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The 6th Annual

Health Freedom Conference for Leaders and Advocates & The Reconvening of the US Health Freedom Assembly



September 12–14, 2008

Keynotes

Autumn Stringam, Author

Keynote Speaker, Friday Sept 12 **"My Life Beyond Mental Illness: A Remedy And A Revolution"**

Michael McCormack JD

Awards Banquet Keynote Speaker, Saturday Sept 13 **''Toward a More Balanced Health System: Healing through the Lens of Freedom''**

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2008 Program

Friday – September 12

8:00 am Registration

- 9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks Diane Miller, JD Increasing the Power and Voice of the Health Freedom Movement
- 9:30 am US Health Freedom Assembly Session I Moderator – Marianne Lonnergan-Curtis & Diane Miller Forming the Assembly Circle"- Introductions Overview - Current state and direction of health freedom movement
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am 2007 Assembly Resolutions and Committee Reports Status Reports & Follow Up: Were they effective?
- 11:30 pm Lunch (boxed lunches provided)
- 12:30 pm Special Presentation on Codex Status Presenter: Scott Tips JD of the National Health Federation. Codex Congressional Resolution presenter Clinton Miller -Assembly Develops a Codex Action Plan Trilateral Charter US, Mexico, and Canada Presenter Scott Tips JD of National Health Federation -Assembly Develops Action Plan Canadian C-51 & C-52 Presenter: Tony Stephan -Assembly Develops Action Plan
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Report on Federal Issues and Discussion Of Issues, followed by development of an Industry Committee to suggest strategies to let us know how to strengthen access to natural products and protection from toxic products. Issues to be addressed: -Foods are not Drugs -Natural Products vs. Toxic Products: Models of Laws to Regulate -Herbal Regulation and Third Category -GMP Impact on Manufacturers and Consumers -Small Business Guidelines on Labeling
- 5:00 pm Dinner on your own
- 7:00 pm Keynote Address Autumn Stringam, Author My Life Beyond Mental Illness: A Remedy And A Revolution

Saturday – September 13

9:00 am US Health Freedom Assembly Session II

- State Safe Harbor Exemption: Health Freedom laws for access to unlicensed practitioners and licensing and registration bills that impact them. Introduction by Diane Miller, JD
 - -Assembly discussion:
 - -Review of active legislation and bills
 - -Safe Harbor laws
 - -Distributors of Products that take client consultations
 - -Mandatory Registration bills for unlicensed natural healers -Licensing of Naturopathic Physicians, Nutritionists, Massage
 - Therapists and other professions.
 - -Approaches to licensing and registration groups -Develop Committees if needed.

12:00 pm Lunch (boxed lunches provided)

1:30 pm Committee Break-out Groups

Committees develop Action Plans to present to movement leaders

- 3:15 pm Presentation of Committee Action Plans & Process Of Endorsement
- 5:00 pm Assembly Adjourns
- 5:30 pm Awards Banquet, Buffet style serving
- 6:30 pm Awards Presentation
- 7:00 pm Keynote Address Michael McCormack, JD Toward a More Balanced Health System: Healing through the Lens of Freedom

Sunday – September 14

- 9:00 am Welcome to Leadership Training
- 9:15 am Workshop I: "Getting There" by Clinton Miller Content: Where are you now? Where do you want to be? What is your bottom line? Process: How to get what you want – lobbying a bill to passage!
- 9:45 am Workshop II: Content Language: Health Freedom Language Issues, Safe Harbor bills and Licensure Bills for Dieticians, Naturopaths, Massage Therapists, by Diane Miller, JD.

