



Join the National Council International Exchange Program



AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND: MARCH 2-6, 2009

Join the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare as we travel to Australia and New Zealand on the next National Council International Exchange, as we join the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL) conference, March 2-6, 2009.

Over the past year, the National Council has launched our International Exchange Program, in partnership with mental health and substance use providers around the world, to explore and better understand the healthcare systems and range of services available both here in the U.S. and abroad, and to provide educational opportunities for senior and emerging leaders. Participants may include CEOs, board members, department heads, clinical, administrative and managerial leaders from behavioral healthcare organizations in the U.S. The program has three primary objectives:

1. Facilitate learning about organizational, clinical, and financing practices across international mental health and substance use treatment systems.
2. Promote the exchange of service improvement strategies, including the adoption of science advances and the application of information technologies; and
3. Encourage the development of global leaders.

PARTICIPATION

Our next trip is being planned in partnership with the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership (IIMHL), to participate in a leadership exchange March 2-6, 2009 in Australia and New Zealand. Individuals who attend will be matched with provider organizations in the host country, based upon expressed interest and expertise, as communicated in the application. The exchange starts with a two-day site visit with your host organization, followed by a travel day, then a two-day network meeting with all participants in Brisbane, Australia.

Participants are responsible for travel and accommodations. This includes booking your own flights to Brisbane, as well as some travel in-country. Hotel accommodations will be centrally booked, lodging participants in a group together wherever possible. There is no additional program fee.

Hurry, space for this trip is limited! To learn more about this and other trips, or to apply, go to www.thenationalcouncil.org/international. Return to karas@thenationalcouncil.org or fax to 301-881-7159. **Questions?** Contact Kara Sweeney, Director Membership, 301-984-6200 x223.

PROGRAM PARTNER



IIMHL provides an international infrastructure to identify and exchange information about effective leadership, management and operational practices in the delivery of mental health services. It encourages the development of organizational and management best practice within mental health services through collaborative and innovative arrangements among mental health leaders.

MORE ABOUT IIMHL

IIMHL is supported by seven countries including the United States and offers unique opportunities for you and your organization to network with colleagues in other countries. There is no membership fee. The goal of the IIMHL program is to link together key leaders, encouraging collaboration and building networks of communication among international leadership. The benefits of such a collaborative effort will cascade down to all staff and consumers. These benefits could include:

- Joint program and service development
- Staff exchanges and sabbaticals
- Sharing of managerial and operational expertise (e.g. in service evaluation)
- Research
- Peer consultation

Since its inception in 2003 IIMHL has undertaken five Leadership Exchanges.

- 2003 in Birmingham, England
- 2004 in Washington, DC, USA
- 2005 in Wellington, New Zealand (with exchanges in both Australia and NZ)
- 2006 in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK (with exchanges in both Ireland and the UK)
- 2007 in Ottawa, Canada (with exchanges in both the US and Canada)

ESTIMATED TRAVEL COSTS (Travelocity, us.gov 8/11/2008)

Flight (Washington-Brisbane)	\$2,250
Hotel (Brisbane, In-Country)	\$1,750
7 nights @ \$250/night	
Travel (to in-country sites)	\$250
Per Diem (8 days @ \$200/day)	\$ 1,600
Total cost estimate	\$5,850