

## THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR RURAL AMERICA 2011

It may seem early to begin thinking about a conference that will take place a year from now. But time goes by quickly and so we want to encourage everyone to “save the date” now.

AgriWellness is pleased to announce that the “Clock is Ticking for Rural America: A Behavioral Health & Safety Conference” will be held jointly with the National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH) Conference June 22-25, 2011 at the Grand River Conference Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

This is the 37<sup>th</sup> NARMH annual conference and the 5<sup>th</sup> AgriWellness biannual meeting. The AgriWellness portion of the conference will be held on Wednesday, June 22 and the NARMH portion will be held on June 23-25.

This is the inaugural gathering of two organizations that are dedicated to serving the behavioral health needs of rural people. The NARMH and AgriWellness have worked closely together over the years. Both organizations chose Dubuque as the site of their 2011 meetings, so it seems fitting that both groups join together in a shared venue.

Two outstanding plenary speakers have already committed to the conference: Dr. Ron Manderscheid, Ph.D., former chief of the Survey and Analysis Branch at SAMHSA’s Center for Mental Health Services and the executive director of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Directors, and Mark Rukavina, MBA, executive director of the Access Project that has conducted foundational research about access of rural residents to healthcare.

### **Call for Papers**

The Call for Papers for this conference has just been issued. Both NARMH and AgriWellness invite potential presentations for the following topic areas:

- 1) Increasing diversity of rural and agricultural people
- 2) Growing disparities in delivering behavioral healthcare in rural America
- 3) Disaster behavioral health services in rural areas
- 4) Special issues of deployed rural warriors and their return to distant rural communities
- 5) Domestic violence in rural areas

Proposal applicants will be able to choose either one or both sections of the conference as a presentation preference, although applicants should only submit one proposal.

Navigating the Currents of Change  
National Association for Rural Mental  
Health  
And  
The Clock is Ticking for Rural America:  
A Behavioral Health & Safety Conference

A joint conference taking place

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Grand Harbor Hotel &  
Grand River Conference Center  
Dubuque, IA

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Applicants are welcome to submit a proposal in any of the following categories:  
Contributed papers (sessions are formed around a general theme and include several 30 minute presentations by different authors);  
Workshops (60 minute sessions that include two or more presenters on a single topic. AgriWellness has 80-90 minute sessions available).

Panel Discussions: Two or three authors work together to develop a panel presentation on a particular topic. Time includes Q & A.

Posters: Reports on applied research or practice that are summarized in graphic format. Authors are present during the assigned time to discuss their work with conference attendees on an individual basis.

For more information or to submit a proposal, please visit: [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org).

And there are a lot of fun and exciting things going on in Dubuque for everyone who is visiting there. The American River Project – which includes the conference site – has a river museum and aquarium and paddle boat and the Mines of Spain Recreation Area has miles of hiking trails. Just a short drive from Dubuque there are great places to visit including the Field of Dreams 1988 movie site and the Farm Toy Museum in Dyersville and the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta. To learn more about the Dubuque area, please visit [www.traveldubuque.com](http://www.traveldubuque.com)

We look forward to seeing everyone in Dubuque in June 2011!

### **Notice of Annual Meeting June 23, 2010**

The annual meeting of the AgriWellness Board of Directors will take place on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The annual meeting will be held via conference call. Anyone may participate in the call. To participate, please dial 1-888-550-5602 and enter 4856 0070.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. CDT. The public is welcome to join the meeting. There will an opportunity for public comments during the segment from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

If you have questions, please contact AgriWellness, Inc. at the address below:

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