



### **Invitation to Submit a Proposal to Present**

Birmingham, Alabama ● July 13, 2017  
Birmingham Crossplex  
2331 Bessemer Rd, Birmingham, AL 35208

No More Martyrs is a mental health awareness campaign that seeks to build a community of support for Black women. In partnership with from the City of Birmingham and the Office of Mayor William Bell, it is our extreme pleasure to host the 2017 Minority Mental Health Awareness Summit in recognition of Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. This event is scheduled for July 13, 2017 with pre-summit training available on July 12, 2017.

Given the number of mental health facilities that continue to close nationally and the current socio-political climate, the need for culturally competent mental health practitioners is essential to improving access to services for diverse patient populations. In addition to mental health professionals, the valuable voices of consumers, community organizers and religious leaders are necessary in order to encourage collaboration and innovation towards the development of new methods of support. Latino, Asian, African-American, LGBTQIA and various other speakers have been invited to share their perspectives on the importance of culturally responsive care and services.

We invite you to submit a proposal to present. This special event will offer interactive, community-centered opportunities to engage the field of mental health and diversity. We encourage you to share your expertise and help to advance knowledge and practice in this essential area of care.

We hope to see you there!!!

Sincerely,

Nadia M. Richardson, PhD  
Founder, No More Martyrs

# Call for Proposals

## About the Summit

The Minority Mental Health Awareness Summit is a unique national event that focuses on the importance of culturally competence in mental health care and advocacy. The summit is open to the public.

## Who Should Attend

This event focuses on collaborative conversations about improving quality of mental care and dismantling stigma for minority populations. Target audiences include licensed mental health counselors, university students with interest in mental health, non-profit professionals, social workers, nurses, educators, consumers (and loved ones), mental health advocates, community health organizers and religious leaders.

## Presentation Format

Presentations time slots are 60 minutes (including Q/A) and are designed to be interactive. Presentations may be made by single or multiple presenters, or in panel formats.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Developing Culturally Competent Mental Health Advocacy Skills
- The Impact of Discrimination and Social Inequality on Mental Health
- Disparities in Minority Mental Health
- Community-Based Systems of Support
- Story-Telling and Minority Mental Health
- Diversifying Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Intergenerational Communication and Minority Mental Health
- PTSD and Race-Based Trauma in Minority Populations
- Faith-Based Approaches to Minority Mental Wellness
- Supporting the Mental Health Needs of the LGBTQIA population
- Peer Support Specialist and Sustainable Minority Mental Health Promotion
- Fostering the Mental Health of First Generation Immigrant Families
- Social Construction of Mental Illness and its Impact on Stigma
- Emerging Evidence Based Practices for Improving Minority Mental Health

## Selection Criteria and Review

All proposals will be reviewed by a committee of licensed professionals, consumers and community health professionals. Decisions are based on the following:

- The Presentation is relevant to diversity and minority mental health.
- The Presenter's credentials and/or experiences are appropriate to presentation.
- The Presentation proposal is structured to fit the allotted time of 60 minutes
- The Presentation is interactive and encourages audience discussion.
- The Presentation provides practical knowledge, skills and tools.
- The Presentation advances quality of care provided to minority populations.
- The Presentation encourages innovation in effective approaches to care

## Submission Guidelines

**Deadline: Presentations must be received by Friday, March 24, 2017 by 12:00pm est.**  
Abstracts must include the following information:

- Presentation Title (75 Characters Maximum)
- Primary Presenter(s) Contact Information
- CV/Resume for all presenters
- Short Biography for Each Presenter (50 Words Maximum for Each Presenter)
- Abbreviated Presentation Description for Summit Program (50 Words Maximum)
- Program Description to include:
  - Abstract to include objectives/goals you intend the audience to achieve by the end of your presentation (600 Words Maximum)
  - Description of accompanying materials or handouts
  - Description of AV Needs: All rooms will have an LCD projector with screen. Any additional equipment (computers, phone/internet connections, speakers) **MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE PRESENTER.**
- Presenters must also be prepared to answer the following questions:
  - Marketing: Are you selling or endorsing a product or service?
  - Commitment: Do you agree to register for the summit and be present for the presentation? Failure to register by June 3, 2017 may result in losing the privilege to present.
  - Audio Recording Release: Are you willing to have the session audio-recorded?

Email completed Proposals to [NoMoreMartyrs@Valenrich.com](mailto:NoMoreMartyrs@Valenrich.com).

If any of the information listed above is not included, the presentation will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

## Next Steps

You will receive an email confirming receipt of your submitted proposal. The lead presenter will be notified of the selection decision by April 14, 2017. Submission of a proposal implies a commitment to attend the summit should your proposal be accepted. Presentation and speaker information will appear in the preliminary and final programs, and abstracts will appear in the summit program.

If you have any questions, please contact No More Martyrs at [NoMoreMartyrs@Valenrich.com](mailto:NoMoreMartyrs@Valenrich.com) or 205-440-2837.  
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