



Winners Federation Inc.

Healthy Workers for Healthy Horses

Media Advisory

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The Winners Federation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose vision is: "A healthy working environment at racetracks and within the horse-racing industry." Details about the Winners Federation, its products and services, may be found on its website, www.winnersfederation.org.

Healthy Workers for Healthy Horses Is Theme of Winners Federation Professional Conference in Shepherdstown, WV, June 29-30

Healthy Workers for Healthy Horses is the Winners Federation motto and the theme for the non-profit organization's 2009 Professional Conference. To be held June 29-30 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, the Winners Federation Professional Conference will immediately precede the National Horsemen's and Benevolent Protective Association (HBPA) conference to be held at the same location June 30-July 3.

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Winners Federation Conference

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Hall of Fame jockey and ESPN/ABC Television commentator Jerry Bailey will open the program on Monday, June 29, with a video message. National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) CEO Alex Waldrop will speak at the Monday evening dinner. Waldrop will address how the goals of the Winners Federation, embodied in its motto *Healthy Workers for Healthy Horses*, are incorporated in the Safety and Integrity Alliance guidelines developed by NTRA and endorsed by more than 60 horse-racing organizations.

The conference presentations will expand on the theme and seek to establish the concept that a healthy and non-impaired workforce is good business. Not only do healthy and non-impaired workers -- whether at the track, on the farm or behind the scenes -- provide a safer environment for the equine athlete and bring integrity to the sport, but also they lower costs for health care and from injury and lead to more productive employees. Continuing Education Units for professional counselors will be available.

THE REGISTRATION FEE for the Winners Federation Professional Conference is \$125 if paid by May 15, \$150 if paid by June 20, and \$175 if paid after June 20 or on-site. To register, please visit the Winners Federation website, www.winnersfederation.org, e-mail winfed@gmail.com, or call 502-223-1823. The registration fee includes all conference materials; CEUs; Monday dinner; and continental breakfast, breaks and lunch on Tuesday, June 30.

Rooms at the Clarion Hotel are \$104, plus tax, (single-double-triple-quad). Reservations may be made by calling 304-876-7000 and using the code "WFI conference." The deadline for the group rate is June 7.

In addition to the Jerry Bailey video message and Alex Waldrop presentation, the program will feature a Monday afternoon workshop "*Cover Your Backside -- Health Care for Backstretch Workers*" by Trish Bowe, RN, BSN, MS, administrator/director, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, which serves the Massachusetts racetracks.

Tuesday's program begins with "*Essential Knowledge for Faith-Based Counseling*" by Curtis L Barrett, Ph.D., professor emeritus, University of Louisville, and The Rev. Janet Jacobs, director, Methodist Church Gambling Recovery Ministries of Southern Indiana.

Tuesday continues with a presentation "*Care of the Human Athlete -- Tools to Help the Whole Person.*" Panelists will be William Borchard, MSW, LCSW, counselor, Maryland Racing, who will address education of eating disorders; Jim Haggan, counselor, Horse Racing Alberta, who will present the concept of harm reduction; and Wes Jones, MSW, LCSW, counselor, Delaware Park, who will discuss motivational interviewing.

Concluding the program will be a panel on "*Program Survival -- Funding and Politics*" featuring Jim Greene, counselor, Massachusetts Race Tracks; Cate Dolan, president, New York Backstretch Employee Services Team; and Haggan.

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