

Showcasing the County of Los Angeles through the Seventh International Conference on Social Work

The County of Los Angeles (County) is a leader in its efforts to provide integrated health, mental health and substance abuse services in preparation for the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2014. The 7th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health is scheduled for Sunday, June 23, 2013, through Thursday, June 27, 2013, at the USC Ronald Tutor Campus Center. The County has a great opportunity to showcase this unprecedented effort to integrate care delivery by having the departments of Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, and Children and Family Services co-organize the event with the University of Southern California School of Social Work.

The conference, launched in Israel in 1995, is being held in the United States for the first time. In previous years, it has been held in Australia, Finland, Canada, Hong Kong, and Ireland. This year, the event will examine the Pathways to Client-Centered Care through the thematic lens of *Research to Practice: Completing the Circle*. It will explore groundbreaking theories, advanced academic and practice-based research, and critical issues that face the social work profession, including integrated services, veterans care, diversity, the stigma barrier, and health equity.

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The conference offers an opportunity to share the important initiatives underway in the County in preparation for the ACA and will also showcase how practices and critical advances in social work made by County agencies, community-based organizations and academic institutions are effectively being developed. Moreover, with an expected attendance of 800 participants, the conference will have a positive impact on the local economy and will promote the County as a conference and travel destination.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Directors of the departments of Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health and Children and Family Services to co-sponsor the 7th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health with the University of Southern California School of Social Work in Los Angeles County, to be held from June 23 through June 27, 2013, at no added cost to the departments, and encourage them to work collaboratively to make the conference a great success;
2. Encourage the County of Los Angeles' social work administrators, practitioners and community-based organizations to participate in the conference, share their knowledge and learn from others; and
3. Encourage the County of Los Angeles' departments that utilize the social work profession for health and mental health services to provide timely support and participate in the conference, at no added cost to the departments.

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