

2011 Meeting Agenda

BCHW and SAAPHI: Working Together To Translate Research Into Practice

8:00-8:15 Presidents' Welcome

- Selena Smith, MPA- BCHW President
- Rebecca Hasson, PhD- SAAPHI President

8:15-10:15 "Theory of Dimensionality: Conceptualizing Equity in Health and Health Care"

- Bonnie Duran, DrPH- University of Washington
- Vijaya Hogan, DrPH- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Diane Rowley, MD, MPH- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 "Public Health Programs & Purple Pumps: Using Social Circles as a Platform for Women's Health Education"

- Janesia Simmons, MPH, CHES- Divas, MPH
- Tennille Daniels, MPH, PMP- Divas, MPH
- Maaden Eshete, MPH- Divas, MPH

11:00-12:00 Scientific Symposium

- "An Evaluation of Socio-demographic Factors of Prostate Cancer Incidence in Stage, Grade, and Time to Treatment Among the Population of the District of Columbia"- Clark Hagen, George Washington University
- "A psychometric assessment of an HIV Stigma Scale among people living with HIV/AIDS in western Kenya"- Caroline Kingori, Indiana University Bloomington
- "Using Multiple Qualitative Methods to Address Weight Disparities in Cambridge Black Youth: A Focus on Parent/Child Dyad and 'Positive Deviant' Interviews"- Bernice H. Raveche, Harvard University
- "Stress, 'Strength', and Breast Health Trajectories: The Potential Impact of Strength Behaviors on Black Women's Breast Cancer Screening Experiences"- Angela Rose Black, PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

12:00-1:00 Poster viewing and lunch on your own

1:00-2:45 Keys to a Health Community: African American Women & HIV/AIDS

- Gilbert Lavoie, MD, MPH
- Jason Panda, Esq.- BCondoms, Inc.

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:45 Keys to a Healthy Community for Aging Populations in Washington DC

- Angele White, MSPH, MPH
- Robert A. Washington, PhD, MDiv.,

4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks

5:30-8:30 Reception at FunXion hosted by Divas, MPH
1309 F Street, NW Washington D.C. 20004

Speaker Biographies

Bonnie Duran, DrPH, is an associate professor in the Department of Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health and is also Director of the Center for Indigenous Health Research at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute (www.iwri.org). She received her DrPH from the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. Bonnie has worked in public health research, evaluation and education among Native Americans and other communities of color for 27 years. Her past work includes partnering with the Navajo Nation, Indian Health Service and Indigenous Community Based Organizations on frontier rural projects aimed at integrated mental health and HIV services, and on STD screening and education projects. Bonnie's epidemiologic work includes psychiatric prevalence studies in primary care settings, and treatment seeking patterns and barriers to care among rural residing Native peoples. Dr. Duran is currently the Principal Investigator of two NIH funded research projects in "Indian Country". The overall aims of her research are to work with communities to design public health treatment and prevention efforts that are empowering, culture-centered, assessable and sustainable.

Diane Rowley, MD, MPH, is Professor of the Practice in the Department of Maternal and Child Health, University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health. She has broad expertise in perinatal epidemiology, health disparities, and community based participatory research. Her current work focuses on eliminating disparities in infant health, preterm birth and other adverse pregnancy outcomes, and on preconception care as a critical component of health care for women of reproductive age. She serves on the Perinatal Health Committee of the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force, a legislative study commission which makes recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor. Dr. Rowley began her career as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During her tenure at CDC she managed a multidisciplinary research portfolio on racial disparities in infant mortality when she was Deputy Chief of the Pregnancy and Infant Health Branch in the Division of Reproductive Health. From 1997 to 2001 she was the Associate Director for Science in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at CDC. Prior to joining the UNC faculty she was founder and Director of the Research Center on Health Disparities at Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA. Funded by the CDC, NIH, and the WK Kellogg Foundation, the center conducted community participatory research throughout Georgia and supported undergraduate student-faculty research teams to carry out public health research that focused on social and cultural factors that influence health.

Vijaya Hogan, DrPH, is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Maternal and Child Health in the School of Public Health, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a Research Fellow at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at UNC-CH. She is also Co-Director of the Certificate Program in Health Disparities. Dr. Hogan has worked in state and national-level public health agencies (North Carolina Office of Rural Health, Michigan Dept of Public Health; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) focusing on maternal health programs designed to reduce premature birth. Her major public health interest is in defining effective strategies for eliminating health inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes. She studies the impact of social factors on maternal and infant health outcomes with the goal of establishing an evidence base of strategies that effectively address social determinants. She is a member of the CDC Select Panel on Preconceptional Care and is currently training to become a doula.

