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Target Audience: Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Mental Health Care Providers, Public Health Officials, Nurses, Clergy, Substance Abuse Workers, Emergency Managers and First Responders.

Registration Information: The fee to attend this conference is \$40 if received by June 17, 2005. Any registrations received after that date will be charged \$50. Full payment must accompany this registration form. Checks should be made out to the BryanLGH Foundation.

Cancellation Policy: A written request must be received **no later than June 30, 2005** to receive a full refund. **There will be no refunds after the deadline.**

Sponsorship: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Nebraska Medical Association's Commission on Medical Education (NMACME) through the joint sponsorship of LMEP and the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Psychiatry, BryanLGH Medical Center, NEBHANDS, Interchurch Ministries, Lincoln and Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response Systems (OMMRS and LMMRS) and Chabad. The Lincoln Medical Education Partnership is accredited by the Nebraska Medical Association Commission on Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit: This program has been approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors. This activity has been approved for 2 contact hours by the Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, and Addiction Services. This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Nebraska Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation for 8.4 contact hours NNA Code # D05.45. The Lincoln Medical Education Partnership designates this educational activity for a maximum of 7 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

Participant Responsibilities: Participants who sign in as specified at the start of the educational activity, remain throughout the educational activity, complete an evaluation, and are present at the end of the activity, will receive a certificate of completion.

Hotel Reservations: A room block has been secured for guests wishing to stay overnight to attend this conference. Guestrooms are available at the rate of \$129 single/\$139 double occupancy. Reservations under the Disaster Mental Health Conference will be held *until June 18, 2005. Please secure your reservation today* to ensure availability of the reduced rate.

Parking: Complimentary airport shuttle is available for the short 10-minute drive to and from Eppley Airfield. **Complimentary parking** is available to anyone staying at the hotel. City parking lots across the street from the hotel charge \$3.00/day. Valet service parking is available to anyone with a handicap parking sticker. Please mark the box on the registration form if you plan to use this service.

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NEBRASKA DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

July 14-15, 2005



**Embassy Suites
Hotel
555 South 10th Street
Omaha, NE**

Conference Faculty

Elsbeth Cameron Ritchie, M.D., J.D..

Department of Psychiatry, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Dr. Ritchie received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology and Folklore and Mythology from Harvard College, and her medical degree from George Washington University. She did a psychiatry internship, residency, and fellowship in forensic psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Her assignments have included: the Division Psychiatrist for the 2nd Infantry Division on the DMZ in Korea; 528th Combat Stress Control Detachment in Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope; numerous positions at Walter Reed; and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. She is currently an Associate Professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the Psychiatry Consultant to the Army Surgeon General.

Bruce Young, LCSW

Disaster Services Coordinator, National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Mr. Young is editor of the NC-PTSD Clinical Quarterly and has been a consultant to FEMA, SAMHSA, U.S. Public Health Service; Department of Defense, and the American Red Cross. His disaster experience includes: numerous natural disasters, the Los Angeles riots, Oklahoma City Bombing, Alaskan Airline Flight 261 Crash, and the events of 9/11. He has numerous publications related to disaster mental health and is co-editor of Group Treatments for PTSD. (1999).

Kermit Crawford, Ph.D.

Director of the Center for Multicultural Mental Health (CMMH), *Division of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine/Boston Medical Center*. Dr. Crawford is a licensed psychologist and a designated forensic psychologist. CMMH has provided extensive services to surviving family members of the victims on the airplanes that were flown into the World Trade Centers during the 9/11 terrorist attacks and to first responders who were involved in the search, rescue and recovery effort. Dr. Crawford has expertise in mental health and substance abuse and extensive experience in disaster behavioral health. He was a reviewer of the Surgeon General’s Supplemental Report on Mental Health: Culture, Race and Ethnicity.

Rabbi Manis Friedman

Dean, Chana Institute of Jewish Studies Rabbi Friedman hosts his own critically acclaimed cable television series, *Torah Forum with Manis Friedman*. In 1971, he founded Bais Chana Institute of Jewish Studies, the world’s first *yeshiva* exclusively for women, where he continues to serve as dean. He is currently working on a guide to address the needs of observant Jews in disasters.

Ron Edmond

Senior Technical Specialist, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education.

Mr. Edmond has collaborated with the Center for Disease Control and American Institutes for Research staff on the review of *Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC)* training curriculum. He has designed and taught *Spokesperson for the First Responder; Spokesperson for Technical Advisors; Environmental Risk Communication; Emergency Public Information; The Role of the Spokesperson during a Crisis; Telephone Team and Media monitoring*; and developed the *Emergency Public Information Pocket Guide*. He also worked in the State of Utah’s Joint Information Center during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Elaine Enarson, Ph.D.

Lecturer, *Sociology and Women’s Studies, University of Colorado Boulder*. Dr. Elaine Enarson is a field researcher with a strong interest in violence against women in disasters and women's work to reduce risk. She is co-editor of The Gendered Terrain of Disaster: Through Women's Eyes and has published numerous studies on women, gender and disaster.

Malia Robinson, Ph.D.

Independent Consultant Dr. Robinson has worked in Africa managing and advising psychological support programs for children affected by armed conflict. She has developed international programs for child protection and psychosocial programming. She has extensive experience in working with street children, children in foster care, runaways, and children in conflict with the law.

Conference Objectives

- Recognize opportunities to improve cultural competence in service delivery following a disaster or critical incident
- Explore intervention strategies appropriate for use with children following a disaster or critical incident
- Identify the post-disaster needs of people who have experienced past trauma (e.g. war, abuse)
- Examine the role of mental health in risk communication

Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Morning Session

8:30-9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Introduction and Opening Remarks Governor Dave Heinemann (invited)
9:15 -10:15	Keynote: <i>Assessment and Mitigation of Psychological Reactions to Disaster, Terrorism and War</i> Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, M.D, J.D. Break (Region I and II networking opportunity)
10:15-10:30	<i>Disaster Substance Abuse Treatment: The Myth, Method and the Reality</i> Kermit Crawford, Ph.D.
10:30-11:30	Lunch on own
11:30- 1:00	

Afternoon Session

1:00-3:00	<i>A Way of Change: An Integrated Cognitive-Behavioral Approach</i> Bruce H. Young, LCSW
3:00-3:15	Break (Region III meeting)
3:15-4:15	<i>The Care and Treatment of Observant Jews in a Time of Crisis</i> Rabbi Manis Friedmann

Friday, July 15, 2005

Morning Session

8:30-9:00	Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15	Introductions
9:15- 10:15	<i>Risk and Crisis Communication</i> Ron Edmond
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	<i>Gender and Disaster: Making the Connection in Practice</i> Elaine Enarson, Ph.D.
12:00-1:00	Lunch on own

Afternoon Session

1:00– 2:00	<i>Focus on Resiliency in the Psycho-social Support of Children in Crisis</i> Malia Robinson, Ph.D.
2:00-3:00	<i>Lessons Learned from Nebraska: The Southeast Nebraska Tornado</i> Moderator: Dan Huse, Panel: Leslie Crawford, Rose Esseks, Rev. Gwen Hurst-Anderson, and Rev. Lorri Kentner.

Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Conference
July 14-15, 2005

Name: _____

Professional License # and discipline _____

Professional license number is required for all Continuing Education credit. It will be kept in strictest confidence by BryanLGH Medical Center.

REGION: I II III IV V VI

Degree _____

Specialty _____

Address _____

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State _____ Zip+4 _____

Office Phone # (____) _____

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Registration Fee: \$40

Enclosed is my check or money order in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank **made payable to BryanLGH Foundation.**

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