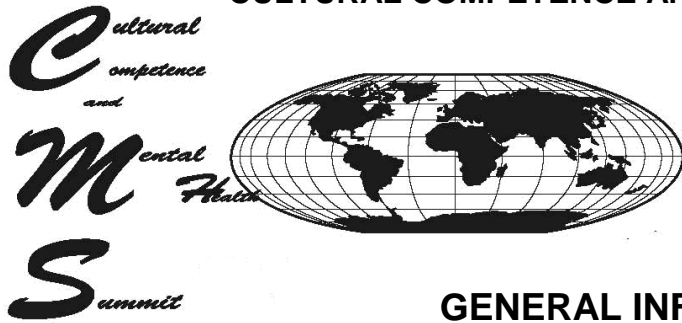


CULTURAL COMPETENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT



GENERAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1993, Riverside County Mental Health's Minority Services Coordinator organized the First Statewide Cultural Competence and Mental Health Summit Planning Committee and Conference. The committee was comprised of representatives from various counties, the California Department of Mental Health and the Chair of the California Mental Health Directors Association Ethnic Services Committee. The conference was formed in an effort to address multi-lingual and multi-cultural issues impacting the field of mental health in the following areas: the importance of culture and language in the areas of administration, policy development, program development, clinical services, medications, access, outreach, retention and training; managed care; and to share information about cultural competence to enhance the existing knowledge and skills of the various county mental health systems in California.

Because of the great success of the First Cultural Competence and Mental Health Summit in Riverside County, it was decided to continue the conference on an annual basis. The committee is now under the California Mental Health Directors Association Ethnic Services Committee. California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH) is represented on the Planning Committee and is the fiscal agent for the Summit. As a way to keep other county mental health departments involved, the committee decided to rotate the conference throughout the various regions in the State of California and to involve the various Minority Service Coordinators/Ethnic Services Managers (MSC/ESM) of the host counties, and neighboring counties, in the planning committee. It was also decided and encouraged to have MSC/ESM serve as Chair and Co-chair(s) of the planning committee and to involve past, and experienced, planning committee members as consultants or members to help cross-train the newer committee members. This arrangement has worked well.

Due to the increasing number of conference participants over the years, and the increasing interest in the field of cultural competence and its various training competency areas, the committee expanded in size and diversity in membership. The committee now ranges in size from 15-24 members and includes consumer and family representatives, representation by CIMH, a contract provider and representatives from partner agencies. Furthermore, the committee developed sub-committees (i.e., Budget, Speakers, Marketing, Sponsors, Resources, Program, Evaluation and Consumers), in order to address the needs/interest areas expressed on the conference evaluations and by the Planning Committee. The committee has committed to make available consumer registration stipends to assist counties in sending consumers to the conference (10% of the total attendance).

- 1999** **THEME:** *"Navigating the Differences"*
- CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR:** Joel Moreno and Kathy Hair, Kern County Mental Health
- CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Centennial Garden, Bakersfield Convention Center
Lodging: Holiday Inn Select Hotel
Bakersfield, CA
- ATTENDANCE:** 1,200
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- 1999** **THEME:** *"Inclusion, by Design"*
- CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR:** Nancy Fernandez, Alameda County Behavioral Health
- CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Marriott Oakland City Center
Oakland, CA
- ATTENDANCE:** 1600+
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- 2000** **THEME:** *"The Art of Being Culturally Competent"*
- CHAIR:** Ambrose Rodriguez, Los Angeles County DMH
- CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Sheraton Universal Hotel
Hilton Universal City & Towers
Universal City, CA
- ATTENDANCE:** 1,000
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- 2001** **THEME:** *"Cultural Competence: California's Future – Our Mission"*
- CHAIR AND CO-CHAIRS:** Jo Ann Johnson, Sacramento County Div. of Mental Health
Tosh Saruwatari, San Joaquin County Mental Health
Irma Rodriguez, Yolo County Mental Health
- CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Sacramento Convention Center
Sheraton Grand Sacramento
Lodging: Sheraton Grand Sacramento
Sacramento, CA
- ATTENDANCE:** 1,400
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- 2002** **THEME:** *"Strength in Diversity – Concept to Action"*
- CHAIR AND CO-CHAIRS:** Rosa Hidalgo, San Bernardino County Mental Health
Myriam Aragon, San Bernardino County Mental Health
Clement Osakue, Tri-City Mental Health
- CONFERENCE LOCATION:** Ontario Convention Center
Lodging: Doubletree Hotel
Ontario, CA
- ATTENDANCE:** 700
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- 2003** **THEME:** *"Moving Forward Together: Partnering to Promote Healthy Communities"*
- CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR:** Maria Fuentes, Santa Clara County Mental Health
Deborah Torres, San Mateo County Mental Health
- CONFERENCE LOCATION:** The Fairmont Hotel
San Jose, CA
- ATTENDANCE:** 959