Angele White, MSPH, MPH is a Program Development Consultant and Contractor Carter-Hanes Environmental Workgroup in Washington, DC. She oversees programs such as community environmental health education workshops for grass roots organizations and collaborates with faculty at Georgetown University Medical School. Her research interests include aging populations and environmental health. She has developed a comprehensive study that examines the biological effects related to exposures, sociopolitical issues that are influenced by ageism, racism, structural disparities, and health inequalities. She graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana and received her masters in public health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Jason Panda, Esq., along with two other Morehouse College alum started the B Holding Group, LLC in 2010. He left a successful career in corporate law to become involved in the grassroots battle against HIV/AIDS and other STIs. All three founders were driven by the increasing rates of infection and felt that condom companies could do more. The founders utilize a comprehensive approach to prevention that incorporates the lessons learned from their partners, internal focus groups and research studies. B condoms are available for purchase online at www.bcondoms.com. If you are interested in carrying the product, bulk purchasing or the non-profit discount pricing, please contact Jason Panda at 212.470.9829 or jason@bcondoms.com.

Robert A. Washington, PhD, MDiv., has a Masters in Divinity from Howard University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology & Public Practice from Harvard. During his thirty-four year career, Dr. Washington, a licensed clinical psychologist and minister, has held various administrative positions in mental health, including Commissioner of Mental Health Services for the District of Columbia and Executive Director for the Community Mental Health Council (Chicago) and William Wendt Center for Loss and Healing (DC). For twenty-five years he has specialized in grief counseling—working with those who are ill, dying and/or bereaved, and training others to do likewise. As a result of this work, Dr. Washington developed a strong interest in the interface of psychology and spirituality. He retired from mental health administration to pursue a second career in ministry. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Dr. Washington worked as a chaplain in the Admissions Department of Montgomery Hospice before accepting the Vice President of Counseling Services position.

Gilbert Lavoie, MD, MPH, has spent most of his career caring for patients in the fields of internal medicine and occupational medicine. In his early years of medicine he practiced preventive medicine; first as chief of epidemiology and communicable diseases for the U.S. Army Medical Command in Europe, and was the chief investigator of a drug abuse and hepatitis epidemic among the troops. He then worked as a short term consultant in Bangladesh with the World Health Organization in the eradication of smallpox. In recent years Dr. Lavoie has re-directed his efforts back to the field of public health and has been doing medical literature research in the area of HIV prevention. His main interest is the epidemiology and prevention of HIV, focusing on the black population in the U.S.

Erica Jeffreys , MPH, graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Family Community Services and also received a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Healthy Policy and Management from Emory University. Her background includes project management, health communication, program development and implementation, and developing educational and training materials for public health audiences. Erica started her career as a health educator, transitioned to clinical research, and then returned to her first love, public health as a nutrition educator and healthy communities coordinator. Erica

is currently a Senior Consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton. Through volunteer activities such as, American Heart Association Power to End Stroke Campaign, Atlanta AIDS Walk, and mentor to at-risk youth, Erica continues to actively give back to her community to make a positive impact.

Maaden Eshete, MPH, is a Public Health Analyst for the United States Office of Minority Health where she leads the new media communication efforts for education and awareness campaigns, most notably the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities. Maaden is a bright and innovative health educator and a champion for women's health in her own right. She has been integrally involved with the national infant mortality awareness campaign, A Healthy Baby Begins with You, where she continues to serve as master trainer in the campaign's Preconception Peer Education curriculum. As a result of this work, she has traveled across the country training students as peer educators, and has appeared in the subsequent 2009 documentary film *Crisis in the Crib*. Ms. Eshete's interest in women's and maternal health issues was piqued while pursuing her Master of Public Health degree at the Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy, where she took on a concentration in Social and Behavioral Health Sciences with a particular focus on urban communities.

