

VICSERV'S MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE



HOPE
INNOVATION
CO-DESIGN

19 – 20 MAY 2016
Melbourne Convention
and Exhibition Centre



Psychiatric Disability Services
of Victoria (VICSERV)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2016

The Conference Committee is calling for submissions for **concurrent sessions** showcasing **research** or **evidence based best practices** that support positive outcomes for people with a mental illness and that support their carers both in supporting them and looking after themselves.

Conference key concepts

In 2016 we are taking a more fluid approach to the recruitment of conference content. We invite submissions that focus on better outcomes for **consumers, carers, staff** and **organisations**, under the following key *concepts*:

- Hope and recovery - the ways and benefits of how a hopeful future, and working in a hopeful way, contributes to recovery can be incorporated into the development of our services and demonstrated in our work place interactions.
- Innovation - including the fostering of creativity and positivity in the face of change, challenges conventional thinking, or processes, and champions beneficial, adaptive solutions.
- Co-design - the possibilities of taking a collective approach to designing, developing and delivering solutions to achieve inclusion, effectiveness and innovative outcomes.
- Peer-led- examples and opportunities to work with and learn from our peers to achieve powerful and sustainable outcomes.
- Transformation. – how we can, and do, work to achieve a better future for people with mental illness, in systems and communities, including our thinking, practice, outcomes and options.
- Empowerment/rights - human rights as the basis of the work we do, and outcomes we work towards, including how we can influence and determine the direction of individual, system and organisational development.

Scope

Submissions can consider the key concepts in any number of settings including, but not limited to:

- working with individual consumers or carers
- being a carer or person with lived experience
- program development and delivery
- staff and organisational development
- system and policy development
- advocacy at any level
- research and applied research.

Key issues

Submissions that consider the following key sector issues, in **addition** to at least one of the key concepts, will be highly regarded:

- the impact and opportunities in the NDIS
- the Victorian Government's Vision and implications of its 10 year mental health strategy
- the national mental health reform agenda
- service integration and coordination, including primary and clinical services
- consumer choice and control
- the carer experience
- the application of technology.

Session format

Innovative and creative session formats are encouraged and we invite submission across a variety of formats including, but not limited to:

- standard presentations
- panel discussions or debates
- symposia, specifically where a number of different organisations come together to design their own session around a particular concept/issue
- interactive sessions, please note that concurrent sessions at the VICSERV conference can be large and any interactive sessions will need to take that into account.
- multimedia presentations or visual displays

Delegate interaction written into the delivery of any of the session formats will be well received.

Sessions must be **30** or **60** minutes long. These timings include a **10 minute question and answer** allowance for the 30 minute session and a **20 minute allowance** for the 60 minute session. This will be adhered to in all sessions and when the allotted, formal, presentation time has elapsed speakers will be asked to move onto to question time.

Selection criteria

Successful abstracts will be selected according to the following criteria:

- relevance to the key conference concepts
- the level at which it addresses key sector issues
- innovation thinking and/or practice
- highlighting evidence based practice and research
- highlighting collaboration and integrated service models
- building evidence and knowledge across the sector
- innovation in the structure of the conference session

Finally collaborative projects with a collaborative approach to the submission and presentation are actively encouraged.

If in reviewing abstracts the Conference Committee sees the opportunity, individuals may be approached to collaborate to develop a single collaborative session across a particular issue or service area.

Key dates

Friday **4 March 2016** - Call for abstracts closes

Monday **28 March 2016** - Acceptance of abstracts advised

Wednesday **13 April 2016** - Early bird registration closes

Wednesday **11th May 2016** - Registration closes.

Abstracts submissions – Towards Recovery Conference

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION COVER SHEET – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Presenter's name

Position

Organisation name

Position

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

Phone

Fax

Email

Is this a collaborative/joint submission?

- Yes No

If yes please tell us who your partners/collaborators are:

Please attach a brief biography of about 150 words

Title of presentation

Which key conference concept are you addressing in your session?

- Hope and recovery Innovation Co-design
• Peer led Transformation Empowerment/rights

Are you addressing a sector issue? – if so please indicate which one

- NDIS VIC 10 yr MH strategy National mental health reform agenda
• Service integration Consumer choice/control Carer experience
• application of technology

Briefly, what are the outcomes for participants who attend your presentation?

Have you presented this paper at any other conference, meeting or forum?

- Yes No

If Yes, please identify date, location and name of the event:

Format of presentation

How long is your presentation? 30 min 60 min

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What is the presentation format?

- Standard presentation Panel Interactive session
 Debate Symposium Multimedia
 Visual display Other (please explain in more detail below)

Power point, a lectern and basic audio visual equipment will be supplied as standard. Please let us know if you have any other requirements for your presentation.

Please attach a short paper outlining your presentation and how it fits with the chosen conference concept. Maximum 500 words.

Please note that if your abstract is accepted for the conference you will be asked to:

- register for at least one day of conference, being the day you are presenting
- provide a digital photo to be used on the conference website
- provide a full copy of your presentation to be distributed online after conference

Presenter's signature:

Date:

Presenter's name

We receive a large number of abstracts and unfortunately not all can be accepted. Once the Conference Committee has come its decision, it is final.

Please return the submission to the VICSERV conference team by email conference@vicserv.org.au or by post to ABSTRACTS – TOWARDS RECOVERY, PO Box 1117, Elsternwick Victoria 3185, Australia.

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