2004 **THEME:** *"A Renewed Vision of Culture"*

CO-CHAIRS: Veronica "Ronnie" Kelley,
Rafael D. Canul, County of Orange,
Cultural Competency & Mental Health Services

CONFERENCE LOCATION: Anaheim Convention Center and Anaheim Hilton Hotel
Anaheim, CA

ATTENDANCE: 806

2005 **THEME:** Building Bridges to Recovery and Wellness in our Communities

CO-CHAIRS: Lola Aguiniga, Victoria Urrutia

CONFERENCE LOCATION: Fresno Convention Center Exhibit Hall
Radisson Hotel, Fresno, CA

ATTENDANCE: 600

2006 **THEME:** Eliminating Disparities Achieving Efficient, Effective & Equitable Care

CO-CHAIRS: Lisa Booker, Chair

CONFERENCE LOCATION: Hyatt Regency SF Airport
Burlingame, CA

ATTENDANCE: 821

2007/2008 **THEME:** Evolving with Communities to Achieve Culturally Responsive Approaches

CO-CHAIRS: Piedad Garcia, San Diego County

CONFERENCE LOCATION: TOWN AND COUNTRY
San Diego, CA

ATTENDANCE: 817

2009 **THEME:** XVI Embracing Social Justice and Equity to Build Healthier Communities

CO-CHAIRS: Jei Africa, Louise Rogers, San Mateo County

CONFERENCE LOCATION: Hyatt Regency SF Airport
Burlingame, CA

ATTENDANCE: 735

CULTURAL COMPETENCE AWARDS

The **Cultural Competence Professional Awards** began in 1995 in San Jose, California at the third annual Cultural Competence and Mental Health Summit. This award was established to recognize and honor leaders in the field of mental health and cultural competence for their numerous contributions and accomplishments in the following areas: policy, administration, clinical, legislative and leadership. This is a prestigious award that has been presented on an annual basis at the Summit. The recipients of this award have been Josie T. Romero (1995); Bob Martinez (1996); Jose Villasana (1997); Tina Tong Yee (1998); Connie Moreno-Peraza (1999); Matthew Mock (2000); Francis Lu (2001); Rachel Garcia Guerrero and Rudy Lopez (2002); Evelyn Lee (2003, posthumously); Jo Ann Johnson (2004); and Adrienne Cedro-Hament (2005); Myriam Aragon (2006); Susan Mandel (2008); Jei Africa, Sam Keo, Donald M. Johnson (2009)..

CULTURAL COMPETENCY SERVICE IN ACTION AWARD

Recognizing that individuals with various skills and talents have made outstanding contributions to mental health and cultural competence, the **Cultural Competency Service in Action Award** was established in 2002. This prestigious award is presented on an annual basis to recognize and honor individuals who demonstrate leadership in the area of advocacy. The recipients of the award are Pearl Johnson (2002); Louisa Perez (2003); and Leafa Taumoepeau (2005); Lydia Ko (2008).