



**“HARNESSING THE POWER OF RELATIONSHIPS: THE FOUNDATION OF  
PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION”**

**15TH ANNUAL MASSPRA CONFERENCE**

**BEST WESTERN ROYAL PLAZA, MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS**

**OCTOBER 24-25, 2017**

**2017 CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS**

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Each year, the MassPRA Conference provides a statewide forum for people committed to psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery to come together, celebrate, share ideas, exchange knowledge, develop new models and approaches and envision ways to create a responsive and empowering mental health system. The theme this year is “Harnessing the Power of Relationships: The Foundation of Psychiatric Rehabilitation.” We will be highlighting the critical role which forging and enhancing relationships plays in assisting individuals realize their goals and dreams. The conference program provides all who participate the chance to share what’s working as well as discuss and address the unique challenges arising every day in behavioral health care systems for people in recovery, program directors, administrators, policymakers, practitioners, consumers, advocates, family members, and government officials. Just as importantly, attendees will have plenty of opportunities over the course of the two days to draw *new* strength, enrich networks, and reinvigorate a vision for the future of PSR services and policies.

The richness of this conference emerges from the breadth of workshops we offer, which come from you, the participants. Submitting a workshop proposal gives you the chance to both benefit and contribute to this vital yearly event. We encourage proposals from across the field: people in recovery, family members, providers, administrators, researchers, executive directors, advocates, and government officials. This year we will be adding a new designation to each workshop indicating its intended level of expertise and specific relevance to target audiences, so that conference attendees can better choose which workshops will give them what they need. MassPRA especially invites first time submitters to send proposals for consideration. If you need any assistance with your proposal, or have questions about its submission, please contact Anne Sullivan-Soydan at [apsoydan@bu.edu](mailto:apsoydan@bu.edu) or Mary Gregorio at [mgregorio@baycove.org](mailto:mgregorio@baycove.org). **We hope you can join us in October 2017 for this exciting event!**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Keynote and all workshops will be held on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A WORKSHOP PROPOSAL**

**Instructions**

1. Please download the workshop application, which is an MS Word document. This document is located on our [website](#). The direct link is [www.masspra.org](http://www.masspra.org)
2. Workshops are scheduled to be 90 minutes in length, and should indicate interactive components to engage your participants.
3. Be sure to complete each section of the proposal. There are checkboxes to help you track the information requested, and live links to explain each required element. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE REFERENCE LIST.** We can't get CEU's without this.
4. Once your proposal is completed, please submit to us via [e-mail](#) by **MONDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. All of the proposals must be *submitted electronically via email*. The direct e-mail link for sending a completed workshop proposal is [proposals@masspra.org](mailto:proposals@masspra.org).
5. A resume including education, work and presentation experience must be completed **for each presenter**. This item is another one that is required for CEU approval. Please e-mail all resumes *together with your proposal* when you are ready to submit your workshop. A workshop proposal is not considered complete unless all required resumes are included. Only complete proposals will be considered for approval and inclusion in the conference.
6. As is typical for most conferences in the field, **all presenters** are required to pay registration for the conference. There are **no exceptions**.
7. If your proposal is accepted, you will be notified via e-mail no later than **Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please be sure all contact information, especially e-mail addresses, are listed accurately in your application material.

**Selection Process**

Each proposal will be rated on the following selection criteria. All the materials listed can be found at [www.psychrehabassociation.org](http://www.psychrehabassociation.org). In addition, essential criteria include live links where available to help clarify what is required.

- Proposal is complete, follows the attached format and includes all necessary materials. We reserve the right to disqualify incomplete proposals.
- [Person-First Language](#) is used.
- Applicant(s) demonstrates expertise in the subject matter.
- Proposal outlines [learning objectives](#) and provides a detailed reference list of at least four scholarly sources (required for Mental Health Licensure CEU's)
- Proposal identifies intended level of expertise, and reason for rating.

- Proposal specifies the role/ input of people in recovery.
- Proposal adheres to the [values and principles of PSR](#).
- Proposal adheres to the [USPRA multicultural principles](#).
- Proposal specifies at least (one) of the new 2014 seven PSR Domains.

• 2017 MassPRA WORKSHOP APPLICATION

**SECTION I: CONTACT INFORMATION**

**1. Primary Contact (Lead Presenter)**

**Name:**

**Agency(if any):**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code**

**Day Phone:**

**Alt Phone:**

**Fax:**

**E-mail address:**

**Member of MassPRA/PRA:**  Yes  No

Individual Member

Associate Individual/Student Member

Organizational Member

Associate Organizational Member

VA Member

**Additional Presenter**

**Name:**

**Agency(if any):**

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**City:**

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**SECTION II: WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

**2. Title of Workshop:**

**3. Abstract (30 word maximum):**

**4. Learning Objectives: ([Quick tips for learning objectives](#))**

**5. Indicate the 2014 [PSR Domain\(s\)](#) covered in this workshop:**

- Domain I - Interpersonal Competencies
- Domain II - Professional Role
- Domain III -Community Integration
- Domain IV- Assessment, Planning, and Outcomes
- Domain V – Strategies for Facilitating Recovery
- Domain VI – Systems Competencie
- Domain VII Health and Wellness

**6. Workshop Outline/Summary. Please limit to one page:**

**7. Presentation Strategies (list 3 specific ways you will make session *interactive*):**

**8. Describe in detail how the workshop adheres to and exemplifies the [values and principles of PSR](#).**

**9. Describe in detail how your workshop applies to diverse populations and/or how it adheres to the [PRA Multicultural principles](#).**

**10. Bibliography/References (Please include at least 4-5 scholarly references)**

**SECTION III: RATING, SUMMARY, AND SIGN-OFF INFORMATION**

**Please indicate the level of experience and expertise that best describes your workshop content.**

Beginner       Intermediate       Advanced

**Please give a specific reason for this rating, and if your workshop has a specific target audience, please note:**

Please make sure all items are included before submitting your proposal. We need all information to be 100% complete in order to review it, and in order to secure timely CEU approval for the conference program. When you submit this proposal as an attachment to [MassPRA Proposals](#), please be sure to also attach a resume for each presenter listed on your application. An incomplete proposal risks being disqualified for consideration. Please contact Anne Sullivan-Soydan at [apsoydan@bu.edu](mailto:apsoydan@bu.edu) if you have any questions about the application. Proposals are due on **MONDAY May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. And finally, thank you for taking the time to propose and submit a workshop for consideration.

**I have included all 10 items required in the workshop application.**

- 1)  Presenter Information (*each with resume*)
- 2)  Title of Workshop
- 3)  Abstract
- 4)  Learning Objectives
- 5)  PSR Domains
- 6)  Workshop Summary
- 7)  Interactive Strategies
- 8)  Adheres to Principles
- 9)  Adheres to Multicultural Principles
- 10)  Bibliography (We cannot get CEU's without these!)

**I understand that all presenters must be **paid registrants of the conference.****

**Signature:**

*AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS ACCEPTABLE*

***Thank you for submitting a workshop proposal. They are essential to our conference. We hope to see you in Marlborough in October 2017!***