



## Minnesota Mental Health Innovations Conference Agenda

### “Advancing Toward an Accessible and Responsive Mental Health System”

**Wednesday, February 6, 2008**  
Earle Brown Heritage Center  
Garden City Ballroom  
6155 Earle Brown Drive, Minneapolis

- 8:15 am**      **Report MN Health Plan Data on Mental Health Services**
- 8:30 am**      **Registration and Refreshments**
- 9:00 am**      **Welcome**
- **Gary Cunningham**, Co-chair MMHAG Steering Committee
  - **National Award: US Representative Jim Ramstad**
- 9:15 am**      **The Latest on Minnesota Mental Health Initiative Implementation, *Wes Kooistra*,**  
Assistant Commissioner for Chemical and Mental Health Services, Department of Human Services
- **Recap of the 2006-2007 Mental Health Legislation**
  - **Update on Implementation Activities**
  - **Next Steps in Implementation**
  - **Questions**
- 9:45 am**      **Breakout Panels:**
- Panel 1: Innovations in Integration, Harvest Room A**
- Moderator, *Ron Brand*,** Executive Director, MN Association of Community Mental Health Programs, Inc.
- **Hospital and Health System Integration, *Read Sulik, M.D.*,** Medical Director, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, St. Cloud Hospital/CentraCare Health System
  - **DIAMOND Project, *Gary Oftedahl, M.D.*,** Medical Director, Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement
  - **AXIS Healthcare's Disability Care Coordination, *Rachel Tschida*,** Director of Public Policy & Communications, AXIS Healthcare
- Panel 2: Innovations in Service Delivery, Harvest Room B/C**
- Moderator, *Glenace Edwall*,** Psy.D., Ph.D., LP, Director, Children's Mental Health Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- **Alternatives to Inpatient Hospitalization: Partial Hospitalization, *Eugene Bonyng*, Ph.D.,** Chief Executive Officer, Woodland Centers
  - **Culturally Appropriate Services: Community Health Workers in Latino Communities, *Jesse Bethke Gomez*,** President, CLUES
  - **Innovations in Early Childhood Mental Health, *Gayle Kelly*,** Executive Director, MN Head Start Association, Inc.
- 10:45 am**      **BREAK**

**11:00 am**      **“Making it Work For Everybody”**, *Sara Rosenbaum, JD*, Hirsch Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy, School of Public Health, George Washington University and **Consumer & Family Member Response Panel**

**12:15 pm**      **Lunch and Recognition of Minnesota Champions**

**1:15 pm**      **Breakout Panels:**

**Panel 3: Innovations in Collaboration**, Harvest Room A

**Moderator, Mark Kuppe**, Chief Executive Officer, Human Services, Inc.

- **Transforming Frontline Practice: Integration Models of Medical, Mental Health and Human Services**, *Stella Whitney-West*, CEO, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center
- **Collaboration on Crisis Response: Metro Mobile Crisis Services**, *Roger Meyer*, Coordinator, Metro Children Crisis Service
- **Stay Well, Stay Working: An Innovative Project for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness**, *Ed Bonnie*, Director Complementary Networks, Medica

**Panel 4: Innovations in Care Coordination**, Harvest Room B/C

**Moderator, Pat Siebert**, Attorney, MN Disability Law Center

- **Intensive Treatment Teams**, *Karen Hovland*, Director, Spectrum Community Mental Health and *Nancy Abramson*, Executive Director, Mental Health Resources, Inc.
- **Collaboration in Planning and Services, Autism Spectrum Disorder**, *Pat Pulice*, Autism Services Director, Fraser Child and Family Center
- **Innovation in Case Management**, *Karen Lloyd, Ph.D., LP*, Senior Director Behavioral Health Strategy, HealthPartners

**2:15 pm**      **BREAK**

**2:30 pm**      **What is Most Important to the “Consumer”?** *Consumer, Family & Advocate Panel*

**3:15 pm**      **“Is the Mental Health System Working: Implementing Best Practices and Evaluation of Outcomes”**, *Monica Oss, M.S.*, Chief Executive Officer and Senior Associate, OPEN MINDS

**4:15 - 4:30**      **Wrap-up**