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HIV/AIDS 2004

## CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

BOSTON COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PRESENTS:

### HIV/AIDS 2004: THE SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WORK AND HIV/AIDS

*Conference Venue:*

The Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington D.C.

*Conference Theme:*

“Empowering Ourselves and Our Clients:  
Strategies for Helping to Shape the Future of HIV/AIDS Care”

*Dates of Conference:*

Thursday, May 27 – Sunday, May 30, 2004

*Major Speakers:*

Jeanne White Ginder

MOTHER OF RYAN WHITE

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Gary Bailey, MSW

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

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Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Dear Colleague:

Our 16<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held in our nation's capital, and I do hope you will consider submitting a proposal for a conference presentation. While in Washington in May, 2004, we will focus on important issues which will confront all of us in the months ahead. The presidential election in 2004, as well as the 2005 re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, are but two major issues we will focus on in-depth. We will explore in many sessions how we can empower ourselves and our clients to be effective agents of change at this critical time in our history.

As part of our empowerment theme, we plan to offer on the morning and afternoon of May 27 a pre-conference “Advocacy Day”, co-organized by AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). It will be an opportunity for you to travel to Capitol Hill and deliver a message to your U.S. representative about supporting re-authorization of the CARE Act. More details about this event will be in our registration flier which will be mailed in January.

In order to empower ourselves in the future, we need to remember the past and also reflect on the present world of AIDS-care. Accordingly, our first two plenary session speakers will help us to do that work. Jeanne White Ginder, mother of the late AIDS-activist Ryan White will deliver the opening address on Thursday evening at which time she will help us to reflect on Ryan's contributions during the early years of the epidemic. On Friday, our plenary session speaker will be Gary Bailey, current president of NASW, and former Board President at AIDS Action Committee, Boston, who will call us to action in a variety of important ways.

We expect to offer nearly 150 presentations over the four days of the conference. You can review the instructions for proposal submission on the reverse side of this flier, should you wish to send us a submission. I do hope to see you in Washington next spring.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Lynch, MSW, Ph.D.  
Conference Chair

This conference is organized by Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Planning partners for this conference include: AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families; HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); Jane Addams College of Social Work; HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project- National Association of Social Workers.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

For our 2004 conference, proposals for presentations will be accepted in three categories. The three categories include:

- ▼ **POSTER SESSIONS** (*least competitive category*) – This format provides networking and information sharing about programs and services in an informal atmosphere. In poster sessions, presenters inform others about their topic through the display of a 24" X 33" mounted poster that visually conveys the key points of their topic. During a 60 minute assigned period, poster presenters stand by their poster and discuss their topic with colleagues who visit their station. Detailed specifications regarding poster preparation will accompany the formal letter of acceptance.
- ▼ **INDIVIDUAL PAPERS** (*moderately competitive category*) – During these sessions single presentations are given during a 60 minute period. These papers address various topics associated with HIV/AIDS social work practice, research, or policy. Each presenter should limit their formal presentation to 45 minutes. This will permit ample time for discussion and questions. Each meeting room will be equipped with a flip chart and overhead projector. More details regarding preparation will be outlined in the formal letter of acceptance.
- ▼ **ADVANCED CONTENT INTENSIVE SESSIONS** (*highly competitive category*) – A very limited number of 60 minute advanced content presentation slots will be available. Audiences for these presentations typically have five or more years experience in HIV/AIDS and sessions address advanced topics in HIV/AIDS practice, research, or policy. Each meeting room will be equipped with a flip chart and overhead projector. More details regarding preparation will be outlined in the formal letter of acceptance.

- ▼ **RE: POSTER AND INDIVIDUAL PAPERS** – Your submission must not exceed one page. Longer submissions in these categories will be returned unreviewed. Include the title of your proposed presentation and the text (or abstract) which succinctly describes the material you plan to cover in the presentation. This abstract should be single spaced and not exceed 250 words. Beneath the abstract, list the names(s) of the author(s) and then specify the name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail of one person who should receive all correspondence from us. Also, it is important to indicate whether you wish your submission to be considered for a poster session or individual paper.
- ▼ **RE: ADVANCED CONTENT INTENSIVE PRESENTATIONS** – Your submission must not exceed two pages in length. Longer submissions will be returned unreviewed. Include the title of your presentation and the text (or abstract) which succinctly describes the material you plan to cover in the presentation. This abstract should be single spaced and not exceed 250 words. Beneath the abstract (under a separate heading titled "Plan of Instruction") you must include the reasons why you think this session lends itself to an advanced audience and must also indicate at least three learning objectives. You must then briefly specify why you think these objectives are geared to an advanced audience. At the bottom of page two, list the name(s) of author(s) and then specify the name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail of one person who should receive correspondence from us.

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Space is limited in all conference presentation categories. We recommend submitting your contribution as soon as possible since proposals are reviewed on a "first-come" basis. Early submissions which have been reviewed and accepted by November 25, 2003 will be listed in our conference brochure, to be mailed in January.
- Submissions will not be considered after the final deadline of December 18, 2003.
- You will receive written notification regarding acceptance within 3-5 weeks after submission.
- Presenters will receive a \$50.00 discount on the conference registration fee.
- The preferred method of submission is through e-mail, with the title, abstract and author(s) information being sent as an attachment. You may send your e-mail submission to Jennifer Mills, assistant to the conference chair, at [jennifergssw@verizon.net](mailto:jennifergssw@verizon.net)
- Hard copy submissions can be sent to:  
Dr. Vincent J. Lynch, Conference Chair  
Boston College Graduate School of Social Work  
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- Special topics of interest include service delivery approaches to women, infants, children and youth as well as to older persons. Additional topics of interest include program evaluation research, quality assurance issues, strategies for effectively utilizing CARE Act resources, cultural competence, service delivery to people of color, case management systems, strategies for funding services, capacity building, advocacy, lobbying, international issues, and strategies for empowerment.

### QUESTIONS?

Please phone 617.552.4038 or e-mail [lynchv@bc.edu](mailto:lynchv@bc.edu)

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