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Subject/Description: **I SEND GREETINGS TO THE NAOMI RUTH COHEN
INSTITUTE (NRCI) FOR MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AT
THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY.**

June 6, 2014

I send greetings to the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute (NRCI) for Mental Health Education at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Millions of Americans—our family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors—struggle with mental illnesses that can strain every part of life. They shoulder conditions that range from depression and anxiety to post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorder, and because of stigma, too many suffer in silence.

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Message – Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute

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CORRESPONDENCE

June 6, 2014

Mrs. Jill Randell
Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute
325 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Dear Mrs. Randell:

I am pleased to enclose a Message from President Barack Obama.

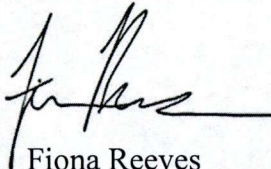
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Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Reeves', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fiona Reeves
Special Assistant to the President and
Director of Presidential Correspondence

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Message – Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute

What about removing the words
"a person's"? To me, it became
a little confusing when paired with
"millions of Americans" and "our family
members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors."
- SS

I think we should keep "a person's"
here. I don't find it confusing.

June 65, 2014

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Each year, Mmllions of Americans—struggle with mental illness. They are our family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors—struggle with mental illnesses that can strain every part of a person's life. They who shoulder conditions like that range from depression and anxiety to post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorder—illnesses that can strain every part of a person's life. and Yet because of stigma, too many battle these diseases suffer in silence.

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Sullivan, Sarah

6/5/2014 9:15:00 AM

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Sullivan, Sarah

6/5/2014 10:50:00 AM

This paragraph is modeled after the PRISM Award message opening paragraph, which ONDCP reviewed.

Each year, millions of Americans struggle with mental illnesses and substance use disorders. They are our family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Yet because of shame and stigma, too many battle these diseases in silence. We must do our part to bring these issues out of the shadows and help our loved ones receive the care and support they need.

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Fiona Reeves

6/5/2014 2:09:00 PM

Even though we put it in a message before, "each year" jumped out at me since mental illness can be a longer-term burden

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Sullivan, Sarah

6/5/2014 10:52:00 AM

National Mental Health Awareness Month, 2013

Today, tens of millions of Americans are living with the burden of a mental health problem. They shoulder conditions like depression and anxiety, post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorder -- debilitating illnesses that can strain every part of a person's life.

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Sullivan, Sarah

6/5/2014 10:52:00 AM

Fighting stigma is a main focus of the organization.

In Naomi's memory, the Institute was established. With the proceeds of Naomi's estate and contributions from family and friends, we work to prevent others from suffering as she did. **Our goal is to overcome the stigma of mental illness.** Institute income is used to promote educational programs and to support organizations engaged in mental illness research, education, self-help, anti-discrimination and advocacy.

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Sullivan, Sarah

6/5/2014 10:55:00 AM

POTUS Remarks 6/3/2013

We want to let people living with mental health challenges know that they are not alone, and we've got to be making sure that we're committed to support those fellow Americans, because struggling with a mental illness or caring for someone who does can be isolating.

For many people who suffer from a mental illness, recovery can be challenging. But what helps more than anything, what gives so many of our friends and loved ones strength, is **the knowledge that you are not alone. You're not alone.** You're surrounded by people who care about you and who will support you on the journey to get well. We're here for you.

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Sullivan, Sarah

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POTUS Remarks [6/3/2013](#)

So thank you all for being here. Let's do everything we can to help our fellow Americans heal and thrive.

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Sullivan, Sarah

6/5/2014 10:57:00 AM

POTUS Remarks [6/3/2013](#)

The main goal of this conference is not to start a conversation -- so many of you have spent decades waging long and lonely battles to be heard. Instead, it's about elevating that conversation to a national level and bringing mental illness out of the shadows.

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6/5/2014 10:58:00 AM

[The Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute](#)

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6/5/2014 10:59:00 AM

The [institute](#) annually plans, promotes and underwrites a Community Mental Health Conference. The Conference -- attended by more than 300 professionals, consumers, family members and concerned public -- addresses critical mental health issues such as bipolar disorder and depression.

