

National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns
2011 Annual Conference

Call for Proposals

Due Date:

March 15, 2011



**The 18th Annual NAMRC
National Training Conference
Atlanta, Georgia**

July 28 – 30, 2011

“Transforming Rehabilitation through Diversity, Equity & Justice”

**Hyatt Regency Atlanta
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The National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC) is pleased to announce our 2011 national training conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. NAMRC invites submissions of proposals from rehabilitation practitioners, educators, students, researchers, and clients.

Review and Notification

The deadline for submitting proposals for the 2011 training conference is **March 15, 2011**. You will receive an e-mail to acknowledge receipt of your proposal within two weeks. If you do not, please contact namrcproposals@gmail.com. The conference program committee will select proposals and notify prospective lead presenters by **April 15, 2011**.

Content Areas of Presentation

The committee seeks proposals which address the conference theme on *Transforming Rehabilitation Through Diversity, Equity & Justice*. This year's theme coincides with our historic conference location and includes a focus on the need to enhance diversity, equity and justice in all areas of the rehabilitation discipline. We must continue to find innovative methods for delivering quality services to persons with disabilities in the face of many economic and political barriers. Our charge is to persist in our agenda of ensuring that all persons with disabilities will have equality in services, interventions and policy.

Proposals will be accepted for research presentations, symposia, and poster presentations. Submissions should represent the following content areas with a multicultural focus:

- *Ethical Practices*
- *Achieving Professional Excellence in Rehabilitation Research, Leadership and Practice*
- *Forensic Rehabilitation*
- *Innovations in Technology*
- *High Quality Service Delivery (e.g.), Independent Living, Internships, Transition Programs, Multi-Agency Partnerships, Special Target Populations, etc.*
- *Examining Disability Policy*
- *Educational Standards and Training*
- *Clinical Supervision*
- *Evidence Based Practice*
- *Rehabilitation Counseling Process*
- *Research in Rehabilitation*

To submit a proposal, prepare a document in a rich text format (MS Word) using the following outline and submit the document as an attachment in an e-mail to the conference program committee. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. **Proposals should be sent to namrcproposals@gmail.com. Please place "NAMRC 2011 Proposal" in the subject line of your email.** The outline must be followed and all information must be provided as requested.

Proposal Format

All proposals must be submitted as an e-mail attachment. The attachment must be in **rich text format** (.rtf) or **portable document format** (.pdf). Submitted proposals should utilize the last name of the lead presenter as the filename. Presenters who submit more than one proposal should number each proposal sequentially after their last name (i.e., smith1.rtf, smith2.rtf). Presenters who wish to withdraw or modify a submitted proposal should request that the file name be withdrawn.

Submissions should be in 12 point – Times New Roman font. Please limit your submissions to the information requested in the call for proposals, as additional attachments or appendices will not be reviewed.

The format of the proposal must include: (1) Title, (2) Abstract, (3) Type of Presentation (e.g. symposium), (4) Learning Objectives, (5) Lead Presenter & Co-Presenters, (6) Program Guide Summary, and (7) Audiovisual Equipment Request.

Title

Limit to 80 characters, including punctuation marks and spaces. Proposals titles should be simple and factual.

Abstract

Length of content description should not exceed 150 words for the concurrent sessions and symposia, and 100 words for poster sessions.

Be as concise as possible and describe:

- a) Learning objectives,
- b) Educational content,
- c) Structure of presentation in order to involve the audience (e.g., Discussion, case studies, other examples),

Presentation Formats

Concurrent Sessions are individual presentations, which provide the opportunity for individuals (one or more) to present a paper, project, or other initiative. Individual presentations may be grouped with other individual presentations with similar topics or themes. Presentations are 75 minutes in duration.

Poster Session provides the opportunity for individuals to present a paper, project, or initiative in the format of a poster fair. Presenters and attendees engage in extended discussions regarding their presentation that is in illustrated format on a poster board. CEU's will be available for attendance at the poster session.

Symposium provides a forum for the presentation of multiple and related research studies or experiences in order to present a broader context for discussion through panel presentation. Symposia are 75 minutes in duration.

Lead Presenter and Contact Person

The lead presenter is also the contact person and the chair of the program. Lead presenters are responsible for notifying all other co-presenters of acceptance, rejection, scheduling and any other information provided by NAMRC.

List contact information for the lead presenter, including work affiliation, primary mailing address, daytime and evening telephone numbers, and fax number. An e-mail address is required. In a brief paragraph, give the lead presenter's qualifications. Please list degree(s), areas of specialization, current position and employer.

Co-Presenter(s)

List all co-presenters by name providing primary mailing address, daytime and evening telephone numbers, fax number, and e-mail address at the time of proposal submission. No more than four (4) presenters per program, including the chair, will be listed in the program.

Availability of Presenters

Submission of this proposal is an acknowledgement that persons submitting proposals agree to:

- *Be available to present the program on any day of the conference.*
- *Not charge a separate fee for attending your session.*
- *Pay the registration fee to attend the conference **one month prior to the conference.***
- *Present at no more than two sessions, additional poster submissions are exempt.*
- *Make presentation materials and activities accessible to participants who have sensory, motor, or other disabilities.*

*All persons planning to present at the conference **MUST** pay conference registration fees or your presentations will be cancelled.*

Conference Program Guide

Descriptive Summary: In 50 words or less, describe your presentation. Include only the key points and benefits to attendees. Please note that only the first 50 words will be printed and will represent your session in the conference program.

Audiovisual Equipment

Conference planners will provide an overhead projector and screen to concurrent session presenters at no cost. Please let us know if you require this equipment.

Computers and LCD projectors will not be provided and are the responsibility of the presenters. If you require any other additional equipment, NAMRC will provide you with information on ordering equipment at your own expense. Request for additional equipment must be made to Dr. Chandra Donnell.

Poster session presenters will be provided poster boards, push pins and a table to present their poster. Poster presenters should plan accordingly.

Space Limitations

Due to space limitations, all programs may not be accepted in the format submitted. Please indicate below whether or not you would accept a format change of your proposal from a concurrent session to a poster session format.

Accept _____

Do Not Accept _____