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The fourth biannual
**The Clock is Ticking for
Rural America:
A Behavioral Health
& Safety Conference**

August 3-5, 2009
Sheraton Hotel & Sioux Falls Convention Center
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Sheraton Hotel

❖ **Call for Papers** ❖

The Clock is Ticking for Rural America conference committee is currently accepting proposal submissions for the 2009 conference to be held in Sioux Falls.

The Clock is Ticking Conference focuses on the behavioral health of the agricultural population. 2009 conference themes:

- Farm Chemicals and Our Behavior
- Depression in Diverse Agricultural People
- Across the Generations: Retiring, Boomers, Xers and Millennials in Farming

The conference planning committee will consider other topics related to agricultural behavioral health.

There are awards for outstanding student submissions.

This call for papers is open until April 3, 2009. For more information or to submit a presentation proposal please visit <http://www.agriwellness.org/ConfInfo.htm>

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The Clock is Ticking for Rural America *Featured Presenters:*

Dr. Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola

Dr. Aguilar-Gaxiola is a Professor of Internal Medicine and the Founding Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine. Dr. Aguilar-Gaxiola has worked in the field of mental health for almost 30 years.

Dr. Lorann Stallones

Dr. Stallones is a Professor of Epidemiology at Colorado State University where she is also the Head of the Graduate Degree Program in Public Health. Dr. Stallones serves as the Director of the Colorado Injury Control Research Center at CSU. Of particular relevance to this conference, Dr. Stallones has studied the effects of exposure to pesticides and agricultural stress and depression.

Conference Town Hall Meeting

The Clock is Ticking Conference will again include time for a Town Hall meeting. This meeting, which is open to all conference attendees, has emerged as a productive opportunity to define the next steps in the field of agricultural behavioral health. For instance, the 2007 town hall meeting was the germination of the Farm & Ranch Stress Assistance Network, which is now part of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Upcoming Event: