



The National Coalition of Mental Health Professionals and Consumers
Presents a Summer Conference

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE: *LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!*

Keynote Speaker:

HONORABLE RICHARD A. GEPHARDT
(D-MO) HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

Also Featuring

THE HONORABLE PATRICK KENNEDY (D-RI)

Harold Eist, MD

Helen Hinckley Krackow, MSW, BCD

Sheri Larivee

Jon Meyer, MD

Robert Michels, MD

Robert O'Harrow, Jr.

Deborah Peel, MD

Nick Unger

Karen Shore, PhD

Friday, June 22, 2001 2:00-5:15 PM

**NYU Medical Center, Tisch Hospital
560 1st. Ave., 1st Floor - Farkas Auditorium,
Between 32nd & 33rd Street, New York City, NY**

- ✓ Hear Rep. Gephardt's First Policy Speech on Mental Health Care
- ✓ Hear Rep. Kennedy's Advocacy for Quality Mental Health Care
- ✓ Honor Dr. Karen Shore's Work as Co-founder of the National Coalition
- ✓ Introduce Our New Coalition President, Dr. Deborah Peel
- ✓ Announce the National Coalition's Inform America Campaign
- ✓ Discuss Issues Crucial to the Mental Health of Our Nation

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NATIONAL COALITION CONFERENCE

This is the third national Conference of The National Coalition of Mental Health Professionals and Consumers. Today we have the opportunity to create a new public consensus for *real mental health care*. There is now increasing evidence that the rationing of mental health care has been a failure. Managed care has failed to live up to all its promises. It has failed clinically, morally and, now, even financially. This Conference will examine the future of mental health care and present new public education initiatives of The National Coalition. It is time to move mental health care to the top of the public's agenda for the 21st century. The speakers for this event will discuss how we can reach consensus for this new vision. This conference will also honor the work and vision of our co-founder, Karen Shore, who has led the National Coalition for nine years. Our new president, Deborah Peel, will mark this transition by presenting Karen with the First Annual Karen Shore Award for Mental Health Advocacy. She will then lead a discussion of the *Inform America Campaign*, our public education initiative on the essential, indispensable elements of *real mental health care*.

SPEAKERS

Harold Eist, MD is a past President of the American Psychiatric Association. He was one of the earliest psychiatrists to warn of the dangers of managed care. He has remained an outspoken advocate for quality mental health care. He will speak on the future of children's mental health.

Helen Hinckley Krackow, MSW, BCD is an anti-managed care activist who helped found Guild NO. 49 of OPEIU, and the Alliance for Universal Access to Psychotherapy. She is the incoming President of the New York State Society for Clinical Social Work.

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt (D-MO) is an important spokesman for the Democratic Party, serving as the Democratic Leader in the U.S. House of Representatives. He will give a major public policy speech on the future of mental health care.

Sheri Larivee is a Board Member of the Coalition and consumer advocate who has been active on the legislative front in combating abuses of managed care.

The Honorable Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) has become a leading advocate for access to quality mental health care. He has taken on this issue as his personal mission.

Jon Meyer, MD Director of Mental Health Services, Medical College of Wisconsin, and the administrator of the insurance plan for the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Robert Michels, MD is a psychoanalyst and an ethicist at the Hastings Center. He will speak on the ethics of mental health care.

Robert O'Harrow, Jr., is the *Washington Post's* senior reporter on privacy and technology. He will discuss privacy and mental health care.

Deborah Peel, MD is the incoming President of the National Coalition. She has been an activist for privacy and mental health issues. She will introduce the new *Inform America Campaign* which the Coalition is taking to the public, to our legislators, to our nation's and our states' policy-makers.

Nick Unger is a labor activist with the New York Central Labor Council. He has been a key figure in advocating for the rights of working people for real health care, including real mental health care.

Karen Shore, PhD is one of the founders of the National Coalition. The conference will celebrate her contributions to preserving and defending quality mental health care through her unstinting devotion to the work of the Coalition. While marking her "retirement" as President of the Coalition, Karen will present her vision of the future of mental health care.

CONFERENCE COSPONSORS (AS OF 5-24-01)

NYU CHILD STUDY CENTER - OUR GENEROUS HOST; Adelphi Society for Psychoanalysis & Psychotherapy; American Group Psychotherapy Association; American Mental Health Alliance-USA; American Mental Health Alliance-NJ; Alliance For Universal Access to Psychotherapy; American Psychoanalytic Association; Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society; Clinical Social Work Federation; Division 39 (Psychoanalysis - Div. & Sec.1) and Div.42 (Independent Practice) of the APA; Greater Washington Coalition of Mental Health Professionals & Consumers; Illinois Coalition of Mental Health Professionals & Consumers; National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Queens (NY); National Membership Committee on Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work; New Jersey Coalition of Mental Health Professionals & Consumers; New Jersey Psychological Association; New York State Psychological Association; New York State Society for Clinical Social Work; Suffolk County (NY) Psychological Association

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