



Conference Presenters

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Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities through Integrated Health Care
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Teresa Chapa, PhD, MPA, is a senior policy advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. Dr. Chapa leads the first-ever behavioral health section within the federal Office of Minority Health aimed at eliminating disparities in mental health and substance use among under-represented and underserved racial and ethnic minorities, and limited English-speaking minority populations. As a member of the senior leadership team, Dr. Chapa works to ensure that behavioral health is part of the public health agenda. Key projects focus on building a diverse, multidisciplinary, and culturally and linguistically competent behavioral health workforce, leadership development and promotion of integrated health care. In her role, she promotes, develops and supports new initiatives, innovative solutions and demonstration projects that can inform policies and practices aimed at eliminating disparities and promoting good health. Dr. Chapa began her public health career first as a nurse and mental health practitioner in San Francisco community mental health centers. She later obtained a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from San Francisco State University, a master's degree and doctorate in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology, Berkeley, and a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School in Cambridge, Mass.



Mouchuan Teddy Chen, LCSW, PhD, is a New York state-licensed clinical social worker and director of the Mental Health Bridge Program at the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in New York City. The program is a nationally recognized service model for providing easy access to behavioral health care by integrating it with primary health care. The program also is an effective way to manage stigma attached to mental disorders in the Asian American community. Use of the program has grown significantly since its inception in 1998. Teddy earned a master of science degree in social work and a doctorate from Columbia University. He has devoted a large amount of time and energy to the wellbeing of people with mental disorders. He has authored book chapters and research studies regarding Asian American mental health issues and often speaks out about cross-cultural mental health issues and improving mental health services for Asian Americans. He is a founder of the Chinese American Family Alliance for Mental Health, a nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes mutual support and self-empowerment among Chinese family caregivers of people with mental disorders. Teddy is also a board member of the New York Coalition for Asian American Mental Health, an advocacy organization for improving mental health care in the Asian American community.



Daniel E. Dawes, Esq., is the executive director of government relations, health policy and external affairs at the Morehouse School of Medicine. During health reform negotiations, he founded and chaired the National Working Group on Health Disparities and Health Reform – a group comprising over 250 national organizations and coalitions – to advocate and ensure that health reform legislation included health equity provisions to reduce disparities in health status and health care among vulnerable populations. In recognition of his efforts, Daniel was one of 13 experts invited to serve on the newly established Health Equity Leadership Commission to provide guidance to members of Congress, the Obama administration, and officials at the Department of Health and Human Services on implementing health reform. He is a speaker and author of several publications on health reform and health equity. Daniel is highly respected for his capacity to achieve sound policy changes in a nonpartisan manner. Daniel holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska - College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in business administration and psychology from Nova Southeastern University.



Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee, MD, MPH, FAFP, chief medical officer for Lone Star Circle of Care (LSCC), joined the LSCC team in February 2011. Through this role she is ultimately responsible for all clinicians within the organization and ensures LSCC is offering high-quality care through sustainable business practices. Before coming to LSCC, she was the chief medical officer for more than nine years at the University of Illinois Miles Square Health Center, where she was responsible for the supervision of all medical providers throughout five primary care sites, as well as the coordination of services at six school-based primary care sites. Originally from Illinois, she received an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and a medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Upon completion of her residency, she attended Harvard University where she obtained a master's degree in public health while simultaneously completing a Commonwealth Fund-Harvard University Fellowship in minority health policy.



Venus Ginés, MA, a 19-year breast cancer survivor, is a faculty member of the Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She is currently conducting research on Latino medical mistrust. In 1997, she founded Día de la Mujer Latina, Inc. (DML), a national nonprofit organization committed to navigating the medically underserved Latina community toward culturally and linguistically proficient health education, early detection screening and culturally tailored preventive programs for chronic and communicable diseases. As chief executive officer of DML, she has trained more than 400 Latinos to become promotores (community health workers) and since 1998, she has introduced the patient navigator for DML health fiesta events. In 2009, Venus was honored at the White House by First Lady Michelle Obama in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Today, Venus is a state-certified promotores/community health worker instructor and DML is a Texas state-certified training program. She is the chair of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Promotores Initiative and co-chair of the Region 6 Health Equity Council.



