

**National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging  
WHCoA Listening Session  
American Psychological Association Headquarters  
9<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Center  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
January 24, 2005**

(Note: all presentations will be available on [www.whcoa.gov](http://www.whcoa.gov))

**Agenda**

**Welcome** Norman Anderson, PhD, CEO, American Psychological Association  
Sanford Finkel, MD, Chair, National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging,  
Director, Geriatric Institute, Council for Jewish Elderly, Chicago

**Panel #1 Overview/Statement of the Problem**

**Presentation 1: Overview**

Presenter: Robert Bernstein, PhD, Executive Director, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

**Presentation 2: Consumer Perspective of Key Issues**

Presenter: Laurie Young, PhD, Executive Director, Older Women's League

**Panel #2 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Interventions**

**Presentation 1: Consequences of Untreated Mental Health Conditions and Substance Abuse in Older Adults and Benefits of Treatment: A Consumer's Perspective**

Presenter: Mildred Reynolds, EdD, MSW, National Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance; Board of Directors, International Center on Global Aging

**Presentation 2: Efficacy of Mental Health Interventions**

Presenter: Ira Katz, MD, American Geriatrics Society, Director, Section of Geriatric Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, and Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center

**Presentation 3: Efficacy of Substance Abuse Interventions**

Presenter: Kristen Barry, PhD, Research Associate Professor, University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry, and Associate Director, Department of Veterans Affairs National Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center

**Panel #3 Translation of Effective Mental Health and Substance Abuse Interventions to Practice**

**Presentation 1: A Consumer's Perspective of Barriers to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Solutions**

Presenter: Linda Powell, Older Adult Consumer Mental Health Alliance

**Presentation 2: Financing Barriers and Solutions**

Presenter: Willard Mays, MA, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

**Presentation 3: Health Delivery System Barriers and Solutions**

Presenter: Stephen Bartels, MD, MS, American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, Professor of Psychiatry, Dartmouth Medical School and Director, Aging Services Research, New Hampshire-Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center

**Presentation 4: The Role of Community-based Organizations in Connecting Older Adults to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

Presenter: Alixe McNeill, Assistant Vice President for Program Development, The National Council on the Aging

**Panel #4      Education and Development of the Professional Mental Health Workforce**

**Presentation 1:** The Shortage of an Adequately Trained Geriatric Mental Health Workforce

Presenter: Anita Rosen, PhD, American Society on Aging and Council on Social Work Education

**Presentation 2:** Recommendations for Addressing the Shortage of Geriatric Mental Health Professionals

Presenter: Stephen Bartels, MD, MS, Professor of Psychiatry, Dartmouth Medical School and Director Aging Services Research, New Hampshire-Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center

**Presentation 3:** The Need for a Mental Health Presence in Long-Term Care

Presenter: Julie Meashey, National Citizen's Coalition on Nursing Home Reform

**Presentation 4:** The Implications of the Increasing Diversity of Mid-Life and Older Americans for the Mental Health Workforce: A Consumer's Perspective

Presenter: Jacki McKinney, MSW, Board of Trustees Member, Bazon Center for Mental Health Law

**Panel #5      2005 and Beyond**

**Presentation 1:** What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: Research in Mental Health and Aging

Presenter: Margaret Gatz, PhD, American Psychological Association, Professor of Psychology, Gerontology, and Preventive Medicine, University of Southern California

**Presentation 2:** What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: Future Directions for Mental Health Programming

Presenter: Susan Levkoff, PhD, Director, Positive Aging Resource Center, Boston, Massachusetts

**Presentation 3:** What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: Community Service and Older Adult Mental Health and Well-Being

Presenter: Tess Scannell, Director, Senior Corps, the Corporation for National and Community Service

**Presentation 4:** What We Have Learned and Where We Need to Go: 2005 and Beyond:

Presenter: Sandy Finkel, MD, Chair, National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging, Director, Geriatric Institute, Council for Jewish Elderly, Chicago