



VIRGINIA PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTERS

*Does your agency have a program of merit that could be shared at the 2011 VAPRA Conference?*

Our theme is

*"Recovery...From Dreams to Reality"*

The Virginia Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association is pleased to announce its  
***27th Annual Statewide Conference***

**Ramada Plaza Richmond West  
Richmond, Virginia  
November 30 – December 2, 2011**

**VAPRA** is planning another exciting conference with workshops relevant to both persons in recovery and professionals in the mental health field. Psychosocial services, whether clubhouse, case coordination, PACT, supported employment, consumer directed initiatives, residential, or others can benefit by exposure to innovative ideas. This **VAPRA** conference will be an opportunity for growth, renewal, networking and fellowship.

Our conference theme, "Recovery...From Dreams To Reality!", will allow persons recovering from mental illness to share their stories of change and success. Our treatment system continues to change and we need to possess the tools to continue our recovery. We welcome your proposals for workshops that emphasize strategies for change, the recovery process and your ideas and efforts to change the service delivery system. This year we would like to be able to increase the opportunities for additional workshops offered to professionals in the field. We encourage professionals to present innovative programs that promote person-centered approaches.

**VAPRA** is committed to providing a forum for persons in recovery and their supporters to share successes and learn about the latest advances in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation. We will be working in collaboration with the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disabilities. We hope you can join us for this most exciting event.

Workshop sessions are 1 and ½ hour in length and should include enough time for questions and discussion. Proposals will be reviewed in July and selected presenters will be notified in August of the dates and times of their workshops.

*Presenters attending the conference will need to be paid registrants.* To submit a proposal, follow the enclosed **Presentation Application**.

## **VAPRA 2011 Presentation Application**

Submit a typed overview of your proposed workshop that includes the following:

- \* Title of workshop
- \* Name, title and/or credentials of presenters and organization
- \* Address, phone number, and email for each presenter
- \* Abstract of workshop (not to exceed 30 words) to be included in the conference brochure
- \* A description of your target audience – people in recovery, professionals and other service providers, administrators, or others (specify). Note all that apply. This will be included in the brochure to assist persons to find workshops most relevant to their interests
- \* One page or less summary of the presentation with learning goals and objectives

***You will need to be responsible for bringing all of your audiovisual needs. No A/V equipment will be provided.*** Please bring a generous number of handouts for your session.

Preference will be given to workshops that are interactive, innovative, have consumer involvement, and have well defined goals.

Workshop submissions should be completed by **July 8, 2011** and e-mailed to:

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Also, mail a hard copy to:

**Belinda Norfleet**

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**Questions?** Please contact Belinda Norfleet or Wendy Wampler, Conference Co- Chairs

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***We look forward to seeing you in Richmond!***