Behavioral Health Matters
Black History Month Series 2021

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Virtual Presentation
February 25 & 26, 2021
Learn more about our guest and showcase speakers
The list below is presented in the order of the agenda for this two-day event.

DAY ONE

- Connecticut State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- SAMHSA, Office of Behavioral Health Equity
- AFCAMP – Advocacy for Children
- The Health Education Center, Inc.
- New England Mental Health Technology Transfer Center
- Legendary Legacies, Inc.
- Indigo Arts Alliance
- Rhode Island Cares

DAY TWO

- Vital Village Networks
- Project Weber/RENEW
- Connecticut BIPOC Mental Health and Wellness Initiative
- Vibrant Emotional Health
- Life in My Days
- KeruBo Music
- Center for Health + Justice Transformation
Upcoming Events, Additional Resources

Hosted/Shared by Our Collaborators

• March 4, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m. EDT
  Elevate CBOs Webinar Series: Grants 101
  Host: SAMSHA Office of Behavioral Health Equity

• March 10, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. EDT
  Children’s Mobile Crisis Team Model: Lessons Learned
  Host: New England MHTTC, Childhood-Trauma Learning Collaborative

• Vibrant Emotional Health: Crisis Emotional Care Team Brochure
WELCOME NEW ENGLAND

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introduces the

Diversity Inclusion Project
Showcase
Opening Remarks & Introduction of Special Guest
Taylor Bryan Turner

Welcome & Introduction of Guest Speaker
Tom Coderre, Acting Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use
Guest Speaker
Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, PhD
Commissioner
Connecticut State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Diversity Inclusion Project Showcase

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SAMHSA New England
Presented Challenges

WHAT CAN SAMHSA DO?

• What is SAMHSA doing to increase diversity among grantees?
• What is SAMHSA doing to increase visibility for all providers?
• Why do the same entities continue to get funding each year?
• What is SAMHSA doing about behavioral health equity in the region?
Possible Solutions

SAMHSA CAN...

• Own it
• Ask to review state proposals
• Listen & Convene

"SAMHSA hears from state colleagues and other stakeholders that, ‘State Administrators want to do good; help them do it.’"

- OBHE, Strategies for Outreaching and Engaging Communities of Color: A Pathway to Reducing Disparities
Create a space to cultivate strong partnerships for equitable and healthier communities

Provide diverse non-profit organizations an opportunity to present their business focus, populations served, purpose and community impact, to regional behavioral health and substance use disorder leadership in your states.

This effort is in direct response to local organizations who wish to gain access to SAMHSA block grants. SAMHSA is exempt from advising states on how to allocate federal funds. However, as a convener, SAMHSA has the ability to assemble historically marginalized populations with visible and viable entities in an effort to cultivate partnerships.
WHO
State leadership, providers and CBOs in under-served communities, who wish to gain access to federal funds to address substance use and behavioral health needs. Other federal partners, academia, and philanthropic entities are welcome to attend and share complimentary grant announcements.

WHAT
The Diversity Inclusion Project Showcase (DIPS) is an in person or virtual convening where community providers will showcase their business and community needs in 10 minutes or less to state leadership and various partners to maximize funding potential. DIPS categories may include: youth, housing, PPW, workforce development, LGBTQIA+ re-entry and justice, serious mental illness, veterans, older adults, faith groups, etc.

WHEN
DIPS may be held annually or biannually depending on your community needs or SAMHSA grant cycle. Grant cycles are unique to states. The program should not exceed 120 minutes.
DIPS Breakdown Continued

WHERE
Be creative. Be thoughtful.

