



Request for Proposals to Present at

**NCCNHR: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
35th NCCNHR Annual Meeting & Conference
Caribe Royale All-Suite Hotel
Orlando, Florida
October 19-22, 2010**

Each year, NCCNHR hosts a conference to educate and empower consumers and equip other participants about long-term care issues, including current trends, best practices, new research and other issues. Attendees come to learn, network and exchange ideas with advocates from all over the country. The NCCNHR Annual Conference draws 250 - 300 individuals each year including participants from 35-40 states and attendees from Puerto Rico, England and Japan.

We accept proposals from citizen advocates, resident and family councils, ombudsmen, researchers, and others who are involved in advocacy for long-term care consumers. Advocacy for individual residents as well as effective systemic advocacy and educational programs are topic areas of particular interest. We are looking for presentations that demonstrate **concrete advocacy strategies** that can not only be replicated but make things happen that positively impact consumers. We will consider sessions about advocacy in the entire long-term care continuum including nursing homes, assisted living and home- and community-based services. We encourage you to address the successes and barriers in your efforts.

For example, staffing has been a major focus of the conference for many years. We have explored what has been done locally and in states and reviewed strategies on how to assist providers and policy-makers to see that more and better qualified staff is actually cost effective. Practical information about how advocates work with legislators to make changes in policies and law has been offered as well as how one can organize a Community to resolve problems such as staffing. There are many other topics of interest and many others across the nation who can learn from your experiences—please share!

Refer to the information below to submit your proposal. You will receive confirmation that your proposal was received. You may submit more than one proposal.

The deadline for proposals is April 30, 2010 at 5:00pm EST.

Please submit your proposal by e-mail to:

Christina Taylor, NCCNHR Event Planner
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or send by mail to:

**NCCNHR
1828 L Street, NW, Suite 801
Washington, DC 20036**

Presentation Format

- *Workshop*: Concurrent breakout sessions featuring presentation(s) on program experience/ideas, promising practices, skill building, policies, procedures or other topics relevant to long-term care consumers and advocates; may include research as well as program experience. Sessions should include opportunities for audience involvement and discussion/questions. We encourage you to join with colleagues to form a panel discussion. NCCNHR reserves the right to combine proposals on similar topics and to provide additional presenters including moderator and/or discussant.
- *Pre-Conference Intensive*: A three-hour session (see workshop description above for content suggestions) held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, in the afternoon. These sessions are designed to provide attendees with an opportunity to explore a particular topic in greater depth. Must include opportunities for audience participation.

Proposal Review and Selection Criteria

Immediately following the submission deadline, all proposals will undergo a peer review process. Proposals will be evaluated and selected based on relevance to the conference theme and topic emphasis. Proposals that demonstrate engaging format, style, clarity, creativity, originality and interest to the specified target audience are desired.

Please keep in mind the following criteria to be used by the selection committee:

1. Does the proposal include innovative and concrete strategies for long-term care advocacy?
2. Does the proposal provide practical information and solutions of applicability for others throughout the country?
3. Is the proposal mindful of the needs of an increasingly diverse aging population with respect to income, ethnicity and location?

Proposal Status Notification

All proposal submitters will receive a notification via email regarding the acceptance or denial of their proposal by **May 31, 2010**. The acceptance letter will contain further details about requirements for presenters.

Acceptance of a proposal may be contingent on a presenter's willingness to combine elements of his/her proposal with that of another presenter and agreement to work collaboratively.

Annual Meeting Registration

All persons attending the NCCNHR Meeting are required to register and pay the registration fee. If a speaker wishes to attend **only** their own speaking session, no fee is required but the individual must still register. Register online at <https://www.nccnhr.org/conference>.

Audio Visual Equipment/Scheduling

The conference will provide audiovisual equipment needed for each session; however, we may ask that you limit your use of equipment. Following acceptance of a session, NCCNHR will discuss with presenters the audiovisual needs necessary for an effective session. **The majority of sessions will be scheduled on Wednesday, October 20th or Thursday, October 21st. Preconference intensives will be held on Tuesday, October 19th.**

Proposal Submission Form

This proposal is submitted for:

Workshop

Pre-Conference Intensive

Title of workshop or pre-conference intensive:

Intended audience (*check one*)

Persons new to the field of aging and long-term care.

Persons with substantial experience in the field of aging but new to the workshop or intensive topic.

Persons with substantial experience in the workshop or intensive topic.

All of the above

Other: _____

Format (*for workshop or intensive only*)

Lecture with discussion Panel Facilitated discussion Case model

Point/Counter Point (debate) Other: _____

Lead Presenter:

Name _____ Degree _____ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

Note: *Please provide the above information for each co-presenter on the form provided.*

Abstract

This paragraph will be used to describe your presentation in the conference program. Please identify the topics that the session will cover and the type of advocate that will receive the most benefit from attending. Keep in mind that attendees will have several workshop options to select from for each time period, and the manner in which you describe your workshop will draw attendees to your session. Creativity and humor are encouraged. Please limit your paragraph to 100 words or less.

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Co-Presenter:

Name _____ Degree _____ Title _____

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Biographical Statements: Include a one-paragraph biographical statement (no more than ten lines) on each presenter. Note that these statements will be used in the conference webpage and possibly in the conference book.
