



One Network Reaching Many

Greetings!

As we enter the final months for the current grant cycle with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), I would like to reflect on the work of our HBCU-Center for Excellence (HBCU-CFE). This work will be reflected in this newsletter which is filled with behavioral health information, resources and reflections of past, present and future endeavors!



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The HBCU-CFE has been busy serving in the capacity as a resource center for all 105 HBCU Institutions, disseminating information around students' behavioral health needs and workforce development. During this current grant cycle, the Center has awarded 34 behavioral health mini-grants, hosted monthly behavioral health webinars, convened the 2014 National HBCU Behavioral Health Awareness Day, launched the Behavioral Health Communication Public Service Announcement (PSA) Campaign, served as a liaison for the 2014 Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Behavioral Health Policy Academy, served as the HBCU liaison for Kognito At-Risk Program (training 1320 faculty, staff and students to serve as suicide prevention gatekeepers on their campus) and disseminating behavioral health information, resources and opportunities to the HBCU Network.

We would like to welcome our new SAMHSA project officers, Mrs. Shannon Taitt, and Ms. Juli Harkins as we say thank you and farewell to Mrs. Cynthia Graham and Ms. Crystal Saunders. Also, we congratulate Ms. Shaketa Jones, a senior at Johnson C. Smith University and a student member of our Steering Committee, who has served as a resident assistant for three years. Shaketa is currently working on an application to medical school. In addition, we congratulate Mr. Elroy Johnson, senior at Voorhees College and a three-year tenure as a student member of the HBCU CFE Steering Committee. He is also pursuing graduate school majoring in business management. He has served in as a outstanding student leader on his campus as well.

Hardy congratulations to all undergraduate, master's and doctoral graduating students. We would like to thank all professors, staff and faculty for all the great teaching, imparting evidence-based knowledge, mentoring and coaching students on their leadership and academic journeys to greatness. We also acknowledge all the cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude graduates for staying the journey and walking across the graduation stage! In addition, we recognize First Lady Michelle Obama for providing the Commencement address for the Dillard University graduating Class of 2014.

A special round of applause to the HBCU-CFE Steering Committee, our SAMHSA project officers, HBCU staff and our many partners for their dedication and commitment to the collaborative on-going work at the Center For Excellence, providing and enhancing behavioral health promotion, stigma reduction and workforce development on many HBCU campuses.

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National HBCU Behavioral Health Awareness Day

“Navigating Behavioral Health on HBCU Campuses”



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The HBCU-CFE in Behavioral Health at Morehouse School of Medicine, the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Morehouse School of Medicine's Monifa Seawell, M.D. and David Levine, M.D., Jackson State University, and Spelman PEPers collaborated and launched the National HBCU Behavioral Health Awareness Day net conference on February 2014.

The purposes of the event were to increase student and public knowledge and awareness of behavioral health issues to include signs and symptoms; highlight the impact on the overall well-being of students; associate impacts on academic performance; and encourage help-seeking behaviors on college campuses and in communities.

The National HBCU Behavioral Health Awareness Day Conference included student and faculty presentations highlighting cultural specific and promising practices regarding behavioral health awareness and promotion on HBCU campuses and the role of peer educators in health promotion. In addition, the winners from the HBCU Behavioral Health Communication Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest were announced.

The HBCU-CFE convened a two hour webcast that included presentations from Spelman College, Morehouse College and Jackson State University. Drs. Levine and Seawell served as the keynote speakers. Participants of this virtual event were provided with knowledge, tools, resources and strategies to engage their campus community in behavioral health promotion. The archived event can be viewed on the HBCU-CFE website at www.hbcucfe.net.

HBCU-Center for Excellence 2014 Behavioral Health Communication PSA Campaign Congratulation to our Winners!

The HBCU Behavioral Health Communication 2014 Promotion Campaign utilizes the creative talents of HBCU students to produce an informative and educational communication campaign. Participants will disseminate information and raise awareness about Behavioral Health to include signs and symptoms, its impact on the overall well-being of students and associated impacts on academic performance and encourage help seeking behaviors on college campuses and in communities.

1st Place Winner! - Print titled - **Mental Illness**
By: Lakeisha Curtis, Florida Memorial University
Advisors: Professors Valerie Hall and Edward Stephenson

View all qualifying Public Service Announcements at <http://www.youtube.com/user/HBCUCFE/videos>

Special thanks to all
2014 Behavioral Health Promotions Campaign participants!



