

**NADD HEALTH DISPARITIES TASK FORCE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

3:45-4:45 PM

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Room International 7 (International Level)

Meeting Facilitator: Laura Lein, Co-chair, with Eddie Uehara, Co-chair and James Herbert Williams, Co-chair.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (approx. 45 people attended)
2. Update and Discussion:

Health Disparities Curriculum Infusion Project: Update on National Panel Meeting; Next steps

Alberto Godenzi reminded all that NADD partnered with OMH to work on Health Disparities Curriculum Infusion Project (under collaborative Grant) which is now based at SIRC of ASU. A National Panel of 25 experts convened in ASU in September of 2011 (scholars, academics, practitioners, members of NADD and HD Task Force, etc.) The Panel reviewed materials gathered, had discussions on content and practices resonating with real world and will report findings to Teresa Chapa at OMH which will be grounds for a proposal at the end on March 2012 to apply for a bigger grant.

James Herbert Williams pointed out that academics and practitioners representing all regions of the U.S. discussed many aspects of the integrative Health Care based on the knowledge of the real world in order to develop competencies along with CSWE and support from the ASU.

Members of the task force who attended the Panel Meeting talked about evidence based practice versus practice based evidence, testing of the promising practices, definitions of partnerships, community defined evidence, organic / indigenous nature, urban / rural commonalities, community-based prevention issues, etc. leading to results back to communities.

Health Disparities Symposium: Next steps in planning

James Herbert Williams' main points on Health Disparities Symposium:

- To have Health Disparities Symposium with SSWR Meeting in January of 2012 is not possible
 - To possibly hold the symposium in conjunction with the next APM or next SSWR Meeting
 - To define primary focus of the Health Disparities Symposium
3. Discussion Item: *Collaboration with NADD's Behavioral Health Task Force*

Eddie Uehara announced that Wynne Korr's Behavioral Health Task Force will receive first year funding from Linda Rosenberg's National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare to develop its curriculum during the next 2-3 years.

James Herbert Williams acknowledged NADD's Behavioral Health Task Force work under Wynne Korr's leadership and suggested collaboration between the two task forces: Behavioral Health Task Force and Health Disparities Task Force.

4. New Business/new project suggestions?

Members of the task force suggested focusing on the following important issues: evidence of HD Health Care deliveries, job creation, shortage of workers, Health Care in the future, servicing persons of color, high profiling of social work profession to ensure its future.

Alberto Godenzi suggested holding a separate conference on Health, similar to U of Pittsburgh's Race in America conference, in order to demonstrate and exercise leverage of expertise. Gail Steketee from Boston University suggested that her University could be considered as primary venue option for such conference.

5. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.