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24th Annual Missouri Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (MOPRA) Conference

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Holiday Inn Select Executive Center
Columbia, Missouri
September 17-18, 2009

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS



Pete Earley, Author and Mental Health Advocate, was cited by Washingtonian Magazine in a cover story entitled, Top Journalists: Washington's Media Elite, as one of a handful of journalists in America who "have the power to introduce new ideas and give them currency." He is the author of nine non-fiction books, including three national best-sellers, and three novels. He is a former reporter for The Washington Post. His books have sold more than one million copies worldwide.

His book, *CRAZY: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness*, was one of two finalists for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize and has won awards from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Mental Health America, the Washington Psychiatric Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

Mr. Earley serves on the board of directors of the Corporation for Supportive Housing, which finds innovative ways for states to finance housing projects to help eliminate homelessness. He also was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Va. Supreme Court to a task force charged with rewriting the state's involuntary commitment laws.

Paul Cook, Author and Radio and Television Broadcaster, can be seen every morning on CBS St. Louis' News 4 Awake. In the afternoon, news reporting gives way to music and fun for CBS Radio's famous Y98FM.

Paul has written screenplays and TV show scripts, but his true voice poured out in the outrageous real story that actually wrote itself, *COOKED IN LA*. The most important thing Paul does each day doesn't involve a pen or microphone. It happens when he shares his story with other alcoholics. Paul Cook is extremely active in the St. Louis recovery community. As a member of S.T.A.R (Supporting Teens At Risk) he frequently talks to schools about the lures of substance abuse and other obstacles. Paul also sponsors men who are struggling with alcoholism. He sees his work with alcoholics as a life and death matter not just for those men, but for himself. Throughout the year Paul also works closely with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to raise money for substance abuse awareness. He is particularly proud of his work with Hands Across the Bridge. This was a record breaking event of sober people going hand in hand across a candlelit Chain of Rocks Bridge in St. Louis.





Representative Rebecca McClanahan was elected to the House of Representatives in November 2006. She represents District 2, which includes parts of Adair, Putnam and Sullivan Counties which includes Truman State University. She is the third nurse to serve in the Missouri General Assembly. Representative McClanahan currently resides in Kirksville with her husband, Marvin. They have two grown sons.

In addition to her legislative duties, Representative McClanahan is a Mental Health Nursing Consultant. She has spent over 30 years as a Nurse Educator at Truman State University in Kirksville where she was nominated for the Allen Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching and for the William Lee O'Donnell Advising Award.

Representative McClanahan is a career-long member of the MONA and a Past Vice-President. She is a charter member of the Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and received the chapter's first award for Leadership Excellence.

Representative McClanahan received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Truman State University, her Masters Degree in Nursing from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a specialty in psychiatric/mental health and has achieved Doctoral Candidacy at the University of Kansas. Her presentations and publications include analysis of models of health care reform and research regarding substance abuse among nurses.

In the House, Representative McClanahan serves on the committees of Health Appropriations, Higher Education, Agriculture Policy and the very powerful Budget Committee. She has been appointed to represent the House on the MO Health Net Oversight Committee and is the only nurse on that committee.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Roger Sommi, PharmD, FCCP, BCPP, Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Psychiatry, Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine, University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Research Director of the Psychopharmacy Research and Education Program, Western Missouri Mental Health Center, Kansas City

Nanette Larson, BA, CRSS, Director of Recovery Support Services, Illinois DHS/Division of Mental Health, Peoria, Illinois

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