

NADD HEALTH DISPARITIES TASK FORCE: SECOND MEETING  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010 (via conference call)  
1:00-2:00 PM (EST)  
MEETING FACILITATOR: JAMES HERBERT WILLIAMS

Summary of the Meeting (via conference call)

Present: James "Ike" Adams, Ira Colby, Karin Elliott Brown, Bruce Friedman, Alberto Godenzi, Steven Huberman, Jane Middleton, Jacqueline Mondros, Kristine Nelson, Gerri Outlaw, Salome Raheim, Marjorie Sable, Gail Steketee, Billie Terrell, Norma Thomas, Edwina Uehara, James Herbert Williams, Joan Zlotnik, and Vitali Chamov.

Absent: Larry Davis, Mary Gillmore, Wynne Korr, Flavio Marsiglia, Lorraine Midanik, Larry Ortiz, Sue Pearlmutter, Norma Kolko Phillips, Barbara Shank, Cudore Snell, Jane Woody, and James Zabora.

The following items were on the agenda of the meeting:

1. Attendance
2. Project Reports
  - a. Curriculum/Capacity Building Initiative (Alberto Godenzi)
  - b. Public Health Survey (Jackie Mondros)
  - c. Health Disparities Conference (James Herbert Williams)
  - d. Volunteer Reviewers of OMH Plan (James Herbert Williams)  
<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/images/plan/nationalplan.pdf>
3. Planning for April NADD meeting (Eddie Uehara)
4. Other Items

1. Attendance

James Herbert Williams conducted roll call of the participants and those present / absent were identified as above.

2. Project Reports

- a. Curriculum/Capacity Building Initiative (Alberto Godenzi)

Alberto reminded everyone that initially NADD Proposal (unsolicited) was submitted to the OMH in Spring of 2009, and the revised version was submitted in August of 2009 (after the Meeting of NADD Representatives with Dr. Garth Graham).

As OMH is waiting for the Health Care Bill to pass and has not yet received funding for the current year, all other requests for funding are pending. NADD's contact person in

OMH Teresa Chapa informed Alberto yesterday that all unsolicited proposals are first to go if funding is inadequate. There is a Social Worker, Beth Bowers, who works with Teresa Chapa. Alberto also mentioned Teresa Chapa's suggestion to seek other agencies for funding and possible meeting with Teresa Chapa and Beth Bowers.

Alberto said that Dr. Garth Graham confirmed his participation at the NADD Spring 2010 Conference in April 2010 and also at Larry Davis' school Conference in June 2010. James Herbert Williams added that, based on his and Alberto's recent meeting with Dr. Garth Graham, Dr. Graham was positive and supportive and suggested that NADD should expand contacts beyond OMH: NIDDK, SAMSA, HERSA. Alberto added that \$100,000 requested for funding of the Initiative is not a big amount, given the fact that some schools even offered such amount for the project, and there is a need to build relationship between NADD and other agencies. Larry Ortiz, James Herbert Williams and Alberto will meet with such agency(cies).

Eddie Uehara suggested having Plan B, while pursuing contacts with SAMSA, what NADD might do on our own starting immediately - to work on advanced competencies project and presenting the draft at the NADD Business Meeting in April 2010. All present agreed.

James Herbert Williams and Bruce Friedman concurred that it will be our alternative route in the light of new EPAS. Ira Colby said that only one competencies booklet at a time can be put together, for example, Military Social Work Competencies will be ready late Spring, Aging (Gero) Competencies came out at the 2009 APM; and CSWE will partner with NADD on this project.

b. Public Health Survey (Jackie Mondros)

Jackie Mondros informed everyone that the revision of the old survey was done and draft of the new survey will be ready for the April 2010 Meeting.

c. Health Disparities Conference (James Herbert Williams)

James Herbert Williams informed everyone about the meeting he had with SSWR Board at the recent SSWR Conference (January 14-17, 2010) in San Francisco to discuss NADD partnering with SSWR and having its first Health Disparities Conference the day before – on Wednesday. Possible dates would be whether January 2011 SSWR Conference in Tampa, FL or January 2012 SSWR Conference in Washington, DC. In order to make it happen logistics of it should be worked out (meeting rooms/space) and R13 proposal should be submitted.

Bruce Friedman said that in order to determine the focus of the conference Task Force needs to consider one of these options - calls for abstracts or presentations (invited papers).

James Herbert Williams also added that we need to identify schools willing to be co-sponsors of the conference and that Conference Planning group should have a conference call in February of 2010.

d. Volunteer Reviewers of OMH Plan (James Herbert Williams)

James Herbert Williams announced that OMH would like to have readers of The National Plan for Action document among the NADD HD Task Force members (see the link: <http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/images/plan/nationalplan.pdf> ).

This is a deadline-driven project – feedback should be submitted to OMH by February 10, 2010. Salome Raheim, Billie Terrell, Alberto Godenzi, Steven Huberman, Norma Thomas and Bruce Friedman volunteered to be the readers.

3. Planning for April NADD meeting (Eddie Uehara)

Eddie Uehara suggested having the same structure of the TF meeting (1 hour meeting) at the April NADD Conference as it was at the Fall 2009 Meeting in San Antonio. Task Force members should coordinate the structure of the meeting with the office of Dr. Graham.

Task Force members agreed that they would like to have CSWE & Hill update at the NADD Meeting in April and if possible to have a person from Washington speaking at the conference.

4. Other Items

James Herbert Williams proposed to have another conference call in March. It was agreed that each of the Task Force subgroups would come up with a summary (one page) of key strategy points for the April Meeting.

End of the conference call.