Theopia Jackson, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist at Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland in the Department of Psychiatry. In addition, she is the assistant chair of psychology at Saybrook University (formerly Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center) in San Francisco and is on faculty in both the PsyD and PhD programs. At Children's Hospital, Dr. Jackson provides child, adolescent, adult and family therapy services; trains psychology and medical students; and specializes in serving chronically ill populations. She received her master's degree in psychology from Howard University in Washington, DC and a doctorate in clinical psychology from The Wright Institute in Berkeley, California. Dr. Jackson is committed to serving children, adolescents and their families in diverse settings with special interest in the adaptability of western psychological theories and interventions in diverse multicultural contexts and healing practices. Although Dr. Jackson is psychodynamically trained, family systems, humanistic perspectives, multiculturalism (Africentric Theory), relational theory/feminist thinking and narrative approaches (social justice) inform her clinical practice.



Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, MD is the acting deputy assistant secretary for minority health and the acting director of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The OMH is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities. A pediatrician with epidemiology training, Dr. Gracia has served in academic medicine and government. From 2009 to 2011, she was the chief medical officer for the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, where she provided programmatic and policy leadership and coordination of a portfolio that included child and adolescent health, climate change, disaster preparedness, environmental health, global health, Haiti recovery and the White House Council on Women and Girls. Most recently, she led the development of HHS' draft 2012 environmental justice strategy, which addresses the disproportionate exposure of minority and low-income communities and Indian tribes to environmental hazards and promotes healthy community environments. Dr. Gracia is an advocate for minority and vulnerable populations and lectures nationwide on health disparities and children's health. She is a national president emeritus of the Student National Medical Association and a past postgraduate physician trustee of the National Medical Association. A first-generation Haitian-American, Dr. Gracia earned a bachelor of arts with honors in French at Stanford University.



Pierluigi Mancini, PhD, NCAC II, of Colombian and Italian descent, has been helping people in Georgia recover from mental illness and addiction since 1985. With degrees in psychology and business, Dr. Mancini has directed his energies to helping the Latino community understand and seek help for these devastating illnesses through direct counseling services and prevention and education programs since 1999. Dr. Mancini was appointed to the Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation Board of Directors, was elected president of the board of the National Latino Behavioral Health Association, and serves as the immediate past chairman of the State of Georgia Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council. Dr. Mancini is the founder and executive director of CETPA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing affordable linguistic and culturally appropriate behavioral health services to the Latino community in Georgia. CETPA is the only Latino behavioral health agency in Georgia to earn state licensing and national accreditation for providing integrated services in English and in Spanish.



Octavio N. Martinez Jr., MD, MPH, MBA, FAPA, is executive director of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health and a clinical professor in the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin and an adjunct professor of psychiatry at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He also serves on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Mental Health Workforce for Geriatric Populations, the board of the National Hispanic Council on Aging, and the board of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities Region VI Health Equity Board. He is a commissioner on the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families and a member of the University of Texas – University Charter School Advisory Board. Dr. Martinez is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the American College of Mental Health Administration, the National Hispanic Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and the Texas Society for Psychiatric Physicians. Dr. Martinez is licensed to practice medicine in Texas and North Carolina and is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He has a master's degree in public health from Harvard University's School of Public Health, a doctor's degree in medicine from Baylor College of Medicine, and master's and bachelor's degrees in business administration with a concentration in finance from The University of Texas at Austin.



Katherine Sanchez, LCSW, PhD. Katherine Sanchez is an assistant professor at The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work. Dr. Sanchez practiced as a bilingual clinical social worker for 15 years, primarily in medical settings with monolingual Spanish-speaking populations. Her principal area of research is in integrated health care and the provision of socio-culturally, linguistically adapted models for the treatment of co-morbid mental and physical illness. Dr. Sanchez teaches social work direct practice courses, such as Mental Health and Treatment of Children and Families. She has reviewed the research literature extensively and written on linguistic competency and patient treatment preferences in the provision of mental health services. Dr. Sanchez has an additional interest in furthering her research agenda to translate the evidence by training culturally diverse, bilingual clinicians in evidence-based interventions proven effective for Hispanic populations.



Tassy Parker, PhD, RN, is a tenured associate professor of family and community medicine and associate professor of nursing. She is director of the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center's Center for Native American Health and is assistant dean of the Office of Academic Affairs at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. A medical sociologist and registered nurse, Dr. Parker is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation. She was born and raised on the Cattaraugus Territory of the Seneca Nation and belongs to the Beaver clan. Dr. Parker is a health advocate in partnership with American Indians nationally through co-learning, participatory research and the continuing development of culture-specific and decolonizing research approaches to decrease persistent health inequities. She is devoted to American Indian student development and is principal investigator of an Indians Into Medicine (INMED) grant funded by the Indian Health Service.