Announcements

2014 Behavioral Health Webinar Series

- Health Care Reform "Review of Affordable Care Act"
April 24, 2014
1-2 p.m. EDT
- College Days: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly!
May 29, 2014
2-3 p.m. EDT
- De-Stressing the College Student
A Guide to Welcoming the New:
Freshmen, Transfer Students,
Military Veterans and Others
June 26, 2014
2-3 p.m. EDT
- Behavioral Health Innovative
Resources for Veterans
July 29, 2014
2-3 p.m. EDT
- Panel Discussion-Behavioral
Health Patterns and Trends
August 28, 2014
1-2 p.m. EDT

Congratulations!

HBCU Center for Excellence Steering Committee Student Members Class of 2014



Miss Shaketa Jones
Johnson C. Smith University



Mr. Elroy Johnson
Voorhees College

A Students Perspective

The 2014 Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Policy Academy By De' Martinez' R. Simmons, Jackson State University



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Spoken by Helen Keller, this quote really describes my experience at the 2014 HBCU Behavioral Health Dr. Lonnie E. Mitchell Policy Academy (LEM). On my way to LEM, I thought this would be like any other training or conference; I would sit in workshops, network and go home. But, I was surely mistaken. Students from different backgrounds and schools arrived at the LEM and seemed to have one thing in common and that was to make a positive difference at our HBCU. During the first session, we shared our vision of how our HBCU- CFE Behavioral Health Mini-grant project would be implemented and in turn impact our peers. But little did I know how much more the Policy Academy was going to impact me!

Although, I was nervous about presenting during the town hall meeting, the support provided to me and other student presenters enabled me to regain confidence, quickly. Also, during that time I meet other student leaders, and we began to talk about our school and our behavioral health projects. I was glad I had someone to joke with while finding common ground that enabled us to support and encourage one another.

The presentations and discussions during the Academy were enriched with behavioral health information, data, trends and strategies that were help Dr. Gail Mattox, HBCU-Center for Excellence at Morehouse School of Medicine, allowed me to 'make the connections with the HBCU Center for Excellence, SAMHSA and the mini-grant process. Also, Ms. Shirley Labbe, Xavier University Counseling Center, and the students from Spelman and Morehouse College shared ideas for collaborating and hosting behavioral health events on campus. Dr. H. Westley Clarke, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA provided detailed information on trends in the behavioral health field and included information that helped me better understand how the federal government sets behavioral health priorities (especially for the HBCU community). The group sessions were well planned and provided strategies that supported our mini-grant project, the Town hall meeting and team presentations sessions is where ideas were shared and friendships were formed.

Congratulations

Vivian Barnette, Ph.D., HSP-P

Executive Director and Licensed Psychologist

Counseling Services, North Carolina AT&T State University



Congratulations to Dr. Vivian Barnette for successfully completing the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) specialty board certification in psychology. The mission of the ABPP is to increase consumer protection through examination and certification of psychologists who

demonstrate competence in approved specialty areas in professional psychology. Dr. Barnette was recently appointed a three-year term as a member of the Awards and Recognition Committee for the Society of Counseling Psychology of the American Psychological Association. Also, Dr. Barnette currently serves as a member of the HBCU-Center for Excellence Steering Committee.

Institutions that received a Behavioral Health Capacity Expansion Mini-Grant (2011-2014)

* received funding from the HBCU Center for Excellence more than one time

Allen University	Edward Waters College	Lawson State Community College	Spelman College
Alabama A&M University	Elizabeth City State University	Lincoln University of Pennsylvania*	Stillman College
Alabama State University	Fayetteville State University*	Livingstone College	Talladega College
Albany State University	Florida A&M University*	Meharry Medical College*	Tennessee State University
Alcorn State University*	Florida Memorial University*	Morehouse College*	University of the District of Columbia
Benedict College*	Fisk University	Norfolk State University	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Bluefield State College*	Fort Valley State University	North Carolina A&T State University*	Virginia State University
Bowie State University	Gadsden State Community College*	North Carolina Central University*	Wiley College*
Central State College*	Grambling State University*	Oakwood University*	Winston--Salem University
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania*	Hampton University	Paine College	Xavier University of Louisiana*
Clafin University*	Harris-Stowe University	Prairie View A&M College	
Clark Atlanta University*	Hinds Community College	Rust College	
Clinton Junior College*	Huston-Tillotson University*	Saint Augustine's University	
Cohoma Community College	Jackson State University*	Savannah State University*	
Concordia College-Selma	Jarvis Christian College	Shaw University	
Coppin State University	Johnson C. Smith University*	St. Philip's College*	
Delaware State University*	Langston University	Southern University at New Orleans	



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