

# *44th Annual* Cross Cultural Conference



## REGISTRATION

**FEBRUARY 24-27, 2022**  
**HILTON MYRTLE BEACH RESORT**

**Building Circles of Care:**  
*What is the New Normal?*

Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc.  
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44TH ANNUAL CROSS CULTURAL CONFERENCE PRESENTS

# STUDENT INSTITUTE

*Call for Student Poster Proposals*

## BUILDING CIRCLES OF CARE: WHAT IS THE NEW NORMAL?

**The Action Council for Cross Cultural Mental Health & Human Services** is dedicated to enhancing the management, delivery, and utilization of human services, by and for people of diverse cultural backgrounds in South Carolina. This year, our theme is *Building Circles of Care: What is the New Normal* and we want to highlight the important work that students are doing in the fields of mental/behavioral health and human services. Please consider submitting a poster proposal for consideration at the link provided. There will be a poster competition with prizes for top poster presentations, which will be announced at the reception following the Student Day sessions.

**If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tiffany Hollis at [thollis@coastal.edu](mailto:thollis@coastal.edu)**

Please visit our website for updates:  
<http://www.crossculturalactioncouncil.org>

### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

#### DATE:

**February 24-27, 2021**

#### LOCATION:

**Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort**

#### STUDENT DAY:

**February 26, 2021  
8:30am-5:30pm**

### SUBMIT YOUR POSTER PROPOSAL HERE

**\*The first round submission deadline is  
January 24th, 2022**

Proposals can be entered at: <https://tinyurl.com/z66cm36j>



# Myrtle Beach Resort



**CONFERENCE GOAL** The Conference is designed to provide participants with the knowledge, skills and networking opportunities that will enhance the delivery and effectiveness of services in their respective professions.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND** This conference is designed for persons working with diverse cultural groups including but not limited to: students, social workers, nurses, professional counselors, psychologists, physicians, attorneys, law enforcement, policy makers, educators, members of the clergy, criminal justice professionals, as well as other interested personnel.

**CONTACT HOURS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION** The Action Council for Cross-Cultural Mental Health and Human Services is approved by the South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners as a continuing education provider. Approval has also been granted by the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists. The conference will provide 24 general hours and 10 social work hours for both licensing boards.

**NURSING** Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc. is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission of Accreditation. This continuing education activity, approval #1212-031-PR-305, is approved for 21.5 hours. Participants must attend 90% of the program in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

# 2022 CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURS.  
FEBRUARY  
24TH

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS 2:30 pm

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

4:15 – 5:15

### HOW INTEGRATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER (CCBHCs) PARTNERSHIPS CAN IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR CITIZENS AND OFFICERS

#### – Lessons Learned from the Field

**JENNIFER BRONSON, PHD**

*Senior Director of Consulting & Research and  
Director NRI's Criminal Justice & Mental Health Research Center  
NRI - National Association of State Mental Health Program  
Directors Research Institute*

The Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHCs) model promotes integrated partnerships to improve outcomes for people with mental health challenges. To become certified, CCBHCs are required to partner with law enforcement or other justice agencies to provide integrated services. In order to learn about the barriers to establishing CCBHC and law enforcement programs, how challenges were overcome, lessons learned, and program outcomes we conducted interviews with 13 CCBHCs. This workshop will discuss the interview findings, which include the development of wellness and resilience support programs for law enforcement, decreases in officer transportation and wait times, and decreases in negative outcomes for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

5:30 – 6:30

### CRISIS INTERVENTION POLICING

**MASTER DEPUTY SUMMER L. PEARROW, PHD CANDIDATE, MS, BA**

*Richland County Sheriff Department*

The workshop covers the origins and history of CIT, the theoretical framework of CIT, descriptions of commonly seen mental illnesses, CIT police response options, community resources, and scenarios.

