



**New York State Office of Mental Health
Bureau of Cultural Competence**

**New York City Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee
Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2015, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
NYC Field Office of the New York State Office of Mental Health
330 Fifth Avenue
In Manhattan, Conference Room C, Ninth Floor**

Bridging Cultural Distance with Interpreters: Webinar viewing and discussion

- We will view and discuss this webinar training, which will discuss strategies for working with Interpreters to enhance Mental Health Care for Patients with Limited English Proficiency. Presented by Doris F. Chang, Ph.D., New York State Psychiatric Institute (NYSPI) Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence and the New School for Social Research, & Wilma Alvarado-Little, Master of Arts (MA), Master Social Worker (MSW), Community Engagement/Outreach Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities University at Albany, SUNY.
- We will continue our discussion about cultural competence implementation – what are the challenges, obstacles and opportunities?
- **Who is invited?** All community stakeholders, especially mental health workers, managers, providers, consumers, peer specialists, and family members.
- **What does it cost?** It's free!
- **How do i sign up?** Please fax or e-mail your name, organization and e-mail as shown below. Seating is limited to 30 people.
- **What training topics will be presented at future meetings?** That's up to you! Many trainings are available through the [Bureau of Cultural Competence](#) regarding culturally competent care with specific populations, including Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) individuals; a seven-step program for assessing and improving an agency's cultural competence; ways to bridge cultural gaps between recipients and providers of care; ways that consumers and other stakeholders can advocate effectively for their needs; approaches to language access and interpretation; and much more. Let us know what trainings we should watch and discuss together at future meetings. You can also watch these free trainings at your agencies with your staff!

The New York City Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee of the New York State Office of Mental Health meets four times a year. All stakeholders are invited to attend.

Register to attend / event is free of charge / seating is limited

Your registration must be received by close of business Monday, February 2, 2015. Please e-mail christianhuygen@rainbowheights.org or fax him at 718-285-8610 with the following information: *name, organization, e-mail, and number of people attending.*

For additional information call: Christian Huygen, ad hoc provider co-chair (718) 852-5212; Bert Coffman, ad hoc consumer co-chair (212) 889-4262; or Frances S. Priester Moss, Community Outreach and Multicultural Advisory Committee Coordinator, at the NYS OMH BCC (518) 473-6312