



PRESENTATION PROPOSALS ARE DUE by: Friday, June 11, 2021

Presentation Proposal Submission Instructions

Email this completed document to leadconference2021@gmail.com and lead.camhpro@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE THEME:

LEAD'S purpose is to transform the behavioral health system through peer leadership. Peers taking leadership roles in the vision, development and implementation of policy and services are change agents for California's behavioral health system

LEAD's overarching premise is that access to and quality of behavioral health services are contingent on peer leadership in policy and delivery of services. Peer leadership is the only way behavioral health services will be transformed. A robust statewide peer network, regional/local peer run programs throughout the State, and peer services are essential to lead the behavioral health system toward a recovery-based person-centered service system.

To **Lead the Way**, we must **Speak Out** and **Make Change**, on the grassroots local level and the State level.

"Speaking Out" truly means, "Nothing About us Without Us." We are the experts about what we individually and collectively need. Nobody else can speak for us. In 1983, when California peers were organizing statewide, they had a dream "of significant client representation in mental health related forums and organizations, in decision-making that directly affects us." (You are not Alone, 1983). Speaking Out in every platform and in every way, including telling your story, being on decision-making committees or participating in public comment, will make that dream a reality.

"Making Change" means advocating for our individually and collectively identified needs. Change has historically come from the advocacy of people who have been directly affected by unjust and hurtful systems. Peers must take advocacy leadership, collaborating with allies, to attain accessible, high quality behavioral/community health services and supports.

Welcome to our Peer Statewide Conference 2021, celebrating and promoting **peers leading the way, speaking out and making change.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name:

Email:

Organization Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

List Co-presenter(s) Name, Phone & Email; type "N/A" if not applicable:

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION & INFORMATION

TOPIC AREAS FOR WORKSHOPS

The Peer Statewide Conference 2021 is seeking proposals for **60 minute presentations**. We invite everyone to consider becoming a presenter. Learning from each other is a clear example of self-help, mutual support, and the principles of recovery in action! Workshops will be selected from the following topical categories. These Topics emerged from # Listening Sessions held in five different counties of the State that identified needs and wishes of peers from different ethnic, cultural and geographic populations.

***IMPORTANT:** Diversity and Inclusiveness is a core value of LEAD and will be expected to be reflected in all presentations. Please include in your application the role of the conference theme: Lead the Way: Speak Out. Make Change.

Workshop Topic Areas (Check ALL that apply)

- ☐ Accessible Services
- ☐ Criminal Justice/Injustice Intersecting with Mental Health
- ☐ Crisis Support
- ☐ Cultural Sensitivity & Humility
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Peer Support and Employment
- ☐ Reducing Stigma, Discrimination and Community Outreach
- ☐ Social Justice/Injustice, Equity and Mental Wellness

SELECTION CRITERIA

Reviewers will evaluate proposals according to the following criteria:

- Lead presenter is a consumer/survivor.
- Relevance of the presentation to the conference theme and topical categories.
- Expertise and experience of presenters.
- Opportunities for participants to develop new skills and/or replicate a successful program.
- Clear outline of the purpose and learning objectives of the presentation.
- Opportunities for participant engagement

If any, please list other conventions or gatherings at which you have presented this topic or other topics.

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| 1. Do you have lived experiences of mental health? | YES | NO |
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2. Workshop Title:
 3. Short Workshop Description (exactly as it should be printed in the conference materials, must be 50 words or less):
 4. Please provide a description of how Lead the Way. Speak Out. Make Change. relates to the topic you plan to discuss:
 5. Brief biography (no more than 50 words for each presenter) to include your lived experience as it relates to the topic you plan to discuss.
 6. Workshop Outline (no more than 1 page).
 7. Please send a professional headshot for promotional purposes (optional).
 8. Although the Conference is free, I understand that presenters are responsible for travel and lodging expenses. (Check box below to confirm)

☐ YES, I understand.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS & INQUIRIES TO Hannah Divino at leadconference2021@gmail.com and Andrea Wagner (Program Manager) at lead.camhpro@gmail.com