

NADD HEALTH DISPARITIES TASK FORCE PROJECTS/INITIATIVES 2009-2010

1. CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES: Social work is home to a number of renowned health disparities researchers—and a growing body of knowledge on health disparities is being generated by social work researchers. The conference will highlight our critical contributions to the nation’s health disparities agenda.

Currently signed up for this initiative are:

- Bruce Friedman
- Wynne Korr
- Flavio Marsiglia
- Barbara Shank
- Gail Steketee
- Eddie Uehara
- James Herbert Williams
- Joan Zlotnik

2. HEALTH DISPARITIES CURRICULUM INFUSION PROJECT (INITIAL PHASE): The project would set the stage for expanding and enhancing the health disparities content and skills training in the curricula of graduate social work programs across the nation. It draws heavily from Geriatric Social Work Initiative (GSWI) (1998-2008), funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation, and the more recent Advanced Practice Competencies in Substance Use Disorders Project, sponsored by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and supported by SAMHSA. Both initiatives demonstrate the power and efficacy of curriculum change as an intervention/planned change strategy—and both provide models, materials, and strategic guidance for the current project.

Currently signed up for this initiative are:

- Larry Davis
- Alberto Godenzi
- Norma Thomas
- Eddie Uehara
- James Herbert Williams
- Ike Adams
- Joan Zlotnik

3. PROGRAM SURVEY: The survey will produce information on the health and health disparities content in social work programs, as well as the extent of public health-social work collaboration—thus informing the health disparities curriculum infusion project described above.

Currently signed up for this initiative are:

- Jacqueline Mondros
- Sue Perlmutter
- Marjorie Sable
- Mary Gillmore