7:00 PM

### PANEL DISCUSSION

### MENTAL HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND COMMUNITIES

**MODERATOR: SOLICITOR ERNEST A. FINNEY**

#### PANELISTS

**THE HONORABLE AARON BUTLER**

*Presiding Mental Health Court Judge  
Horry County*

**CHIEF JOSEPH HILL**

*Horry County Police Department*

**KESHIA GINN, MSW, LCSW**

*President, Mecklenburg County Mobile Crisis Team  
CriSyS, LLC, A Sante' Group Company*



FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY  
25TH

8:30 – 9:45  
SPEAKER

**OPENING PLENARY**  
**KENNETH ROGERS, MD, MSPH, MMM**  
*State Director*  
*South Carolina Department of Mental Health*



10:00 – 11:45

## CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

### CLINICAL TRACK

**International Human Trafficking Institute Learn Something, See Something, Do Something Training**

**DEANDRE MARSHALL**

*Director of Training and Programs*

*International Human Trafficking Institute*

The IHTI Learn Something, See Something, Do Something Training gives an overview of both Labor and Sex Trafficking and how those in the healthcare field can identify and address occurrences in their workplace.

### POLICY TRACK

**The Social and Emotional Effects of Long-Term Out of Home Care**

**THOMMI ODOM LAWSON, PHD, LPC, NCC, ACS, BC-TMH**

**MICHELLE THOMPSON, LPC-A**

This interactive workshop will discuss the impact of trauma on children in foster care as well as approaches to provide effective services that could potentially make lasting changes in successfully transitioning into an out-of-home placement.

### FAMILY / COMMUNITY TRACK

**The Journey of Grief**

**JOE BAROODY**

Grief is a journey in which hearing and telling stories is an important part of the therapeutic process. This workshop will explore the Definition, Process & Goal of Grief as a Journey. This workshop will present some practical guidelines, called Beatitudes for Better Bereavement, designed to help the practitioner with ways to help someone begin and/or make the journey.

12:00 – 1:45  
SPEAKER

**PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON**  
**DR. LINDA BELL**

*Department of Health and Environmental  
Control (DHEC)*

*Chief Epidemiologist*



2:00 – 3:45

## CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

### CLINICAL TRACK

**Foundations of Narrative Therapy: Honoring the Story**

**SHANNON A. SHULER, MSW, LISW-CP**

This workshop will provide historical and foundational principles of Narrative Therapy. The therapeutic model, key concepts, and most commonly used techniques will be discussed.

### POLICY TRACK

**Basics of Testimony**

**SHERESA CHRISTOPHER, PH.D., ABPP**

*Board Certified in Forensic Psychology*

*AAS Psychological Autopsy Investigator (PAI)*

*Assistant Professor*

*Director, Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology*

Director, Youth and Family Forensic Program  
Community & Public Safety Psychiatry Division  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Medical University of South Carolina

The presentation will define important terms relevant to testimony, discuss various roles of those who may be asked to provide testimony, and detail how to be effective when communicating your testimony to the court.

## **FAMILY / COMMUNITY TRACK**

### **How increased understanding of Affectional Orientation and Gender Identity improves treatment outcomes**

ED JOHNSON, LPC, LAC, MAC, CCS

Associate Director, Training and Technical Assistance,  
Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Southeast ATTC)  
National Center for Primary Care,  
Morehouse School of Medicine

Affectional and gender minority individuals come into behavioral health treatment with issues related to shame and trauma above and beyond that which non-LGB patient present with. Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Individuals have an additional level of issues. Behavioral health professionals' failure to understand even the basics of affectional orientation and gender identity compounds these issues. This didactic session will increase participant's knowledge of affectional orientation and gender identity and the issues that complicate successful treatment for this population.

**4:00 – 5:30**

## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

### **CLINICAL TRACK**

#### **Culture, Community and Prevention**

JENNIFER BUTLER, MSW, LISW-CP/S

Program Manager  
Office of Suicide Prevention  
South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Culture plays a significant role in suicide prevention, both as a protective factor and a barrier at times. This presentation will explore the relationship between a community, its culture, and prevention.

