

Occupy the American Psychiatric Association!

THE APA'S PROPOSED NEW EDITION OF PSYCHIATRY'S BIBLE, THE *DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS (DSM-5)*, SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION IN 2013, IS BEING ROLLED OUT AT THE APA ANNUAL MEETING MAY 5-9, 2012, AT THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA. THE MANY CRITICS OF THE NEW EDITION PREDICT THAT IT WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO OVER-PRESCRIPTION OF PSYCHIATRIC DRUGS.

AS THE APA GATHERS AT THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER...



Join with us in a peaceful effort to:

- **Reject mental illness labels!**
- **Promote humane alternatives and adjuncts to the traditional mental health system!**
- **Protest the medicalization of natural human emotions!**
- **Promote the opportunity for truly informed consent!**
- **Support the right to make our own mental health treatment choices!**

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012

STARTING TIME: 10 A.M.

PLACE: FRIENDS CENTER, 1515 CHERRY STREET, PHILADELPHIA

Speakers will include Jim Gottstein, Esq., founder, Law Project for Psychiatric Rights; David Oaks, founder and executive director, MindFreedom International; Joseph Rogers, executive director, National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse; Dr. Kyle Arnold of the Coalition for DSM-5 Reform, whose petition – with more than 13,000 signatures – opposes the proposed changes to the DSM; and many others!

OCCUPY THE APA IS A BIG TENT! Participants will come from across the philosophical spectrum, from those of us who willingly use the traditional mental health system and feel that psychiatry has helped us, to those who do NOT willingly use the traditional mental health system and feel that psychiatry has harmed us, to family members, mental health service providers and professionals, administrators, advocates, and the general public! All are welcome!

THE FRIENDS CENTER RALLY (AT 10 A.M.) WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED (AT 12:15 P.M.) BY A MARCH TO THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER, 12TH AND ARCH STREETS, WHERE WE WILL GATHER TO PROTEST WHILE THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION MEETS INSIDE.

Sponsored by MindFreedom International (MFI) www.mindfreedom.org and the National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse www.mhselfhelp.org. Questions? Please contact David Oaks, MFI executive director, boycott@mindfreedom.org, 541-345-9106; or Susan Rogers, Clearinghouse director, srogers@mhasp.org, 267-507-3812.