



California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations

CAMHPRO Annual Consumer Conference

April 21 -23

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Unify! Act! The Time is Now -

The times we are living in are a mix of progressive and regressive behavioral health trends that will dramatically affect the lives of people with mental health challenges. This is a time for us to unify to influence which path California and the nation will take. This is truly a time to act.

Far from the days when consumer activists promoted the benefits of peer support and peer run programs to doubting ears, both are considered evidence based practices today. Local consumer run programs have grown throughout the State, offering an array of recovery based services, and serving important leadership roles and channels for the consumer voices in their individual area. There are an estimated 6000 peer specialists in the State and California has the opportunity to join 42 other States and the Veterans Administration in implementing a state peer certification program. The Mental Health Services Act fosters the recovery vision for mental health consumers described as promoting hope, personal empowerment, respect, social connections, self-responsibility, and self-determination. Programs that embrace the whole human being, health, housing, employment, and community, are valued in California. Now is the time to act together to support the growth of peer support services and providers and to preserve and advance the recovery, person centered vision for mental health services in California.

On the other hand, regressive policies and practices are being promulgated throughout the country and in California based on unfounded claims about people diagnosed with mental illness. People with mental health challenges are being scapegoated as the primary cause of the epidemic of mass violence occurring in our country. Mental health changes based on the myth that people diagnosed with mental illness are inherently violent result in more forced treatment, institutionalization and an erosion of civil rights. The time is now for us collectively to step out of the closet and speak up against this stigma and discrimination. The time is now to unify and act to fight back changes that would take us back 40 years: to a system that promotes hospitalization and force as opposed to voluntary community services; and to the belief that people with mental health challenges have a chronic condition from which they can never recover as opposed to recovery is possible for everyone with the right kind of supports. This Conference is a call for mental health consumers to unify, claim

our individual and collective dignity, and act.

Mobilize to get people to the Conference, yourself and others. Go to your counties for scholarship support. CAMHPRO will also be contacting the counties to support consumers to attend the Conference.

Registration: \$250.00 (plus an online processing fee), to include lunch and dinner on April 22 and breakfast on April 23. (Also an evening event with snacks.) Click here for the [Online Event Brite Registration](#).

People can also register by mail. Checks are to be made out to CAMHPRO. The mailing address is 870 Market St., Suite 922, San Francisco, CA 94102.

See registration application for more detailed information.

Brief Summary of Conference including Goals and Outline

Goals of the Statewide Conference:

- to provide knowledge to behavioral health clients;
- to provide advocacy skills and experience to behavioral health clients;
- to mutually engage consumers and political/policy leaders with each other;
- to enhance statewide and regional networking of clients;
- to work on organizational issues at a membership meeting.

A measure of the success of the Conference is if attendees leave feeling that they are not alone, that they are connected to a state (and national) advocacy movement, and that they feel energized and empowered to go back to their communities to do the work that is needed.

Outline for the Conference:

- Day 1 on April 21, 2016 is the Pre Conference. In the afternoon before the Conference, consumers visit legislators or attend hearings regarding specific legislation. CAMHPRO will facilitate a Consumer Day at the Capitol, including a resource fair on the grounds of the capitol, an opportunity for consumer run programs and others to display what they do.
- Day 2 on April 22, 2016 is a whole day of Conference activities: plenary speaker(s), including politicians/policy leaders, workshops, institutes.

Key note speakers: Dan Fisher, MD, PHD, Chief Executive Office, National Empowerment Center. Other speakers and dignitaries are being invited.

Workshop/Institute categories: Advocacy; Peer Support and Employment, Art and Spirituality, Reducing Stigma and Discrimination, Cultural Humility; Integrated Health and Wellness.

- Day 3 on April 23, 2016 is the final day of Conference, includes a Key Note Speaker. Also, CAMHPRO will hold a membership meeting on the last morning of the Conference. Among other CAMHPRO business, CAMHPRO members will elect Board Members. The regional meetings, in which attendees network with other attendees, will be held on this day.

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Paper Form for Registration

Click on the Registration Form to the Right to get to the paper form.

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2016 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Register Online At: www.eventbrite.com or complete and mail form

REGISTRANT INFORMATION	
Name: _____	Nickname For Badge: _____
Group/Organization: _____	
Address [O Home O Work]: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____
Emergency Contact: _____	Relationship: _____
Contact's Phone: _____	Address: _____
Special Considerations (Must Request by April 1—diet, accessibility needs, etc. Please be specific): _____	
Interpretation Needs: <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonese <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> ASL <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
T-Shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X <input type="checkbox"/> 4X <input type="checkbox"/> 5X <input type="checkbox"/> 6X <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

CONFERENCE FEES
Includes all plenary sessions, workshops, institutes and evening events.
Hotel room is not included.
Early Registration (February 1—March 31): \$250.00
Rush Registration (April 1—April 19): \$275.00
Onsite Registration \$300.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS
Register & Pay Online: Register online through April 19 at:
www.eventbrite.com
Mail: Registration must be received by April 19. Make check payable to
CAMHPRO and enclose with Registration Form. Send to:
CAMHPRO
ATTN: Annual Consumer Conference
870 Market St., Suite 922, San Francisco, CA 94102

MEALS
Please select only the events that you WILL ATTEND.
 Friday, April 22 Luncheon
 Friday, April 22 Dinner
 Saturday, April 23 Breakfast

Please indicate if you have special dietary needs.
 Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Gluten Free
 Kosher

Cancellations: Cancellations must be received in writing. If cancellation is requested before April 1, you will receive a full refund. For registrations completed online, you will receive a full refund minus the applicable Eventbrite Processing Fee.

TABLING
Are you interested in reserving space for an exhibit or vending? Yes
Cost is \$25.00 and space is limited. Contact Ms. Tando Goduka to reserve your space.



PLEASE DIRECT ALL CONFERENCE QUESTIONS & INQUIRIES TO MS. TANDO GODUKA:
Phone: (415) 341-9460 Email: tando.goduka@gmail.com



Hilton Sacramento Arden West is the site for the “CAMHPRO Annual Consumer Conference” on April 21, 2016 - April 23, 2016

The location is at:

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[To Tour the Hotel Click Here](#)

[For Directions Click Here](#)

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Sacramento Old Town and the many state museums, restaurants and shops.



To Make Guest Room Reservations (Rates from \$105.00/night):

1) Guests can call 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667) and mention special rate code CMH to make their guest room reservations.

2) Guests can utilize the link below to make their guestroom reservations:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SMFHIHF-CMH-20160421/index.jhtml>

**Parking at the Conference:
Discounted and safe secured parking is \$2.00 a day.**

Airports:

**Sacramento International
Airport 12 Miles**

**Oakland International
Airport 96 Miles**

**San Francisco International
Airport 103 Miles**

**San Jose International
Airport 120 Miles**

How to get to and from the Hotel from the Airport: You can utilize [Super Shuttle](#) to get from the Airport to our hotel. Rates start at \$17.00 per person one way. You can also contact Petra Pena at Super Shuttle at 916-648-2500 Ext 11301 or email her at ppena@supershuttle.com to see if there would be any additional discounts for your group



Key Dates

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Mailed in, paper registrations for the Conference must be received by April 19. Paper registrations can be found at [Click Here Paper Registration](#)

Cut Off Date for the group rate at the Hilton Arden West: March 31, 2016

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