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Thomas, Debbie

From: Platkin, Alex
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2014 9:48 AM
To: Gianotti, Claire; Harris, Jacqueline; Astle, Kolbie (Associate)
Cc: DL-WHO-VETTING; DL-WHO-Presidential Messages
Subject: RE: Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments.
Attachments: Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute_Jill Randell_6 2 14.docx

Hi all- Please see the attached vet of the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education. We don't have any major flags.

From: Gianotti, Claire
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 12:09 PM
To: Harris, Jacqueline; Astle, Kolbie (Associate)
Cc: DL-WHO-VETTING; DL-WHO-Presidential Messages
Subject: RE: Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments.

Will do. This vet is scheduled for 6/2. Thanks!

From: Harris, Jacqueline
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 12:09 PM
To: Astle, Kolbie (Associate)
Cc: DL-WHO-VETTING; DL-WHO-Presidential Messages
Subject: RE: Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments.

Kolbie,

I'll check on the title and will circle back with you. Vetting, could the vet date please be June 2 and could you please move The Grand Reopening of the National Civil Rights Museum to June 13?

Thanks,
Jacqueline

From: Astle, Kolbie (Associate)
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 12:06 PM
To: Harris, Jacqueline
Cc: DL-WHO-VETTING; DL-WHO-Presidential Messages
Subject: Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments.

Hi Jacqueline,

We received your request, and we just have a question about the title. The request indicates the event should be named "Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments," while the [website](#) suggests it should be named, "2014 Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute (NRCI) Annual Mental Health Conference - Suicide: Responding & Creating Hope." Can you confirm which title to use in the opening line of the message?

Looping Research to schedule the vet. Please note the earliest open vet date is 6/18.

Best,

Kolbie Astle
Associate, Writers and Production|OPC

Feed: Proclamations, Messages, and Custom Documents: Presidential Messages

Posted on: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 7:36 PM

Author: Harris, Jacqueline

Subject: Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments.

WH Office requesting:: OLA

WH point of contact:: Jacqueline Harris

Commissioned Officer requesting:: Jon Samuels

Will any Administration official/staff attend this event?: No

Are funds raised at this event, or do attendees pay for any part of attendance (meal price, ticket, etc)?::

The conference is subsidized by the Institute. Attendees pay a small registration fee. Full scholarships are available.

Event/observation date:: 6/1/2014

Requested deadline date and time:: 6/6/2014 12:00 AM

Requesting organization name:: Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Exact title of event/observation:: Community Mental Health Conference, SUICIDE: RESPONDING AND CREATING HOPE, Making a difference in the lives of those at risk and in the lives of survivors. Providing an opportunity to explore and analyze the latest knowledge and developments.

Organization website:: <http://www.naomicoheninstitute.org>

Organization member (1): Jill Randell, Executive Director

Organization member (2): Larry Cohen, founder of the Institute.

Are there any high-profile/problematic individuals associated with this organization?: N/A

Event host or sponsor, if separate than requesting organization:: N/A

List of honorees, including nationalities:: N/A

Which honorees, if any, should be mentioned?: N/A

Please provide us with background on this request and its origin::

The office of Rep. Jan Schakowsky requested a letter for the conference. Jill Randell, Executive Director provides background regarding why she asked the office for a letter:

"I was so moved by the President's new initiative, "My Brothers Keeper", I felt it important to inform him (POTUS) of the Institute and what we have done over the past thirteen years, as we strive to eliminate the

stigma of mental illness. Our work with the community at large, the Hispanic Community, African American Community and Veterans has reached thousands and our hope is that we have helped in some small way. It is important to note that a group of 40 professional volunteers from many different ethnic backgrounds sit on the Institute's committee and are the planners for the programs listed above. Many of them head major mental health agencies and hospitals.

Marilyn and Larry Cohen chose "Suicide" as the theme for 2014. This was not an easy choice, but it was a necessary one. The June 1st conference panel is listed above. The day will also allow individuals to attend two discussion groups. The choices range from "Cultural Differences and Attitudes Toward Suicide Prevention", "Suicide and Veterans", "Adolescent and Emerging Adults, Older Adults", "Recognizing Signs of Someone in Crisis", and for survivors, "Dealing with loss from family member or friend" and "Spirituality, finding value in life."

