

*Exploring What Works:*



## 43rd Annual National Association for Rural Mental Health Conference

Hilton San Diego  
San Diego, California  
September 6-8, 2017

**“Exploring What Works: Caring for the Country”**

NARMH’s mission is  
“Linking Voices to Promote Rural Mental Health”

### About NARMH

The National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH) was founded in 1977 to develop and enhance mental health and substance abuse services and support mental health providers in rural, remote and frontier areas. We promote the needs and concerns unique to rural mental health, develop educational resources, and sponsor an annual conference where rural mental health professionals, consumers and other stakeholders can share knowledge and resources. NARMH has added two additional goals – to proactively support initiatives to strengthen the voices of rural consumers and their families and to develop and mentor the next generation of rural mental health leaders and researchers. NARMH, since its inception, has been strongly committed to rural people and rural providers. This commitment has allowed NARMH to focus on what it takes to provide quality services and meaningful research for rural consumers and providers. Visit the NARMH website at [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org) to learn more about our organization.

### About the Conference

NARMH’s Annual Conference is the premier interdisciplinary event for rural families, community members, clinicians, researchers, administrators and policy professionals. The NARMH conference provides great information and networking opportunities regarding all aspects of rural practice, research and policy.

For forty-three years, the National Association for Rural Mental Health conference has provided the best venue for mental health professionals to learn and partake in the networking opportunities including improving access to treatment facilities, availability and acceptability of mental health and substance abuse services to rural communities.

This year’s conference has been developed to address the topic: *Exploring What Works: Caring for the Country* in a terrific city with great food, beautiful views and fun things to do.

- Dennis Mohatt, NARMH Board Member and Conference Chair

### Suggested interdisciplinary themes (but not limited to):

- Affordable Care Act impact on rural behavioral health
- Workforce innovations
- Peer driven solutions in rural behavioral health
- Technology and Outreach
- Evidence Based Practices and Programs tooled to fit rural
- Programs and Services that work for rural people
- From the Bench to the Ranch - Linking rural research to rural practice
- Meeting the challenge of serving rural Veterans
- State Psychiatric Hospitals - The interface between the hospital and the community
- Corrections - The defacto mental health system of the 21st century...

### Call For Proposals

The National Association for Rural Mental Health invites you to submit a proposal for the 2017 NARMH Annual Conference.

This year’s conference “Exploring What Works: Caring for the Country” will explore the opportunities and challenges as our health, behavioral health, and social service systems respond to healthcare reform initiatives and the evolving healthcare market. The Conference will bring together rural community stakeholders from the practice (children and adult services, early intervention, prevention, health, and juvenile justice); research (prevention, intervention, treatment, integration, and evaluation); policy (mental health, substance abuse, health, and law enforcement); and provider constituency groups to discuss the path ahead for rural communities in the changing healthcare/mental health environment.

# SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR THE CONFERENCE

## Online at [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org)

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals should draw upon current research, promising practices and/or model programs or systems solutions that offer application for rural communities. Proposals should indicate how consumer input, diversity and cross-cultural issues are represented and appreciated. Program presentations should contain explicit details regarding the target population(s) served, the context in which services are delivered, and demonstrate effective outcomes. In addition, successful proposals also will demonstrate content and presentation clarity.

### TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

#### *Contributed Papers*

Sessions are formed around a general theme and comprise several presentations by different authors. The author of each piece is allotted approximately 30 minutes for presentation which includes time for questions from the audience at the end of the session.

#### *Workshops*

60 minutes – two or more presenters/commentators sharing perspectives on a single topic or several elements of a research project.

#### *Panel/Roundtable Discussions*

Two or three authors are encouraged to work together to develop a panel presentation in which papers are coordinated and focus in-depth on a particular topic. Sixty minutes is reserved for the panel presentation (authors may choose how the presentations are to be connected), time for questions from the audience is reserved at the end of the session.

#### *Posters*

Poster sessions are reports on applied research or practice summarized in graphic format: tables, graphs, pictures, and text. Authors are present during the assigned poster session time to discuss their work. Attendees visit the author(s) individually. The purpose of the poster presentation is to share with others the work you are doing in your community or program, to present new research results, or to showcase new innovative approaches.

**Submit a conference proposal using our online submission form  
on the NARMH website at [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org).  
Deadline to submit is December 1, 2016 or until the agenda is filled.**

**All presenters must register for the conference and are responsible for their own  
registration fees, travel and hotel arrangements and fees.**

Conference attendees have access to three days (September 6-8, 2017) of high quality programming focused on the mental and behavioral health needs of rural communities and their residents including preconferences, keynote speakers, interactive workshops, track sessions, and fun networking opportunities. As an added bonus, the conference will be held at the Hilton San Diego, San Diego, California with easy access to the restaurants and recreational opportunities.

If you need additional information after visiting the NARMH 2017 conference website at [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org), please contact Lu Ann Rice, NARMH Event Planner, by email at [luann@togevents.com](mailto:luann@togevents.com) or phone 320.202.1831.