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A Healthy Dose of Information: Government Resources for Mental and Physical Wellness

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Bey Hall, Young Auditorium
Monmouth University
West Long Branch, NJ 07764*

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Conference Information

- 8:45-9:15 Registration and breakfast
9:15-9:30 Welcome
9:30-10:30 Panel discussion with Aruna Rao and Celina Gray on serving patrons with mental health needs
10:45-11:30 Karen Hartman: "Government information resources for mental health"
11:30-12:45 Awards and Lunch
12:45-1:30 Renae Barger: PubMed and Medline Plus
1:45-2:30 "Health Today - How to Serve Patrons with Mental Health Needs"

Driving directions to Monmouth:

[http://www.monmouth.edu/
about_monmouth/at_a_glance/
directions.asp](http://www.monmouth.edu/about_monmouth/at_a_glance/directions.asp)

*Parking and tour
information to follow via email*

Conference Speaker Biographies

Renae Barger is the newly appointed Executive Director for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region (NN/LM-MAR). In May, the University of Pittsburgh was awarded the 2011-2016 contract to serve as the Regional Medical Library representing New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Ms. Barger is responsible for leadership, development, Administration, and evaluation of all programs of the Middle Atlantic region.

Ms. Barger is also an adjunct faculty member in Pitt's School of Information Sciences (SIS). She helped develop and team-teach a 4-credit online course in Management of Collections and Resources for the SIS-HSLs HealthCAS Certificate of Advanced Study in Health Sciences.

Ms. Barger earned an MLIS degree from the University of Pittsburgh, with a Specialization in health librarianship and medical informatics, as well as a post-master's certificate in biomedical informatics as an NLM-funded trainee. She joined the Health Services Library System at the University of Pittsburgh in 2002, first as a reference librarian and then was promoted to Head of Access Services and then Assistant Director for Access Services. As leader of a team of three librarians, she developed and implemented a program for information Instruction and support for clinicians, patients and families using tools such as PubMed, Medline Plus and other NLM resources. She developed training on Evidence Based resources and searching skills to Nursing Research Council Groups, as well as supported consumer groups through tailored Medline Plus training.

Celina Gray Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma, has dedicated most of her career to community health with a commitment to bringing quality care to all individuals, particularly the most disenfranchised among us. She started her non-profit career at a small theater company in New York City and went on to work on independent film projects and documentaries. The theater and film projects were based on true events and human interest stories, fueling her interest in social issues.

In her subsequent work in the non-profit community, she directed a variety of

public awareness, marketing and development campaigns for organizations including the March of Dimes, North Hudson Community Action Corporation and the VNA of Central Jersey. During this time, she served on the Jersey Primary Care Association State Marketing Board, the Home Care Association of New Jersey Marketing Task Force, the American Cancer Society Jersey City Initiative and the Monmouth Cancer Coalition, and acted as Health Center Advocacy Coordinator for the National Association of Community Health Centers.

As Executive Director of the Stigma Council, Ms. Gray is developing, implementing and overseeing a variety of innovative endeavors and community partnerships including the Council's statewide public outreach and awareness campaign entitled "A Community Effort." She presently chairs the New Jersey Primary Care Association Primary/Behavioral/Mental Health Care Integration Project and sits on the Governor's Veterans Services Enhancement Coalition, Monmouth County Education Initiative Committee, Monmouth University Coming Home Project, Monmouth County Emergency Response Committee, NJAMHAA Education Council, Bergen County Mental Health/Law Enforcement Project, Jefferson Township Mental Health Project, Sussex County Mental Health Outreach Initiative and Department of Child and Behavioral Health Services Youth Development Council. She was named one of the 1995 Asbury Park Press' *Five Women of the Year* and was the recipient of the 2008 Governor Richard J. Cody Health Champion Award. Ms. Gray is grateful for having been given the opportunity to join the council's effort to combat stigma and raise mental health awareness through respect, understanding and change.

Karen A. Hartman is a Social Sciences Librarian in the Archibald S. Alexander Library at Rutgers University, and currently serves as liaison to the School of Social Work, and to the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. She received a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of California, Riverside, and her M.L.S. from Rutgers University.

Aruna Rao has worked in mental health education and awareness for the past decade, and is currently an Associate Director at NAMI New Jersey (National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey). Aruna coordinates NAMI NJ's statewide educational and communications efforts, with a strong focus on anti-stigma programs, as well as educational programs for those affected by mental

illness and their families.

Ms. Rao has been instrumental in developing NAMI NJ's outreach programs for immigrants affected by mental illness in New Jersey, with innovative programs reaching out to South Asian, Chinese, and Latino immigrants. She received the 2003 Leadership Award from the NJ Asian American Association for Human Services, and the program she founded, SAMHAJ, received the 2002 Multicultural Outreach Award from NAMI National. She is a member of the NAMI Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup, the National Cultural & Linguistic Competence Network, and the NJ Statewide Network on Cultural Competence. She makes frequent presentations to community and provider groups and to educators on mental health and cultural competence issues. Aruna received her B.A. from Banglore University, and her M.A. in Communications from Temple University.

Robin Siegel has been the Medical Librarian at CentraState Medical Center in Freehold NJ for the past 32 years. Her most recent publication is "What's Up with Nursing Research? - Nurses' Perception of Nursing Research in a Community Hospital." Ms. Siegel serves on numerous in-house committees, including the Infection Control Committee, the Patient Education Committee and the Bioethics Committee. She is a past President of the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ), and a past Executive Board Member and Vice-President of the Central Jersey Regional Cooperative. She is currently serving as the Treasurer of the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association. Ms. Siegel is certified as a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and is a Six Sigma Green Belt. She earned her M.L.S. from the State University of New York Albany.

Helpful links

The state document depository system dates back to 1875, though the modern system dates to 1957 when the law was changed to increase the number of copies of materials to be sent to the State Library from 6 to 25. Thirteen libraries were depositories at this time. During the 1960's more depositories were added, including some from out of state. Soon the demand for documents from libraries around New Jersey meant the all the 25 copies were taken and more were needed. The law was again changed in 1967 increasing the number of copies to be sent to us to 75, the current number. With the current explosion of electronic documents this number will very likely be revised again in the future.

[STARTER KIT for New Librarians @ New Jersey Depository Libraries](#)

The **Open Government Guide** is a complete compendium of information on every state's open records and open meetings laws. Each state's section is arranged according to a standard outline, making it easy to compare laws in various states. If you're a new user of this guide, be sure to read the Introductory Note and User's Guide.

[Open Government Guide](#)

Duties of DANJ Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings, faithfully execute the mandates of the association's purpose; and shall be an ex-officio, member of all committees except the nominating committee.

The Vice-President/President-elect shall preside in the absence of the President; assist the President in the performance of duties; be responsible for overseeing the nomination process for the election of members-at-large and trustees, and provide election ballots to members; and be responsible for the oversight of activities of the committees and task forces interest groups.

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of membership meetings and the meetings of the executive committee, and have the minutes available for approval at the next membership or executive committee meeting.

The Treasurer shall receive all dues; receive and disburse all funds; maintain a bank account in the name of the association; receive and file a voucher for any member for reimbursement of expenses incurred while conducting business in the name of the association; serve as Chairperson of the budget committee; file appropriate state and federal documentation, such as IRS forms and the annual state registration; and submit a financial statement including all income and expenditures of the association to the auditing committee.

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⇒ **Please renew membership for 2011-2012. Asterix indicates membership is current for 2011-2012.**