

Hello Ms. Welch,

This year's planning of the summit is going well. With our theme being, "**Promoting Equity in Health Services: The Power of Community Based Solutions**".

We have chosen as our key note speakers, **Dr. Gloria Morrow** and **Joseph Meyer**. Our plan includes presenting the problems we face in mental health on the first day and presenting the solutions on the 2nd day. We will also have two panels. The first day will highlight **5 of the California Disparities Projects** that have been doing work in the communities. **The 5 SPWs (Strategic Planning Workgroups-Cultural Groups)** that are ready to present are, **African American, Asian Pacific Islanders, Latino/Hispanic, LGBTQI and Native American groups**, four of which are planning on doing workshops as well. The 2nd panel will present on the work the **Ethnic Cultural Community Advisory Committee (ECCAC)** is doing in **Santa Clara County**. The seven different ethnicities are, **African Heritage, African Immigrant, Chinese, Filipino, Latino, Native American and Vietnamese**. The panel will be made up of the manager and the coordinators from their respective communities.

This year, we have also chosen to recognize the position of the **Ethnic Services Managers**, past and present and all the hard work they have been doing to help change the way we deal with stigma and discrimination in our communities.

Last but not least, we will be shaking things up on Monday night with Festivus! That being a festival with foods and performances from various cultures from 5pm to 9pm for all conference attendees and it will be open to the public. We will also showcase information and education booths from local CBO's and different organizations that help in our struggle to deal with mental illness.

Although the extended date of **April 15th, 2011** to submit presentations/workshop applications is now past due, we are still considering all applications until further notice.

If you have questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to send me an email.