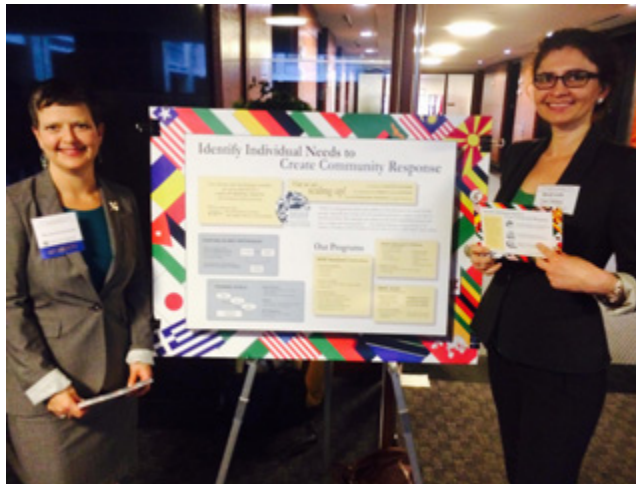


NBCC International Presents at Institute of Medicine Forum

On May 1–2, 2014, NBCC International presented about the Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) program at a meeting of the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education, organized by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies in Washington, D.C. The meeting’s topic was “Scaling Up Best Practices in Community-Based Health Professional Education.”

Dr. Scott Hinkle, director of professional development for NBCC, addressed a multidisciplinary audience about the MHF as an example of spreading community-based innovations. Dr. Andreea Szilagyi, vice president of the European Board for Certified Counselors,



Dr. Wendi Schweiger (L) and Dr. Andreea Szilagyi (R) during the poster session.

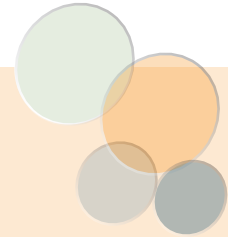
addressed a live and online audience about the implications of the MHF program in Romania. In addition, Dr. Wendi Schweiger, vice president of NBCC-I, led a poster presentation about the MHF program.

The MHF program is designed to train laypeople, paraprofessionals and professionals outside of mental health in fundamental mental health concepts and skills. Although originally conceptualized as an international program, the MHF has recently seen a growth of interest and partnerships within the United States. NBCC International created and administrates the MHF program.

NBCC is a sponsor of the IOM forum and regularly takes part in its meetings. NBCC-I has already responded to several interested forum members’ inquiries about the MHF.

More information about the meeting and videos of the MHF presentations are available at www.iom.edu/Activities/Global/InnovationHealthProfEducation/2014-MAY-01.

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