

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Announcing our 2018 Conference Dates & Theme
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Reimagining the Future of Arts in Health

OCTOBER 8 - 10
AUSTIN, TX

NOAH is proud to announce its second annual conference, to be held in conjunction with the 31st [Healthcare Facilities and Design Symposium and Exposition](#) (HFSE), October 8 - 10th 2018, in Austin, Texas.

This year we will be making many improvements based on the suggestions that you provided to us. Some of the changes that will be implemented include a pre-symposium workshop for administrators of Arts in Health programs on Sunday, October 7 (stay tuned for details!), as well as an additional space throughout the conference for participatory arts activities.

In addition to the Arts in Health track activities, our conference attendees will have access to the keynotes, full breakfasts, luncheons, break refreshments, and Expo events with the attendees of the Symposium. Registration fees for the conference track will begin at the Early Bird rate of \$495 for NOAH members. Individuals who do not wish to become members of NOAH can register at the rate of \$650. After

June 1, the Early Bird rate will expire for NOAH members and the cost for members will be \$595. We will again provide information on affordable accommodation options in addition to the official conference hotels.

Find more information on our website!



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Important Dates

Submissions Open: **January 15**

Submissions Closed: **March 09**

Submissions Notified

of Acceptance or Rejection: **April 13**

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS](#)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

MAEGAN GUBATA

Maegan Gubata, LMHC, ATR-BC is a licensed mental health counselor and board-certified art therapist. She created the Healing Arts Program at Bradley Hospital in Rhode Island in 2012, and has been practicing art therapy at Bradley for more than 10 years. She has extensive experience working with the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD) inpatient and partial



programs, Children's Partial Program, and the Pediatric Partial Program.

Gubata holds a bachelor's degree in art therapy from Emmanuel College, and went on to receive her master's degree in art therapy and mental health counseling from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she received much of her training. She continues to collaborate with community based organizations to promote diverse modes of expression in correlation with high quality mental health care. She works collaboratively with the community to write and receive grants that solely financially support the Healing Arts Program that she hopes one day will sustain itself in the treatment and continuum of care for the patients of Bradley Hospital.



ALAN SIEGEL

Dr. Alan Siegel finished his medical training at University of Virginia in 1997 and has worked since 1999 as a Family Physician within the Bay Area's Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS). Within CCHS, he founded and directs Art of Health and Healing (AHH) since late 2010. In this role, he collaborated with California Institute for Integrative Studies to start a thriving Expressive Arts Therapy training program.

Alan became interested in arts in health through his previous work on the board of ArtsChange, an arts empowerment organization, and through his passion as a musician. He has worked on improving healing environments, providing Therapeutic Musicians in the ICU and wards, developing a Therapy Pets program and hospital farmers' market, helping to develop the community-based Stress Relief Through the Arts program, and starting wellness classes for staff and patients. He has also led and grown a unique staff program, Health Care Workers As Creators, over the last decade. Alan provides leadership for the renowned Contra Costa Family Medicine Residency Program, specializing in ambulatory education and faculty development, and is presently a UCSF Champion of Change Fellow. He leads an R&B/Motown/Blues band, The Rhythm Method.

LAST CHANCE TO BECOME A *Founding Member* OF NOAH

Founding
Membership

Founding members will have permanent featured profiles on the NOAH website!

Click on the "Founding Membership" button above to visit our Founding Membership page, where you'll find more information about the levels of Founding Membership and the options for upfront and installment based payments.

There are three levels of Founding Membership: Diamond, Gold, and Silver.

In addition to the founding member benefit of a permanent profile on our website, you will also receive the benefits of organizational membership, if purchased for your organization or individual membership if purchased as an individual.

The individual membership benefits are:

- 50% discount on webinars
- Access to job postings
- Membership rate for NOAH conferences
- Ability to serve on a NOAH committee
- Voting in annual general election of officers and annual budget
- Run for the Board of NOAH
- Submit a Profile Story on the website
- Access to Research Database
- Access to the Membership Directory (Members must agree to be part of the on-line searchable Membership directory)

The organization member benefits are all of the above for up to four members of your staff, and:

- One free phone consultation with experts in the field to assist them in building and maintaining their programs
- Discounts on consulting services by any Board Members

After the first year, your individual or organizational membership will be renewed at normal annual rate. For individual membership that is \$150 per year, and for organizations the rate starts at \$450 for up to four members of your staff, and an additional \$100 per year for each additional staff member for whom you would like individual member benefits.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT : ADVOCACY

The goals of NOAH's Advocacy Committee are to advance national legislation, policy, and funding to support the field of arts in health. We aim to increase visibility for NOAH and the field of arts in health, and take on special projects such as white papers and convenings.

Committee Updates

NOAH is a National Partner for [Americans for the Arts' Arts Advocacy Day, March 12-13, 2018](#).

Our Advocacy Committee Chair, Naj Wikoff, is an active member of the Legislative Planning Committee for Arts Advocacy Day. In a letter that will be delivered to our representatives in DC, we advocate for our government's support of the NEA, NEH, & CPB – highlighting the important role of the arts in our health and wellbeing. We will also be sending electronic copies of our [white paper](#) to national representatives.

Do you want to be a member of the NOAH Advocacy Committee?

We need people willing to help set goals and measurable outcomes for advocacy, and to implement the effort.

Send an email with a short statement of interest to director@thenoah.net



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