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**Attend APA's Premier Gathering for Community Mental Health Professionals
55th Annual Institute on Psychiatric Services
*October 29-November 2, 2003, Boston, MA***

Arlington, Va., - Chronic mental illness, communities in distress, trauma and recovery, and emotionally troubled children are just some of the topics to be discussed at the American Psychiatric Association's Institute on Psychiatric Services, October 29-November 2 in Boston. All sessions will be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

Experts from several disciplines will spotlight new model mental health systems and clinical innovations in mental health treatment for the nation's most vulnerable and difficult-to-treat patients, most of whom depend on community and public mental health services for their mental health care.

APA President Marcia Kraft Goin, M.D., Ph.D., will discuss the President's Commission on Mental Health: The Challenge of Providing Evidence-Based Treatment for the Severely Mentally Ill, on Friday, October 31 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Salon C, Fourth Floor.

The program includes lectures, symposia, research posters, debates, workshops and discussion groups. Highlights include:

Wednesday, October 29

- **Alcoholics Anonymous, Cult or Cure? A 60-Year Follow-Up of 200 Community Residents with Alcohol Dependency** (Lecture 2, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Psychiatric Services in Global Perspective: Research, Public Health, and Ethical Issues** (Lecture 3, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- **The Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance and Department of Mental Health Initiative to Improve Prescribing Practices** (Symposium 2, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- **Psychopharmacology of Addiction: Where Are We Headed?** (Lecture 5, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- **Situation Therapy: Roadmap to Recovery for the Chronic Mentally Ill** (Workshop 9, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 30

- **What's New in Treating Patients with Borderline Personality Disorder?** (Lecture 7, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
- **Risk Assessment, Treatment, and Ethical Issues Related to Sex Offenders** (Workshop 13, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
- **Body Dysmorphic Disorder: Update on Imagined Ugliness** (Lecture 8, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **New Findings on the Benefits and Risks of Hormone Replacement Therapy** (Medical Update 2, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- **The Health Risks of Obesity** (Medical Update 3, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

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Friday, October 31

- **Childhood Bipolar Disorder and Schizophrenia: Phenomenology, Neurobiology, and Treatment** (Lecture 13, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
- **Cognitively-Impaired Adults: Emerging Clinical Phenomena and Challenges** (Symposium 8, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Treatment Issues in Severe Mental Illness** (Poster Session 2, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
- **Mental Health Check-Ups for Youth: A Policy and Advocacy Campaign** (Lecture 17, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- **The Massachusetts Mental Health Services Program for Youth: A Clinical Model for Integrated Systems of Care** (Symposium 12, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Saturday, November 1

- **Recovery with Severe Mental Illness** (Lecture 20, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
- **Disaster Mental Health: A Uniformed Understanding** (Symposia 13, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Split Treatment: Problems and Opportunities** (Lecture 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Pursuing Perfection in Depression Care: The Institute of Medicine's 'Quality Chasm' Report as a Model for Transforming Behavioral Health Care** (Lecture 23, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **The Psychodynamics of Medicating** (Lecture 26, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, November 2

- **The Politics of Post-September 11 Therapy** (Workshop 54, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
- **Women at Risk: Psychodynamic Considerations for Trauma and Recovery** (Symposium 16, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Clinical Approaches to Working with Homeless, Mentally Ill Individuals: Challenges and Rewards** (Full-Day Session, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
- **Self-Regulatory Changes Following Psychological Trauma and the Effects of Successful Treatment** (Lecture 28, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Why Don't I Look Like Mommy? Cultural Issues Affecting Transracial Adoption** (Workshop 55, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

All presentations are *embargoed until day and time of presentation*. To view the preliminary program, go to http://www.psych.org/sched_events/ips03/prelimprog/index.cfm. The Communications Center/Press Room is located in the Boston Marriott Copley Place, MIT Room, Third Floor. Hours are: Wednesday, October 29, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, October 30, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday, October 31, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Credentialed members of the working press/freelancers must first visit the Communications Center to verify credentials and/or documentation of an assignment. Once credentials are approved, members of the media can receive their press badges at Registration, University Hall, Third Floor. Media interested in attending the meeting can contact Jean Jackson at jjackson@psych.org or visit http://www.psych.org/sched_events/ips03/registration/regindex.cfm.

The American Psychiatric Association is a national medical specialty society, founded in 1844, whose 35,000 physician members specialize in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental illnesses including substance use disorders. For more information, visit the APA Web site at www.psych.org.

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