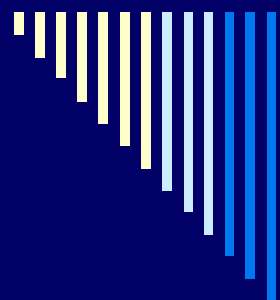


The History and Effectiveness of Mental Health and Aging Coalitions

Willard Mays
Assistant Deputy Director
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Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction
and
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National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging



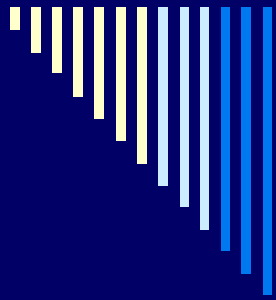
1981 White House Conference on Aging

Arthur S. Flemming, J.D., Chair

Delegates/Observers

Claude Pepper

Maggie Kuhn



1983-85

“Building Ties” (Michigan)

Purpose: *“Encourage local interagency coordination among human service providers”*

Focus on Process

Partners: Dept. of Mental Health

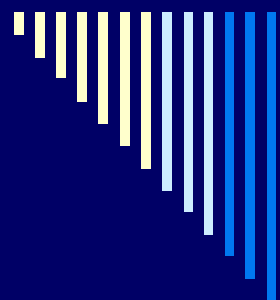
Office of Services to the Aging

Sally Steiner

Chuck Maynard

36 Counties / Some Continued

AOA Grant / State Funding



1984-86

Action Committee to Implement the Mental Health
Recommendations

Of the 1981 White House Conference on Aging

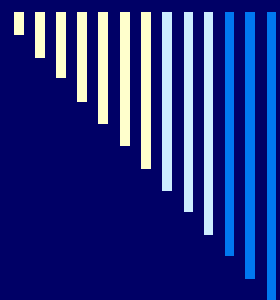
Arthur S. Flemming, J.D., Chair

Larry D. Rickards, Ph.D.

Funded by the Retirement Research Foundation

Surveyed CMHCs and AAAs

Published 3 Reports



1985 – Present

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
(NASMHPD)

RSMHPOP / Aging Division / Older
Persons Division

1985 NIMH Meeting, Key Biscayne, FL

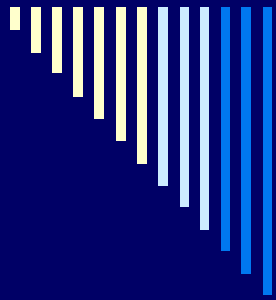
1986 First RSMHPOP Meeting

Fred Acosta, First Chair

Tom Romeo, Chair, NASMHPD (RI)

Harry Schnibbe, Executive Director, NASMHPD

Jennifer Glick, Current Chair (CT)



1987

OBRA 87 Nursing Home Reform

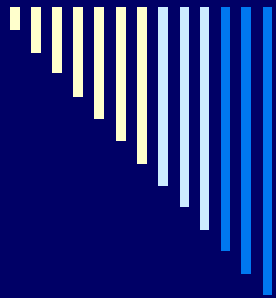
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SMHA Involvement

Promoted Dialogue with HCFA

“Active Treatment”

MI Definition

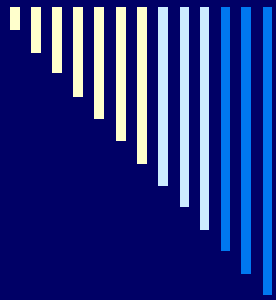


1990

Oklahoma

- First State Mental Health & Aging Coalition
Bob Rawlings
- “How To” Manual
- Effective Advocacy

- Website: www.omhac.org



1991

National Coalition on Mental Health & Aging (NCMHA) Formed

Lavola Burgess, President, AARP
Larry Rickards, Ph.D., First Chair
Nancy Coleman, ASA, ABA
Willard Mays, ASA, NASMHPD
Sandy Finkel, MD, AAGP

Purpose:

To work towards improving the availability and quality of Mental health services to older Americans and their families through education, research and increased public awareness.