### **POLICY TRACK**

#### **Racism: The Other Public Health Crisis**

CRYSTAL BENNETT, BSN, RN, CCM,  
CHRISTY SWINSON, DNP, FNP-C

Systemic racism has becoming an emerging issue in clinical practice. This workshop will define race, culture, diversity, and racism; and discuss why racism is labeled "The other public health crisis." This workshop will also review statistics regarding disparities in healthcare among minority communities, and discuss the social determinants of health as they relate to racism.

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY  
26TH**

**8:00 – 9:45**

## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

### **CLINICAL TRACK**

#### **Suicide Prevention in the Time of Covid-19**

ROBERT BREEN, M.D.

Staff Psychiatrist, G. Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital  
DMH Associate Professor of Clinical Neuropsychiatry  
Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science

This workshop will discuss the Mental Health Risks and Costs of the Pandemic, and Review Suicide Prevention Steps that Can Be Deployed During the Pandemic.

## **POLICY TRACK**

### **Ethical Considerations in Rural Practice**

TERI BROWNE, MSW, PH.D.

*College of Social Work*

*University of South Carolina*

Practices in rural South Carolina have unique needs. Health and behavioral health professionals in rural settings encounter unique ethical practice encounters, such as dual or multiple relationships, professional boundaries, confidentiality, community resources and conflicts of interest. This training seeks to provide necessary education and best practices related to unique ethical considerations for interprofessional health services in rural settings.

## **FAMILY / COMMUNITY TRACK**

### **Nursing: Unbroken Spirit in Mental Health Needs**

PRISCILLA J. MURPHY, MS, MED, BSN, RN, LPCMH

*Nylex Educational & Counseling Services*

In this workshop the presenter will examine the impact the pandemic had on front line workers and the boundaries for self-compassion and self-care needs. This presentation will discuss research on mental health for nurses and explore some of the various symptoms of distress.

**10:00 – 11:45**

## **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

## **CLINICAL TRACK**

### **Motivational Interviewing**

TAMI GROSSENS, LCSW

*Clear Perspective, LLC*

In this workshops participants will develop a basic understanding of the principles of Motivational Interviewing and how to utilize them in practice when helping create positive change. Participants will understand the basic skills used in Motivational Interviewing and how to help guide clients in the direction of change.

## **POLICY TRACK**

### **Cross-Cultural Counseling: The Impact of Power, Race and Gender**

LATONYA M. SUMMERS, PH.D., LCMHC LMHC

*Assistant Professor, Jacksonville University*

*Clinical Mental Health Counseling*

*School of Applied Health Sciences*

*Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences*

The counseling profession is becoming as diverse as the world we live in. Therefore, diverse clients deserve counselors who provide culturally-responsive interventions. By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to identify what helps and hinders cross-cultural counseling and supervisory relationships, recognize broaching styles and behaviors as a multicultural competence tool, and discuss findings from research studies on broaching behaviors in cross-racial relationships.

## **FAMILY / COMMUNITY TRACK**

### **Gender, Sexuality, and LGBTQIA+: Building Understanding & Fostering Inclusivity**

SARAH E. WRIGHT, PSY.D., CST/S

*Licensed Psychologist, Certified Sex Therapist/Supervisor*

*Live Wright Now, LLC*

With about 20% of young folx identifying as queer, it is imperative that people have a place to learn about these topics and better understand the importance of being a good ally. This workshop will help to distinguish sex, gender, and sexual preferences; and empower people with the language and skills necessary to engage with humans in all walks of life.

**12:00 – 1:45**

**SPEAKER**

**OTIS A. CORBITT LUNCHEON**

**TANYA SMITH BRICE, MSW, PHD**

*Vice President of Education*

*Council on Social Work Education*



**2:00 – 3:45**

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**CLINICAL TRACK**

**Trauma-Informed Telehealth: Considerations and Strategies**

**BAILEY KING, MSW, LMSW**

*College of Social Work*

*University of South Carolina*

**TERI BROWNE, MSW, PH.D.**

*College of Social Work*

*University of South Carolina*

This session will discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic transformed the healthcare delivery landscape, what the benefits are when incorporating a trauma-informed care approach into practice, and how to implement trauma-informed principles that are applicable to technology-based interventions.