• Office Conference Space
• Local Library
• CBO – Visit the community
• Host virtually

WHY
DIPS’ mission and goal is to create a space to cultivate strong partnerships for equitable and healthier communities. DIPS brings visibility to under-served community based organizations to ensure viability.
Sample Agenda

Welcome & Partner Roll Call: 5 MIN
SAMHSA

Guest Speaker/Purpose: 5 MIN

Moderator* 5: MIN
Showcase 1: 5 MIN
Showcase 2: 5 MIN
Showcase 3: 5 MIN
Showcase 4: 5 MIN

Break 5 MIN
Showcase 5: 5 MIN
Showcase 6: 5 MIN
Showcase 7: 5 MIN
Showcase 8: 5 MIN
Adjourn 5 MIN

MATCH THE PROGRAM TO THE PEOPLE

After each presenter, the state liaison will identify a point of contact or office to the presenting agency for follow-up and ongoing engagement.
"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

MAYA ANGELOU
1. After a year, states will report out on successful partnerships formed throughout the year.

2. Increase diverse populations among community needs assessments.

3. Implement data used from the pandemic to identify hot spots to secure funding.

4. Increase access to funding where businesses provide for underserved communities in the areas of behavioral health, prevention, treatment, and recovery.

5. Create a space to cultivate strong partnerships for equitable and healthier communities.

**DIPS DREAM GOAL**

Create a checkbox on grants.gov that would identify businesses that provide services to communities where 50% or more of the population is of Color.
Office of Behavioral Health Equity Tips

"A Compelling and Urgent Need: COVID-19 pandemic, economic crisis and widespread racially-focused protests, has highlighted glaring inequities for racial and ethnic minority communities."

"These crises have significant implications for mental health and exacerbate already poor access to behavioral health services in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities."

"SAMHSA is also committed to ensuring that underserved populations, particularly ethnic and racial minority communities, receive a fair share of these federal resources. Unfortunately, as SAMHSA examines the outcomes and performance data of these investments, it is clear that populations of color remain markedly underserved."

- OBHE, Strategies for Outreaching and Engaging Communities of Color: A Pathway to Reducing Disparities
Facilitator
Mary Roary, PhD
Director, SAMHSA
Office of Behavioral Health Equity
Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Ann Smith, JD, MBA
Executive Director
AFCAMP - Advocacy for Children
Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Michele Scott
Executive Director
Health Education Center
PAUSE FOR A PARTNER

Maria E. Restrepo-Toro, BNS, MS
Co-Director
Meet the New England MHTTC
Learn More About Our
BIPOC Strategic Outreach Initiative,
“Better Together”
Massachusetts Showcase Speaker

Ronald Waddell
Executive Director
Legendary Legacies, Inc.
Nyamuon Nguany (AKA - Moon) Machar
Youth Advocate, Artist in Residence
Rhode Island Impact Speaker

**Machiste Rankin**
Community Engagement Coordinator, Chairman of RI Cares Advocacy Committee, Rhode Island Cares
Thank you for joining this inaugural event. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

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WELCOME BACK

DAY 2

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introduces the

Diversity Inclusion Project Showcase
Guest Speaker

Renée Boynton-Jarrett, MD, ScD

Founding Director
Moderator
Mary Roary, PhD
Director, SAMHSA Office of Behavioral Health Equity
Rhode Island Showcase Speaker

Dennis A. Bailer
Overdose Prevention Program Director
Project Weber/RENEW
Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Janelle Posey-Green, LCSW, CLC
Connecticut BIPOC Mental Health and Wellness Initiative
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April Naturale, PhD
Assistant Vice President
National Crisis & Wellness Programs
&
Raven Blue
Program Coordinator
Crisis Emotional Care Team Program
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Connecticut Showcase Speaker

Thalia E. Palacios
Director of Mental and Social Transformation
Life in My Days
Vermont Showcase Speaker

KeruBo-Ogoti Webster, LCSW
Teaching Artist
KeruBo Music

Video Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tivs_o63x04&feature=youtu.be
Recruit, Train, and Retain
The Importance of BIPOC Health Professionals

Michele Scott
Executive Director
Impact Speaker

Mavis Nimoh, MPA
Executive Director
Center for Health + Justice Transformation
Showcase Artwork: New England BIPOC Artist

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Thank You

SAMHSA’s mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America’s communities.

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