

New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association



2009 NHRA CONFERENCE *FACING THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES*

FALL, 2009

President's Message By Judy Sanderson

This year has been challenging in many ways (the economy, low employment, too much rain and no summer!) and the Board of the NHRA has focused on that as the theme for our Annual Conference scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at the Ashworth by the Sea. We are thrilled to announce that our Keynote Speaker will be Jack Agati who will present on "Motivating Without Money – The Art of Encouragement". Many of us have had the opportunity to attend Jack's uniquely entertaining presentation on birth order and now we can look forward to hearing about practical techniques that can be implemented immediately to motivate those we work with as well as ourselves. There will also be speakers on ethics, ADD, networking, transgender issues and more. Charlie Robinson has graciously agreed to present on "Coaching Job Seekers in a Poor Economy".

The feedback we received after the conference last year indicated the schedule of having hour-long break-out sessions was very popular. Therefore we are doing it again this year to allow people to get up to

5.75 CEU's. Registration materials for this conference are included with this newsletter, but if you need more registration forms or more information, please feel free to contact me at judy.sanderson@gsil.org or Laurie Corbett at lcorbett@ed.state.nh.us. We look forward to seeing you all there!

It needs to be noted that our Membership Social at SEE in Manchester was a huge success. We saw a large increase in membership and everyone had a good time touring the facility and networking with other professionals.

Last year at this time this message included the information that we had selected a vendor and were in the process of getting a web site up and running. We are pleased to announce that the site is now up and running and can be accessed at www.nhraonline.org. Your feedback on this would be greatly appreciated so please take a minute to view it and let us know what you think.

I look forward to reconnecting with our many friends and members of NHRA on November 10 at the Ashworth by the Sea!

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MISSION

The Mission of the New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association is to advance the rehabilitation of persons with physical and mental disabilities by eliminating barriers to employment and productivity through ethical and excellent professional practice.



NHRA 2009 Fall Conference

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Tuesday November 10, 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

at the Ashworth by the Sea

Guest Speakers

<i>Jack Agati</i>	<i>Robin Bellantone</i>	<i>Gerri Cannon</i>
<i>Stephanie McLaughlin</i>	<i>Charlie Robinson</i>	<i>Ernest Roy</i>
<i>Mark Stewart</i>	<i>Therese Wilkomm</i>	<i>Cynthia Wright</i>

Topics

<i>Adult ADD</i>	<i>Coaching Job Seekers</i>	<i>Physical Capacities</i>
<i>Interviewing and Resume Writing</i>	<i>Low Cost Accommodations</i>	
<i>Motivation</i>	<i>Networking</i>	<i>Transgender Issues</i> <i>Ethics</i>

Registration includes, breakfast, lunch, and break

Conference Fees are reduced from last year!

Early Registration Deadline 10/14/09

Member \$90.00 Non-Member \$100.00 Student (present ID at door) \$50.00

Late Fees After 10/15/09: Member \$100 Non-Member late \$110.00

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____ NHRA Member # _____

Needs/Requests _____

Final Registration Deadline 11/6/09

Please request any accessibility or dietary needs by 10/17/09. Return registration form with check payable to: NHRA Fall 2008 Conference, c/o Judy Sanderson, Granite State Independent Living, 163 Manchester Street, Suite 2, Concord, NH 03301 email at judy.sanderson@gsil.org. For more information contact Laurie Corbett (603) 889-6844 or Judy Sanderson (603) 224-1130. CRC CEU's applied for.

~Please be on time. Sessions will begin promptly as scheduled.~

New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association 2009 Scholarship Application

The New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association (NHRA) Scholarship Fund is designed to assist members of NHRA, working professionals or students of rehabilitation/human services programs in their educational or staff development pursuits as they relate to the mission of NHRA. The NHRA mission is to advance the rehabilitation of persons with physical or mental disabilities by eliminating barriers to employment and productivity through ethical and excellent professional practice. The Scholarship Committee will accept applications post-marked on or before December 1, 2009. Scholarship grant amounts may vary. Please provide the following information and submit to the Scholarship Committee at the address below (attach additional pages if necessary).

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Employer/School Name/Address _____

NRA/NHRA Member # _____ Student (yes/no) _____ Amount of Request: \$ _____

Check One: Prepayment is requested (Note: prepayment will be made in the form of a two-party check)
 Reimbursement (Note: A paid receipt must be attached to this application.)

1. Explain how the training relates to your employment and professional work and/or studies in Vocational Rehabilitation:

2. Explain how this information or these materials will be used:

3. If awarded scholarship funds, do you approve the use of your name and/or photograph for publicity purposes? (yes/no) _____

4. Attach a copy of the class outline or training brochure and submit with the completed application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NHRA Scholarship Committee, Susan D. Hilchey, M.Ed. CVE CRC
 c/o Easter Seals NH, 555 Auburn Street, Manchester, NH 03103

Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, creed, sex, age, physical, or mental disability.

NHRA Scholarship Expands

By Susan Hilchey

The NHRA Scholarship Committee, with members Donna McDonough, Gail Sederquest, Jean Hillier, Mary Cahill and Susan Hilchey, has broadened the criteria for applicants. This year, folks who work or attend school in NH but *live in another* state are eligible to apply. As in past years, applicants should be



taking course/s, workshop/s, seminar/s, or other educational program to enhance skills/knowledge related to the mission of NHRA: to advance the rehabilitation of persons with physical or mental disabilities by eliminating barriers to employment and productivity through ethical and excellent professional practice. Please use or pass on the 2009 Scholarship Application included in this newsletter. For further information, contact Susan Hilchey at shilchey@eastersealsnh.org.

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Rehabilitation Issues in the News

Democrats Honor Ted Kennedy. Many of the late Senator's accomplishments are noted.

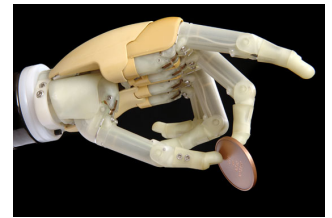
http://www.boston.com/news/politics/politicalintelligence/2009/09/democrats_honor_1.html

Health Care Reform: Rand's *Compare* website offers unbiased treatment of the subject. <http://www.randcompare.org/>

South Africa Appeals to UN over Treatment of Runner. The South African government has reportedly complained to the United Nations over the treatment of controversial track and field star Caster Semenya.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/SPORT/09/18/athletics.semenya.united.nations.gender/index.html>

Bionic Hand: Revolutionary Technology for Upper Limb Amputees: New prosthetic hand with independent and jointed fingers is myoelectrically controlled.



<http://www.hanger.com/prosthetics/services/Technology/Pages/FeatureArea.aspx>

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