**POLICY TRACK**

**Ethics and Professional Boundaries**

**SUSAN K. CARTER, LPC, LPC/S**

*Office of Performance Improvement and Education*

*Pee Dee Mental Health Center*

This workshop will explore common ethical dilemmas with special attention paid to boundary violations. Topics include informed consent, confidentiality, social media, mandated reporting, and HIPPA. . Ethical issues related to private practice, including advertising, will be identified; and case studies will highlight key learning points.

**FAMILY /  
COMMUNITY TRACK**

**Reframing Black Girls and Sexual Assault:  
Implications for Praxis**

**JAMETA NICOLE BARLOW, PHD, MPH**

*George Washington University*

Participants will explore the brief herstories leading to contemporary status of Black girls' and sexual assault and engage in evidence-based practices to engage, support and advocate for Black girls.

**4:00 – 5:30**

**ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN HEALTH  
FOR IMPROVED HEALTH OUTCOMES**

**MODERATOR**

**VINCE FORD**

*Senior Vice President, Community Affairs*

*Prisma Health*

**DALLAS MICHELLE DUCAR MSN, RN, PMHNP-BC, CNL**

*Chief Executive Officer*

*Transhealth Northhampton*

**KENNETH ROGERS, MD, MSPH, MMM**

*State Director*

*South Carolina Department of Mental Health*

**JOHN COFFIN**

*Executive Director*

*Shoreline Behavioral Health Services*



**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY  
27TH**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**CLOSING PLENARY**

**DR. S. KENT BUTLER**

*President, American Counseling Association*

*Fellow, National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education*

*Professor, Counselor Education*

*Former Interim Chief Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Officer*

*University of Central Florida*

## **2022 CROSS CULTURAL CONFERENCE COVID-19 CONFERENCE GUIDELINES:**

- All Participants **MUST** be Vaccinated and show proof of vaccination at Registration Check-in
- Daily Temperature checks for participants
- Participants should Wash or sanitize hands often
- Masks will be required while in conference areas except when eating or drinking
- Socially Distance where possible
- Each room will be sprayed daily and after every session.



# THE ACTION COUNCIL *for Cross Cultural Mental Health and Human Services*

Join us by exhibiting at the Action Council's  
44th Annual Cross Cultural Conference

*February 24 – 27, 2022  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

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For questions, contact Herbert Walker at [hwalker21@att.net](mailto:hwalker21@att.net)

# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

## Membership Application

Please complete the following membership form,  
detach and mail with dues to:

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON, ACCMHS**  
**P.O. BOX 1695 • COLUMBIA, SC 29202**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Membership expires \_\_\_\_\_

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*All dues and contributions are tax deductible.*

Professional disciplines:

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Professional Organizations:

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Identify Cross Cultural Issues of concern to you:

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Are you willing to serve on an Action Council Committee?

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How did you find out about Action Council?

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## Membership Fees

Dues	Type Membership	Check One
\$15	Senior Citizen (age 65+)	
\$10	Student	
\$20	Individual	
\$50	Organization	
\$35	Family (2 or more)	
\$20	Board Member	

Additional Name(s)

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# THE ACTION COUNCIL FOR CROSS CULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## 2022 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

### CONFERENCE REFUND POLICY

Cancellation requests **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **MONDAY, January 28, 2022** to ensure a refund. An administrative fee of \$30.00 will be deducted from refunds. Substitutions are suggested instead of cancellations. ***There will be no refunds after the conference.***

***We recommend that you register online at our website [www.crossculturalactioncouncil.org](http://www.crossculturalactioncouncil.org).***

**PLEASE NOTE TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Last 4 Digits SS#: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Accommodations \_\_\_\_\_

Registration by February 7th: \$210 Full Conference (\$200 Action Council Members)  
Registration between February 8th - February 21st: \$250 • On Site Registration: \$275  
Student Registration: \$100 Full Conference / \$40 One Day

*Individuals making on-site payment by State Agency Voucher System must bring a copy of voucher signed by approving authority as proof of payment.*

### MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete all sections of the conference registration form and send it, along with payment or voucher, to:*

**The Action Council**

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

*Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort*

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