Event program:

Opening remarks: Father Charles T. Rubey, Director of Loving Outreach to Suicide Survivors

Panelists: Dr. Cheryl King, University of Michigan and Dr. David Clark, Medical College of Wisconsin, experts on suicide prevention and intervention, will speak.

Heidi Bryan, suicide attempt survivor, who lost her brother to suicide will speak about how to find help and how to heal.

Note: OLA is sending the most recent "National Mental Health Awareness Month, 2014" Proc to Schakowsky's office so that it can be given to the group before the event.

Recommended talking points::

"Commend the Institute for the importation work being done and also provide words of encouragement, that the work they do does make a difference and they should keep pressing forward."

Event point of contact:: Mrs. Jill Randell, Executive Director

Point of contact prefix:: Mrs.

Point of contact salutation:: Dear Jill

Point of contact mailing address:: Mrs. Jill Randell, Executive Director Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute for Mental Health Education The Chicago School of Professional Psychology 325 North Wells St. Chicago, IL 60654

How will the Message be used at the event?: If the letter is received before June 1st, it will be read to the attendees by Larry Cohen, founder of the Institute. If it is received after the conference, it will be read at the Chicago School Commencement on July 11 to over 1000 graduates.

If read aloud, who will be reading the message?: If the letter is received before June 1st, it will be read to the attendees by Larry Cohen, founder of the Institute.

Has a video message been requested for this event?: No

Should a photo be included in the envelope?: Yes

Should this message be mailed directly to the recipient or should it be interofficed to an EOP staffer?:

Please send to the East Wing, room 107 via inter office mail.

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About Us

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The institute annually plans, promotes and underwrites a Community Mental Health Conference. The Conference – attended by more than 300 professionals, consumers, family members and concerned public – addresses critical mental health issues such as bipolar disorder and depression.

The institute also supports a Conference addressing mental health in the African-American community and provides funds for other programs including a Mental Health Association of the North Shore high school program focusing on a mental health topic, a scholarship at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology for a doctoral student who has a personal involvement with the stigma of mental illness, and an acclaimed anti-stigma film for teens developed by Dr. Fred Miller of Evanston Northwestern Healthcare that has been featured on PBS.

Contribute

Institute contributions may be sent to:

The Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
325 N. Wells
Chicago, IL 60654
(312) 467-2552
NRCinstitute@thechicagoschool.edu

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March 2014 Newsletter

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NRCI'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

SUICIDE: RESPONDING & CREATING HOPE

- JUNE 1, 2014 -

BETH EMET SYNAGOGUE IN EVANSTON, IL

PLEASE CHECK BACK MARCH 15 FOR UPDATES!

Save the Date: 2014 Conference

NRCI continues its work in providing mental health education to the community through its annual community mental health conference. This year's Conference is entitled "Suicide: Responding and Creating Hope," and will feature a plethora of speakers who will be discussing a wide variety of topics that are related to the issue of suicide.

NRCI is happy to announce that the morning keynote will include:

Father Charles Rubey - Catholic Charities LOSS Program

Dr. David Clark - Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Cheryl King - University of Michigan

Ms. Heidi Bryan - survivor of suicide, Feeling Blue Suicide Prevention Council

Dr. Michael Horowitz - TCS Education System

For more information, please visit our [website](#) for updates, more information, and registration links.

Registration will open March 15!



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For Immediate Release

April 30, 2013

Presidential Proclamation -- National Mental Health Awareness Month, 2013

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, 2013

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Today, tens of millions of Americans are living with the burden of a mental health problem. They shoulder conditions like depression and anxiety, post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorder -- debilitating illnesses that can strain every part of a person's life. And even though help is out there, less than half of children and adults with diagnosable mental health problems receive treatment. During National Mental Health Awareness Month, we shine a light on these issues, stand with men and women in need, and redouble our efforts to address mental health problems in America.

For many, getting help starts with a conversation. People who believe they may be suffering from a mental health condition should talk about it with someone they trust and consult a health care provider. As a Nation, it is up to all of us to know the signs of mental health issues and lend a hand to those who are struggling. Shame and stigma too often leave people feeling like there is no place to turn. We need to make sure they know that asking for help is not a sign of weakness -- it is a sign of strength. To find treatment services nearby, call 1-800-662-HELP. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline offers immediate assistance for all Americans, including service members and veterans, at 1-800-273-TALK.

