vincent Lynch at 617.552.4038 or lynchv@bc.edu