

NADD HEALTH DISPARITIES TASK FORCE: ORGANIZING MEETING
September 29, 2009 (via conference call)
3:00-4:00 PM (EST)
MEETING FACILITATOR: EDDIE UEHARA

Summary of the Meeting (via conference call)

Present: James "Ike" Adams, Ira Colby, Karin Elliott Brown, Bruce Friedman, Mary Gillmore, Alberto Godenzi, Steven Huberman, Jacqueline Mondros, Kristine Nelson, Larry Ortiz, Sue Pearlmutter, Salome Raheim, Marjorie Sable, Barbara Shank, Gail Steketee, Norma Thomas, Edwina Uehara, James Herbert Williams, Joan Zlotnik, Wynne Korr and Vitali Chamov.

Absent: Larry Davis, Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts, Flavio Marsiglia, Jane Middleton, Gerri Outlaw, Norma Kolko Phillips, Elizabeth Talbot and Jane Woody.

The following items were on the agenda of the meeting:

1. Task Force Charge
2. Health Disparities Curriculum Infusion Project
3. Health Disparities Conference
4. MSW-MPH Program Survey
5. Other
6. Updates at November meeting

1. Task Force Charge

Eddie Uehara thanked all the participants for joining in and asked Alberto Godenzi to give a brief review of the Task Force Charge. Alberto Godenzi thanked Eddie Uehara, James Herbert Williams, Norma Thomas, and others for their active participation and initiative, and said that the main goals of the HD Task Force are: to enhance knowledge capacity (via conferences and research collaboration), to increase influence of NADD in specific area, leading to securing funds to benefit members and use of development fund (recently announced on the website).

2. Health Disparities Curriculum Infusion Project

Eddie then asked participants to discuss and endorse three projects for this academic year: Health Disparities Curriculum Infusion Project, Health Disparities Conference and dual degree (MSW-MPH) Program Survey. Joan Zlotnik gave a brief overview of the Curriculum Infusion Project, beginning with Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts' presentation at the NADD 2008 Spring Conference in Albuquerque, NM, resulting in initiatives what NADD might do with the Office of Minority Health to eliminate Health Disparities.

Subsequently, a meeting with Dr. Garth Graham took place, Norma Thomas went to the HD Regional Meeting, a presentation was submitted for the 3rd Annual HD Summit in February 2009, NADD/IASWR Proposal was submitted to the OMH in April 2009, and meeting between NADD leadership, Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts and Dr. Graham took place.

Alberto gave an update on the current status of the proposal: as of today we have a new contact person in OMH - Teresa Chapa, as per her recent email to Alberto, their budget will be approved on October 1, 2009 and we need to wait few more weeks for our proposal to be approved. The most important thing is that she wants to work with NADD.

Alberto and Eddie also informed others that in order to direct this initiative the proposal provides for the creation of a new staff position. Alberto recommended the program might be located in a state with a highly diverse student population (no decision on that yet). Revision and rewriting of the proposal took place in September 2009 without an option of financing of indirect costs.

Alberto also reiterated that this initiative will allow programs who have few resources to infuse Health Disparities in their curriculum. Bruce Friedman mentioned that we need to coordinate with EPAS requirements and that would allow to bring a lot of models to the curriculum infusion project.

3. Health Disparities Conference

Alberto reminded everyone that the idea of the HD Conference came from the NADD 2009 Spring Conference in Scottsdale, AZ. James Herbert Williams said that the conference planning group was recently created among members of the NADD Health Disparities Task Force. At the moment the dates are not yet chosen and the conference planning group is open to any feedback on different ways and types of the conference (stand-alone or back to back?). November 6 (date of the NADD Fall 2009 Meeting) was set as working timeline date to provide more information.

Joan Zlotnik mentioned various ways of conference funding through NIH's Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13) mechanism with the application deadline dates in August, April, and December.

4. Social Work Program Survey

Sue Pearlmuter informed everyone that the idea of the SSW survey originated from the NADD 2009 Spring Conference in Scottsdale, AZ. Sue said that one objective of the survey is increase our knowledge of health disparities content in social work programs.

Jacqueline Mondros, Sue Pearlmutter and Margie Sable began working on a draft survey and will provide draft framework of the survey at the November 6 Meeting. They asked all task force members to email ideas and suggestions via HD listserv.

5. Other

Responding to Steve Huberman's question regarding whether Alberto or Ira will testify on Capitol Hill on the topic of health disparities and healthcare reform, Ira Colby said that a lot of work is being done behind the scenes on Capitol Hill (ANSWER Coalition, NASW, CSWE's Government Relations people working more on language (which is more efficient) than testifying. Steve will address the Health Disparities Task Force on this topic at the Nov. 6th TF meeting.

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6. Updates at November meeting

Eddie Uehara, Meeting Facilitator, said that more updates will available at the November 6 Meeting and thanked members of the task force for participating in the conference call.

End of the conference call.