

DATE: June 10, 2010

TIME:

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

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The Harm Reduction Therapy Center (HRTC) has been engaged by the Community Behavioral Health Services (CBHS) to deliver a series of trainings in San Francisco on the topic of Cultural Sensitivity.

Funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), the project's goal is to deliver 16 trainings aimed to improve the CBHS workforce's understanding of the cultural & linguistic issues and needs that affect recovery and resiliency, and improve access to mental health services, for the following ethnic and cultural groups: African Americans; Latinos/as; Asians and Pacific Islanders; Native Americans; Russians; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTQIQ) consumers; Transitional Age Youth; and Older Adults.

These trainings are between April 2010 to April 2011.



rams is pleased to present:

Current Perspectives:

Working with the
Russian-speaking Community



Current Perspectives, through didactic and case examples, will provide an overview of cultural & clinical issues and current trends in working with the Russian-speaking population, including: Nostalgia: Complex Reactions to Immigration; Psychiatric Care & Cultural Factors; Ethnocultural Factors in Substance Use/Abuse Counseling; and Wellness Practices.

The Russian-speaking community constitute a significant & diverse racial group and it is critical that service providers have the understanding of the cultural & clinical implications in serving this community. The Russian-speaking immigrants from the former Soviet Union often face challenges due to language & cultural differences and immigration issues, in obtaining behavioral health and social services.

Presenters are clinical staff and affiliates of Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. (RAMS), a private, non-profit mental health agency with 35 years of experience of providing culturally competent & consumer-guided comprehensive services, with an emphasis on serving Asian & Pacific Islander American and Russian-speaking populations.

Presenters:

1. Alexander Zinchenko, Ph.D.
2. George Lerner, M.D.
3. Dmitrii Sorokov, M.D., M.S.W.
4. Elvira Kitrar, M.S.