10:45 am Break

- 11:00 am Workshop III: "Financial Support for Health Freedom Work" Panel discussion of Special Fund Raising through sponsorships, matching grants, membership drives, and industry support and fund-raising materials and scripts.
- Noon Box Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 pm Workshop IV: Your Health Freedom Tool Box (Tool Tables*) Barometer; Offense; Defense. Communications Shift tables 1:25, 1:50, 2:15
- Table 1: Gathering the Forces: Gathering Advocates. Developing Organizations and Strong Team
- Table 2: Design Solution and Supporting Materials: Assessment of Problem. Research. What do you want, Bill Language, Gathering Materials and Handouts, Resources
- Table 3: Lobbying "For" a bill. Rallying the Troops and guiding a bill through the legislature, utilizing all
- the tools Table 4: Lobbying "Against" a bill. Rallying the troops,
- utilizing all the tools
- Table 5: Web/Internet/Email
- Table 6: US Mail, Phone and letter writing campaigns, Clinton Miller one-page faxes

2:15 pm Break

2:30 pm Workshop IV: continues

Shift Tables 2:55, 3:20, 3:45

4:00 pm Closing – Health Freedom Solidarity Circle

U.S Assembly Process

All Assembly Sessions will be facilitated by moderators. Voting Members will be seated in the Round. Other conference participants will observe with special times designated for observer participation. Voting Members may have alternate delegates to replace them when they wish.

U.S. Assembly Participants

1) Assembly Voting Organizations: All U.S. State and National health freedom organizations, and U.S. companies and associations working state-wide, nationally, or internationally for health freedom goals, are invited to apply as Voting Members and participate in the Assembly. (Contact Diane Miller similars@aol.com for application form.).

2) The Public: All members of the public are invited to attend the Assembly, witness the leadership discussions, and submit draft resolutions for consideration. In addition, all people are invited to participate fully in the Sunday training workshops.

Keynote Speakers

Autumn Stringam, Author

My Life Beyond Mental Illness: A Remedy And A Revolution



Autumn Stringam is the second of nine children born to a mother who suffered from bipolar affective disorder; she developed the same illness. The story of her remarkable treatment has been featured in a documentary titled, "Impossible Cure?" on the Discovery Health Channel; Canadian Living and Chatelaine magazines and in her recently published book, A Promise of Hope: The Astonishing True Story of a Woman Afflicted With Bipolar Disorder and the Miraculous Treatment That Cured Her (HarperCollins 2007).

As a public speaker, author of mental health resources, and political advocate for the mentally ill, she has spread the hope of recovery to thousands across North America and a growing worldwide audience. Autumn Stringam lives in Coaldale, Alberta, with her husband Dana and their four children.

Michael McCormack, JD

Toward a More Balanced Health System: Healing through the Lens of Freedom



After practicing commercial litigation for over 20 years, Michael became a holistic lawyer in 2004, focusing on complementary health law, organizational consulting and personal coaching. He is an experienced mediator, author and speaker, and a former high school "street law" teacher in Washington, D.C., where he graduated from the Georgetown Law Center in 1984.

He is a co-presenter for The Conscious Lawyer web program, and currently serves as President of Citizens for Health, the national nonprofit organization advocating for health freedom and responsible health choices. A student of numerous complementary health modalities, Michael is an ordained minister and founder of the Tahoma Youth Basketball Association in Maple Valley, WA where he lives with his wife, Melissa and their five children.

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Health Freedom Awardees Tributes

Michael McCormack, attorney for his supreme tenacity at protecting unlicensed healing practitioners in Washington against the Washington Department of Health.

Autumn Stringam, author, **Promise of Hope**, for her courage to heal and her courage to work to change the world to protect options for all consumers and for being a founder of the Women with Red Umbrellas.

Rick Jaffe, attorney and author, **Galileo's Lawyer**, for his passion for the truth in law and healing, and for vigorously defending people who are doing great healing work in the world.

Julie Kline, President of Trinity College, for her dedication to carrying on the work of health freedom and the grand initiation and implementation of the Health Freedom Expos now successfully being held around the country by Healthkeepers Alliance.

Larry Hanus, for his tenacity and courage to protect the right of mercury-free dentists to practice through his own story in Iowa of losing his dental license and working 13 years to obtain it back.