

## Call for Proposals

### 28th Annual Bi-County Empowerment Conference: My Life, My Voice, My Choice

The Bi-County Conference Steering Committee is currently seeking workshop proposals for the 28th Annual Bi-County Empowerment Conference, which will be held virtually and via phone from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm EST on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's conference is "**Peace for Now, Hope for Tomorrow**"

The Bi-County Empowerment Conference is an annual gathering produced by and for people who experience emotional distress, voices and visions, altered and extreme states of consciousness, labels of psychiatry, substance use, and trauma/trauma responses. The conference seeks to empower individuals as well as to provide opportunities to share our stories of hope and discuss alternative modalities of recovery. We invite those who would like to submit proposals for panels, workshops, or presentations to please complete the attached workshop submission form as with a focus on how the workshop connects to personal empowerment.

#### **Workshops are 75 minutes. Proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria:**

- Clear Workshop Objectives/Purposes/Goals
- Originality and Innovation
- Clarity in Description of Subject Matter
- Broad Relevancy of Subject Matter
- Presenters experience with Workshop Proposal Subject Matter (**First Time Presenters Encouraged!**)

#### **Suggested Topic Areas for Workshop Proposals\***

Community Inclusion	Family and Parenting
Staying Connected During the Pandemic	Recovery
Creativity	Intersectionality
Cultural Humility	Stigma and Discrimination
Natural Supports	LGBTQIA+
Peer Crisis Response	Peer Support

\* This is not an all-encompassing list

**Please submit workshop proposals by e-mail to both:** Brent Russell [brussell@mhanc.org](mailto:brussell@mhanc.org) and Melissa Wettengel [mwettengel@hali88.org](mailto:mwettengel@hali88.org)

**Please complete the attached 2021 Workshop Proposal Submission form. Incomplete proposals will delay consideration of your submission.**

**Deadline for submission of workshop proposals is Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## **Call for Proposals -- Workshop Submission Template**

To submit a Workshop Proposal, please complete and save items 1-5 below as a Word document, be sure your name is on each page and that your pages are numbered.

Please fill out completely you will be notified about the status of your proposal by email by early **June 2021**.

### **1. Presenter/Co-Presenters' contact information**

Name of Presenter:

Do you identify as having lived experience:

Phone:

Email:

Name of Co-Presenters (if applicable):

Do any of your co-presenters identify as having lived experience (if applicable):

### **2. Workshop Title:**

### **3. Workshop Description:**

Provide a brief description of the proposed workshop. Descriptions should clearly state the topic, key purposes and goals of the workshop, any activities which will be part of the workshop, and be around 150 words long:

### **4. Is this your first time presenting this workshop before?**

### **5. Biography:**

Please provide a brief description of presenter(s) background and experience: