VICSERV'S
MENTAL HEALTH
CONFERENCE

TOWARDS RECOVERY

HOPE
INNOVATION
CO-DESIGN

19 – 20 MAY 2016
Melbourne Convention
and Exhibition Centre

Psychiatric Disability Services
of Victoria (VICSERV)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM – POSTERS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2016

The Conference Committee is calling for submissions for **posters** 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 **organisation**s, 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.

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.

Poster submissions

To submit a poster please complete the attached submissions form and a 200 word abstract (maximum) that outlines the content of your poster.

Posters should no more than 84cm wide, i.e. A1 portrait format. Posters will need to be received by VICSERV by Wednesday 11 May 2016.

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.

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 **11 May 2016** - Registration closes and posters must be received by VICSERV

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION COVER SHEET – POSTERS

Presenter's name

Organisation name

Position

Address Suburb

State Postcode Country

Phone Fax

Email

Title of poster

Which key conference concept are you addressing in your poster?

- ☐ 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

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

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Please attach a short paper outlining your poster and how it fits with the relevant key content area. Maximum 200 words

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

- register for conference and be available to stand by and discuss the content of your poster
- arrange for your poster to be removed at the end of conference.

Presenter's signature: Date:

Presenter's name

Please return to VICESERV team by email conference@vicserv.org.au or by post to ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS VICSERV, PO Box 1117, Elsternwick Victoria 3185, Australia

DEADLINE: The completed abstract submission form and accompanying paper must be received by Friday 4 March 2016