Participants:

- Members: 50 + federal agencies and national consumer, family, advocacy, and professional organizations
 - Other interested agencies, organizations & individuals
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NCMHA (Continued)

Basic Philosophy:

- To provide a forum for open discussion among members with room for difference of opinion
- The Coalition focuses on issues around which general consensus can be reached, and promotes joint action when possible
- It is an “Educational” group NOT an “Advocacy” organization

Website: www.ncmha.org



1993

American Society on Aging

- Mental Health and Aging Network (MHAN)
Formed
 - 900 + Members
 - Laura Trejo, First Chair (CA)
 - Robyn Golden
 - Tobi Abramson
 - Judith Shultz
 - Anita Rosen
 - Nancy Coleman, Rep. to NCMHA
- *Dimensions* (Winter 2000) (Summer 2005)



1993

**Achieving Mental Health of Nursing Home Residents:
Overcoming Barriers To Mental Health Care for Nursing
Home Residents**

- Research and Training Institute of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged (Boston) and the Mental Health Policy Resource Center (Washington, DC)
Nancy Emerson Lombardo, Ph.D.
 - 130 + Participants
 - Multiple funding sources
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1995

- 1995 White House Conference on Aging
 - NCMHA White House Mini-Conference on Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Aging
Nancy Coleman, NCMHA Chair
 - *Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Aging*
Margaret Gatz, Editor
 - Congressional Briefing
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1996-2001

State and Local Coalition Building Initiative

CMHS Funding --- AARP Foundation (3), NASMHPD (1)

- Phase 1 --- Regional Training & Consultation (MH & Aging)

Indianapolis IN 10 States

Albuquerque NM 10 States

Small Start-Up Grants

- Phase 2 --- On-Site Training & Consultation (MH, SA & Aging)

Additional States (5)

Local Communities (10)



1996-2001 (continued)

- Phase 3 --- Consultation & Evaluation

 - Added Primary Care

 - Promising Practices Workshop (Las Vegas, 2001)

 - Updated Materials

- Partners

 - AARP Carol Cober, Pam Cohen,

 - Teresita Pena, Michael Fain

 - NCMHA Bob Rawlings, Willard Mays

 - CMHS Paul Wohlford, Ph.D., Project
Officer



1998

Older Adult Consumer Mental Health Alliance (OACMHA)

- Forum on Self-Advocacy Among Older Adults with Mental Health Needs Partners:

Hosted by the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

Robert Bernstein, Executive Director

Pam Cohen, Consultant

Carol Cober, AARP, Consultant

CMHS

Paul Wohlford, Ph.D.

- OACMHA Formed

John Piacitelli (WA), President

Linda Powell (VA), Executive Director

Hikmah Gardiner (PA)

Bryce Miller (KS)

Janet Stiles (NH)



1998

Florida

- Florida Coalition for Optimal Mental Health and Aging
Dr. Larry DuPree & Dr. Marion Becker, Co-Chairs
 - Dept. of Aging and Mental Health, USF, FMHI, Tampa
 - Annual Conferences
 - Legislative Advocacy
 - Website: www.fcomha.org
 - Maintains NCMHA Web Page
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1999

- NCMHA Meeting with HCFA (Baltimore)
- NCMHA Special Conference

“ Actions to Improve Mental Health Care for the Elderly”

Reviewed and updated the recommendations from the 1995 White House Mini-Conference

Betsy Beckwith - AAGP

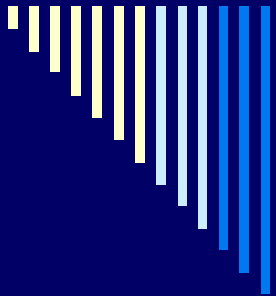


2000

Olmstead / New Freedom Initiative

- National Coalition to Promote Community-Based Care
- State Mental Health Olmstead Grants
- “Community Integration for Older Adults with Mental Illnesses: Overcoming Barriers and Seizing Opportunities”
 - SAMHSA/CMHS Funding
 - Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.

Carol Bianco, Project Officer



2001 - 2005

ASA / NCOA Joint Conferences

- Special Track on Coalition Building
- Symposium on Integrating Older Adult Mental Health Services into Primary Care

Follow-Up Project

Robyn Golden, Chair

- ASA / MHAN / NCOA / NCMHA Partnership

ASA – Gloria Cavanaugh

Nancy Ceridwyn

MHAN – Anita Rosen

NCOA – Alixe McNeill



2002

President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health

- Aging Sub-Committee Added
Steve Bartels, MD, Consultant
 - NCMHA, AAGP, OACMHA Testified
 - Final Report & Outline of Aging Report
 - Website: www.mentalhealthcommission.gov
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2004 - 2005

**Preparation for the 2005 White House Conference on
Aging**

**GOAL: Assure that Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Issues are on the Agenda at the WHCoA**

■ **Special Forum (Sept. 2004)**

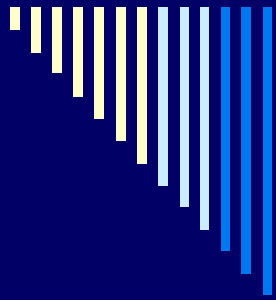
Three Resolutions:

