



National Hispanic Medical Association

## **Program Updates**

### **CALL FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: NHMA/AAOA OPIOID TOOLKIT**

NHMA has partnered with Allied Against Opioid Abuse (AAOA) to create culturally appropriate material to educate Spanish-speaking audiences about prescription opioid safety.

NHMA is looking for physicians to join an Advisory Committee to help assist in creating this toolkit. Committee Members will inform NHMA on the toolkit's format and content and also advise on culturally-sensitive translation of materials.

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, [please click here](#) to sign up by **June 24, 2020**. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ben Melano at [bmelano@nhmamd.org](mailto:bmelano@nhmamd.org) or Vincent Gearity at [vgearity@nhmamd.org](mailto:vgearity@nhmamd.org).

### **NIH ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM**

The *All of Us* Research Program is a momentous effort funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to advance individualized prevention, treatment, and care for people of all backgrounds. The program's aim is to enroll 1 million or more volunteers and receive samples from communities who have been underrepresented in research, making the program the largest and most diverse resource of its kind. Read more about the program, [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Melano at: [bmelano@nhmamd.org](mailto:bmelano@nhmamd.org).

### **NHMA CHAPTERS**

In July 2019, the NHMA Board of Directors announced the formation of the NHMA Chapter Policy Forums in areas across the nation where we have had regional meetings since 2013. The purpose of the forums is for NHMA to educate its Members and others on health care policies impacting the Latino community and build networking opportunities to sustain Chapters and increase the members and partners of NHMA.

To see a complete list of all the inaugural NHMA Chapters and their chairs, please go [here](#).

## NHMA MEDICAL SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

The NHMA Medical School Liaison Program started in January 2019 to appoint one physician or resident Liaison to meet with the Latino Medical Student Association Chapter informally three times a year for 3 years. These discussions are meant to give current medical students a perspective of practicing medicine within the Latino communities where the medical school is situated. The program's aim is to complement what the medical students are currently learning, such as the day-to-day life of a doctor and various physician opportunities within the medical school and the Latino community. To sign up to be an NHMA Liaison, please go to: <https://www.nhmamd.org/programs/nhma-medical-liason-program/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Melano at [bmelano@nhmamd.org](mailto:bmelano@nhmamd.org).

## PARTNERING AND COMMUNICATING TOGETHER (PACT) LET'S STOP HIV TOGETHER



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NHMA, along with other national organizations representing the populations hardest hit by HIV/AIDS, are partners in the PACT program. Through a collaborative approach, PACT Members assist in achieving the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States (NHAS) by reducing new HIV infections, improving health outcomes for individuals living with HIV, and reducing HIV related disparities. PACT Members utilize their distinct viewpoints in creating a wide range of communication, mobilization and outreach activities.

The *Let's Stop HIV Together* campaign (formerly known as *Act Against AIDS*) includes [resources](#) and [partnerships](#) aimed at stopping [HIV stigma](#) and promoting [HIV testing](#), [prevention](#), and [treatment](#). *Let's Stop HIV Together* empowers communities, partners on the ground, and health care providers to reduce stigma among all Americans, prevent HIV among the hardest-hit populations, and help people with HIV stay healthy.

### ***Let's Stop HIV Together Fact of the Month***

Believing that only certain groups of people can get HIV, making moral judgments about people who take steps to prevent HIV transmission, and feeling that people deserve to get HIV because of their choices are all examples of HIV stigma.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

***NHMA is seeking healthcare providers that treat Hispanic/Latinx patients with HIV/AIDS to create a short (1-2 min) video on the importance of HIV prevention/treatment and how you treat your minority patients living with HIV. If you are interested, please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/NHMAHIVVideoSeries>***

Visit our website for more information: <https://www.nhmamd.org/programs/hiv-pact-program/>.

## **NHMA CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CAMPAIGN**

NHMA is continuing our Cardiovascular Disease Education Campaign to increase awareness among key policymakers, patient advocates and healthcare providers on the prevalence of high cholesterol in post-heart attack patients.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

***NHMA is seeking healthcare providers that treat Hispanic/Latinx patients with CVD to create a short (1-2 min) video on the importance of being heart healthy and how you treat your minority patients with CVD. If you are interested, sign up here: <http://bit.ly/NHMACVDVideoSeries>.***

Visit our website for more information: <https://www.nhmamd.org/programs/nhma-cholesterol/>.

## **NHMA COLLEGE HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The College Health Scholars Program's (CHSP) purpose is to increase the diversity of the health workforce with Hispanic physicians, health professionals, and scientist/researchers by providing resources to pre-health/science college students that address academic preparation for graduate school, including math and science, professional and personal development, and financial aid resources.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

#### **CALL FOR MENTORS**

***The NHMA CHSP is looking for medical, dental, nursing, public health, PhD, and MD/PhD health professional students and health professionals to mentor the next generation! This is a one-on-one virtual mentorship program where you will be paired with a current pre-health college student. To apply, please go to <https://forms.gle/ZcWNmdn8bBjTCqgW8>. For more information on CHSP, go to <http://bit.ly/NHMACHSP>.***

## **NHHF STOP VAPING CAMPAIGN**

The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) is excited to announce the launch of its Stop Vaping Campaign, in partnership with the Aetna Foundation. The campaign aims to educate Hispanic/Latino middle and high school students about the harmful effects of vaping, to urge students to stop or not start vaping. NHHF has hosted a focus group of middle and high school students and have created an Advisory Committee.

For more information, please visit the website at: <https://www.nhmafoundation.org/stop-vaping-campaign/>.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

***NHHF is looking for health care professionals based in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, or Miami to serve as spokespersons for the program. Spokespersons would educate middle and high school students about the harmful effects of vaping using the campaign materials NHHF has put together. If you are interested in being a spokesperson, please apply [here](#).***

## **HEALTH LITERACY PROGRAM**

NHHF, along with Centene Corporation, is developing a health literacy toolkit focused on pre-diabetic and diabetic Hispanic physicians. The toolkit will be distributed in urban and rural medical practices in Los Angeles and New Mexico.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

*NHHF is looking for health care providers in New Mexico and Los Angeles who are interested in using the toolkit in their practices and providing feedback. To sign up, please click [here](#).*