Our commitment cannot end there. We must ensure people have access to the care they need -- which is why the Affordable Care Act will expand mental health and substance use disorder benefits and Federal parity protections for 62 million Americans. For the first time, the health care law will prevent insurers from denying coverage because of a pre-existing condition. The Act already requires new health plans to cover recommended preventive services like depression screening and behavioral assessments for children at no extra cost to patients.

My Administration will keep building on those achievements. Earlier this year, I was proud to launch the BRAIN Initiative -- a new partnership between government, scientists, and leaders in the private sector to invest in research that could unlock new treatments for mental illness and drive growth throughout our economy. We have made unprecedented commitments to improving mental health care for veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. And we have proposed new funding for mental health programs that will help teachers and other adults recognize the signs of mental illness in children, improve mental health outcomes for young people, and train 5,000 more mental health professionals to serve our youth.

Mental health problems remain a serious public health concern, but together, our Nation is making progress. This month, I encourage all Americans to advance this important work by raising awareness about mental health and lending strength to all who need it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as National Mental Health Awareness Month. I call upon citizens, government agencies, organizations, health care providers, and research institutions to raise mental health awareness and continue helping Americans live longer, healthier lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

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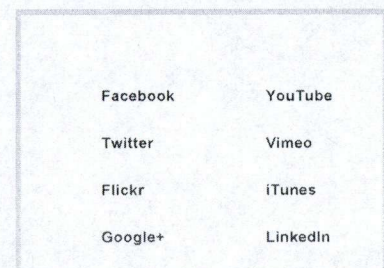
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I send greetings to all those attending the 18th Annual *PRISM Awards*.

Each year, millions of Americans struggle with mental illnesses and substance use disorders. They are our family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Yet because of shame and stigma, too many battle these diseases in silence. We must do our part to bring these issues out of the shadows and help our loved ones receive the care and support they need.

The *PRISM Awards* provide an opportunity to celebrate the accurate portrayal of mental health and substance use issues in entertainment—from television and movies to music and comic books. Accurate depictions of mental illness and substance use disorders help elevate the conversation about these diseases and reduce the bias and discrimination those living with them too often face.

As you gather on this special occasion, I thank you for your commitment to educating the public about mental health and substance use disorders and for your support of the millions of Americans taking courageous steps toward recovery.

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Executive Director: Mrs. Jill Randell MA, FTA

Jill Randell has been the Executive Director of the Naomi Ruth Cohen Institute (NRCI) for over 11 years. During her tenure, she developed the NRCI Steering Committee; a preeminent group of mental health professionals and advocates that guide and shape the Institute's outreach strategy and educational programs. Under her leadership, NRCI works closely with diverse communities throughout Chicagoland such as The Archdiocese of Chicago, the Office of Hispanic Catholics, and the Apostolic Church, and St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Evanston to raise awareness around the stigma of mental illness. Prior to her role at NRCI, Jill provided 25 years of leadership for the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, serving as the Director of Day Camp and Executive Director of the North Suburban JCC. She also administered Beth Emet, The Free Synagogue in Evanston for 15 years as its Executive Director, ushering it into one of the premier synagogues reform congregation in North America.

Jill received her Master of Arts in Counseling from Northeastern Illinois University and her Fellow of Temple Administrators (FTA) from the Union of Reform Judaism. She was President of The Chicago Association of Temple Administrators and served on the board of the National Association of Temple Administrators.

"Eliminating the stigma of mental illness is our goal, and that is where I have put my energies over these past eleven years."



Jill Glenn, LCSW

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Illinois, Glenn has spent 17 years of her career working with ChildServ, a nonprofit child welfare agency. She is widely known as a tireless advocate for underserved populations and youth living in out-of-home placements. As the director of community partnerships at The Chicago School, Glenn continues to spend much of her time building community relationships. Her energy and enthusiasm for building community partnerships comes from her first hand understanding of how The Chicago School can impact a community-based agency. She received a Master of Arts Degree in Social Work from Aurora University.



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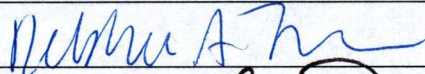
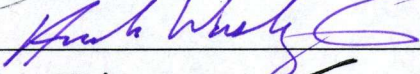
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