



**Eliminating Behavioral Health Disparities Among
Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations in Rural Communities**

Multi-State Meeting
March 18-19, 2008
Embassy Suites Hotel
1000 Woodward Place, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Monday, March 17

5 pm – 7pm

Welcome Night Dinner (Attendees will gather in the hotel lobby)

Delegations will gather and discuss the current state of affairs in their respective communities regarding service provision to racial and ethnically diverse minority populations in rural communities, and will discuss pre-conference questions in an informal dinner setting.

Tuesday, March 18

Ocotillo Room I

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Welcome and Introductions

Julio J. Fonseca, Mental Health America

Julio Fonseca will introduce attendees and speakers and define the charge of the two day meeting.

Linda Roebuck, New Mexico Transformation Grant Project

Linda Roebuck will provide information to attendees on local efforts to address the needs of Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations in Rural Communities through the New Mexico Transformation Grant Project.

Navajo Blessing

Raymond Keeswood will start our forum off with a blessing.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Mental Health Disparities in Rural America

Teresa Chapa, Mental Health America

Dennis Mohatt, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

This session will provide attendees with an overview of challenges that providers face addressing the needs of racial and ethnic minority populations with mental health conditions who are in rural settings.

11:00 am – 11:15am

BREAK

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

**The Question of Adapting Evidence-Based Treatment with
Hispanic and American Indian/Alaska Native
Populations**

Kamilla Venner, University of New Mexico

This session will address the questions and challenges to adapting evidence-based practices in addiction treatments to meet the needs of minority populations.

12:15– 1:15 pm	LUNCH	Atrium
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	<p>Using the Promotora Model in Addressing Behavioral Health Disparities in Rural Communities <i>Alicia González, Fresno State University, California</i> Ms.Gonzáles will provide an overview of the Promotora Model and how it is implemented in low-income Latino communities in rural California’s Central Valley.</p>	
2:15 pm -2:30 pm	BREAK	
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Building Culturally and Linguistically Competency Organizations: Getting Started! <i>Rick Ybarra, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health</i> Organizations are recognizing the need to design and implement policies to ensure cultural and linguistic responsiveness to diverse populations served. Ybarra will present processes, mechanisms, strategies, and lessons learned that promote organizational cultural competency.</p>	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>Roundtable Discussion Participants will begin to brainstorm and dialog about activities they can undertake locally that will positively impact cultural and linguistic minority populations with mental health conditions in their state. Participants will break out into small groups (according to state) and will engage in an action planning session that will focus on developing both short and long-term goals to address the barriers and challenges to the providing services to these populations in their respective states.</p>	
5:00 pm	Day 1 Adjourns - Evening and Dinner on Your Own	

Wednesday March 19, 2008

Ocotillo Room I

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am** **Welcome and Summary of Day 1**
Fred Sandoval, National Latino Behavioral Health Association
Kate Gaston, Mental Health America
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am** **Making Behavioral Health a Priority in Health**
Lorenzo Olivas, Office of Minority Health, Region 8, HHS
Olivas will provide an overview of a population based approach to mental and behavioral health that utilizes epidemiologic surveillance, health promotion and prevention interventions for evaluation.
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am** **Utilizing the Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Approach to Eliminate Mental Health Disparities**
Carmen Moten, NIMH
The NIMH has a long history of concern and action related to health disparities among racial/ethnic populations. Moten will discuss lessons learned from the NIMH CBPR best practices, and overall recommendations to community and academic partners who seek to pursue future funding.
- 11:30am - 12:00 noon** **BREAK (Check out time)**
- 12:00 pm –2:00 pm** **Group Lunch, Presentations, and facilitated discussion on next steps (Boxed Lunches will be provided)**
Kate Gaston, Mental Health America
Each delegation will take their notes from day one's roundtable discussion and in the first half hour of this session will put together an action plan. They will then report back to the larger group. This will be followed by a discussion on next steps and information on start up funding.
- 2:00 pm** **Adjourn**