1. **Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services and Interventions**
 2. **Education & Development of the Professional Mental Health Workforce**
 3. **Consumer & Caregiver Issues Regarding Mental Health & Substance Abuse**
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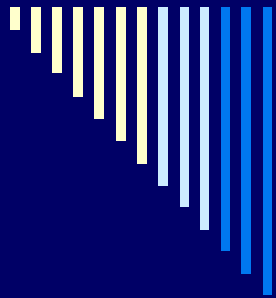
2004 – 2005 (continued)

- National Dissemination of Resolutions
 - Member agencies, organizations, & affiliates
 - State and Local Coalitions
 - MHAN Members
 - NASMHPD Older Persons Division, etc.
 - Pre-Conference Advocacy
 - State & Local WHCoA “Listening Sessions”
 - National Listening Session (Jan. 24, 2005)
 - Sponsored by NCMHA
 - Hosted by APA
 - Delegate Appointments & Education
 - WHCoA Oct. 23-26, Washington, DC
 - Website: www.WHCoA.gov
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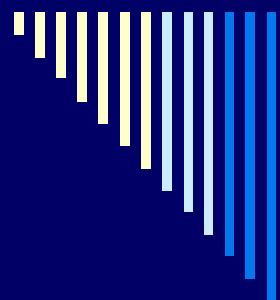


The Future? Optimistic!

- Coalitions are growing and effective!
- President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health
Older Adult Sub-Committee Report
Federal Implementation
SAMHSA Matrix, Charles Curie
- Get Connected! NCOA / AOA / SAMHSA Tool Kit
Promoting Older Adult Health: Aging Network
Partnerships to Address Medication, Alcohol, and Mental
Health Problems
Alixé McNeill, NCOA,
Jennifer Solomon, SAMHSA



- Positive Aging Resource Center (PARC)
Harvard Brigham and Young Women's Hospital
Dr Sue Levkoff
Website: www.positiveaging.org
- Older Adult Center for Excellence
SAMHSA / WESTAT
Steve Bartels, MD
Fred Blow, Ph.D.
- Older Adult Evidence-Based and Promising Practices
Implementation Resource Kit
NASMHPD Research Institute, Abt Associates,
Advocates for Human Potential
Vijay Ganju, NRI



Illinois Mental Health & Aging Coalition

5th Annual Mental Health & Aging Conference
“Boomers and Brain Health: Looking into the
Future

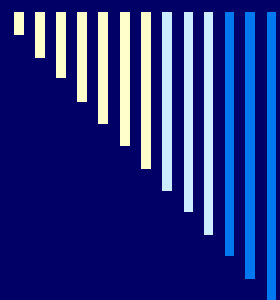
April 21-22, 2005

Marriott Chicago, Schaumburg

Contact: Maureen Squires

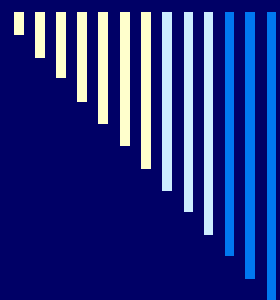
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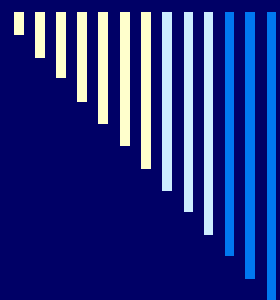
- 2nd Annual Mental Health & Aging Conference
June 23, 2005
Radisson Hotel at the Airport, Indianapolis
Contact: Shawna Schwegman
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E-mail: sschwegman@mentalhealthassociation.com
- Indiana Inter-College Council on Aging
Contact: Kay Crawford (Chair) dcrawford@uindy.edu



Kansas Mental Health and Aging Coalition

“A Mental Health Guide for Older Kansans and Their Families”

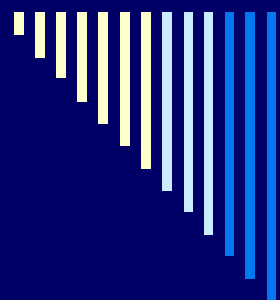
Website: www.oznet.ksu.edu/mhaging



Kentucky Mental Health & Aging Coalition

Organized Regional Coalitions

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Iowa Mental Health and Aging Coalition

First Meeting

April 12, 2005, Des Moines
