

Eliminating Mental Health and Addiction Disparities in Connecticut and Beyond

Connecticut Center for Eliminating Health Disparities among Latinos
3rd Annual Conference
Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Rome Ballroom, University of Connecticut at Storrs

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Conference Objectives:

To bring together researchers, physicians, public health practitioners, social workers, community agencies and students to learn:

- State of the art knowledge in the area of mental health and addiction research and treatment among minority groups
 - From each other about applied work being done in Connecticut
 - About innovative initiatives beyond Connecticut
- About potentially exciting collaborations in the area of mental health and addiction among minority groups in Connecticut and beyond

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PROGRAM

7:30 – 8:00	<i>Registration & Refreshments</i>
8:00 – 8:15	<i>Screening of PBS program, Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?</i>
8:15 – 8:20	<i>Introduction, Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, PhD, CEHDL Director</i>
8:20 – 8:30	<i>Inauguration, Thomas Kirk, Jr., PhD, CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Commissioner</i>
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Keynote address – Culture? Healthcare Disparities? So what?</i> Thomas Kirk Jr., PhD, CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Commissioner
9:00 – 9:45	<i>Keynote address - Acculturation, Drug Abuse and Mental Disorder in Latino Populations: Current Knowledge, Knowledge Gaps, and Future Directions</i> Felipe González Castro, PhD, MSW, Arizona State University
9:45 – 10:00	<i>Questions & Answers</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Poster presentations</i>
10:30 – 11:30	<i>Epidemiology and determinants of mental health and addiction</i> Chair, Merrill Singer, PhD, University of Connecticut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Examination of alcohol use disorders, health status and health care utilization among whites, blacks and Hispanics in the U.S.</i> Michie Hesselbrock, PhD, University of Connecticut Health Center • <i>An Evaluation of Behavioral Health Disparities in Connecticut State Inpatient Services</i> Miriam Delphin, PhD, Yale University
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Questions & Answers</i>
11:45 – 1:00	<i>Lunch Buffet, CEHDL Awards & Luncheon speaker</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>DNA-Guided Medicine and Mental illness: Advancing Personalized Healthcare in the Hispanic Population (12:15-12:45)</i> Gualberto Ruaño, MD, PhD, Hartford Hospital and Genomas
1:00 – 2:15	<i>Gender disparities in mental health and addiction</i> Chair, Marysol Asencio, DrPH, MPH, University of Connecticut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Disparities for Minority Women: Mental Health and Addiction</i> Frances Ashe-Goins, MPH, RN, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC • <i>Relationship between Substance Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence: Examining the role of Culture, Attitudes, and Attributions</i> Michelle Williams, PhD, University of Connecticut • <i>Gender and Culturally Responsive Substance Abuse Services: A Look at the Different Risks, Strengths, Pathways and Needs of Adolescent Girls</i> Alyssa Benedict, MPH, CORE Associates, LLC.
2:15 – 2:30	<i>Questions & Answers</i>
2:30 – 2:45	<i>Break</i>
2:45 – 4:00	<i>Building culturally competent programs</i> Chair, Jose Ortiz, MS, MBA, Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>System Cultural Competence as a Strategy for Eliminating Behavioral Health Disparities</i> Miriam Delphin, PhD, Yale University • <i>The Wellbriety Movement</i> Don Coyhis, President, White Bison, Inc. • <i>Dame La Mano: A Culturally Informed Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders with Latinos</i> Eva Maldonado, PsyD, Yale University
4:00 – 4:15	<i>Questions & Answers</i>
4:15 – 4:30	<i>Summary and Closing Remarks</i> Rafael Pérez-Escamilla, PhD, CEHDL Director