Tennille Daniels, MPH, PMP, is a Project Manager for the Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care. In this role, she has had the opportunity to manage several federal, state, and local level healthcare quality improvement projects working with a variety of provider settings. As a public health professional who is dedicated to improving the lives of women, their families, and our communities, Tennille offers a wealth of diversity in skill and experience. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in 2003. While attending UMBC, Tennille had the opportunity to participate in a summer research program at Columbia University's School of Public Health, where she worked on a Diabetes Telemedicine project in rural and urban communities in New York. This experience ignited her interest in public health and it was from there she decided to pursue and completed a Master's in Public Health degree from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in 2004. Tennille has a strong skill set in public health and business management through work experience with organizations such as The Coca-Cola Company, Accenture, Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, HIV/AIDS Bureau.

Janesia Simmons, MPH, CHES, serves as Public Health Advisor for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She earned her Bachelor's of Science in Health Education and Master's of Public Health at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. In 2006, Janesia was afforded the opportunity to travel to South Africa as a peer educator with a non-profit organization to study the state of black health in South Africa and the underlining HIV/AIDS epidemic. The work that she completed in South Africa led her to serve as Community Health Educator for the Baltimore City Health Department in Baltimore, Maryland. There she was involved in several maternal and child health related projects and programs. Janesia was coordinator for Health Teens & Young Adults Center Peer Education Program, Youth Advisory Council, and several health education programs and curriculum development projects. She also assisted the Bureau of Maternal & Infant Care, supporting their communications efforts for the Strategy to Improve Birth Outcomes. In 2009, Janesia, along with three other fabulous ladies, founded Divas, Making Our People Healthier (www.divasmph.org) - a women's health non-profit organization dedicated to educating, empowering, and mobilizing women to take an active interest achieving and maintain their health.

Scientific Symposium Oral Presentation Abstracts

An Evaluation of Sociodemographic Factors of Prostate Cancer Incidence in Stage, Grade, and Time to Treatment Among the Population of the District of Columbia

Clark Hagen- George Washington University

Purpose/Objectives: To determine if sociodemographic factors in the District of Columbia influence any racial disparities in stage and grade of prostate cancer, the highest incident cancer amongst men in the District. In addition, racial disparities in time from diagnosis to treatment of prostate cancer will be examined after controlling for insurance status, age, and geographic location by ward. **Methods:** This study involved examining known cases from 2003 to 2007 from the District of Columbia Cancer Registry. It therefore was a retrospective cohort design. Bivariable and multivariable logistic regression were used to determine if the odds of higher grade, stage, or treatment delay varied by race and sociodemographic predictors. **Results:** Results revealed that sociodemographic variables other than age did not influence prostate cancer disparity in grade and treatment delay in the District of Columbia. Racial disparities were apparent in bivariable analysis, with African Americans having higher treatment delay, grade, and stage than other races. **Conclusions:** High incidence of prostate cancer remains a problem in the District. However, demographic factors other than age are not predictive of prostate cancer incidence in grade and time to treatment among the population of the District of Columbia. While differences persist between African Americans and Caucasians in grade, stage, and treatment delay, there is no statistically significant relationship of any variable other than age on prostate cancer grade and time from diagnosis to treatment.

A Psychometric Assessment of an HIV Stigma Scale Among People Living with HIV/AIDS in Western Kenya

Caroline Kingori, MPH-Indiana University, Michael Reece, Ph.D, MPH-Indiana University, Maresa Murray, Ph.D-Indiana University, Lindsay Briggs, Ph.D, MPH-Indiana University, Enbal Shacham, Ph.D, Med, MPE-Washington State University at St. Louis

Background: Among people living with HIV/AIDS in Africa, HIV related stigma is a great concern given its association with shame, rejection, blame, avoidance, gossip or ostracizing of such individuals by society. **Purpose:** The purpose of the current study was to assess the psychometric properties of an HIV Stigma Scale and its capacity to assess underlying feelings of HIV related stigma that people living with the disease may present. **Method:** Psychometric properties of the 11-item HIV Stigma scale were analyzed utilizing a sample of 397 participants living with HIV who were attending psychosocial support groups over a two week period in western Kenya. Internal consistency, factorial validity and convergent validity of the scale were assessed to determine symptoms of HIV stigma in the participants. **Result:** Factor analysis produced three factors [perceived stigma, disclosure concerns, personal life disrupted] that explained 39.5% of the variance in the 11-item instrument. The Cronbach's alpha coefficient for the total scale was 0.766 while the subscales had coefficient alphas ranging from 0.745 to 0.642. **Conclusion:** Based on the results, the HIV stigma scale was found to be a reliable and valid instrument in assessing underlying stigma in the target population.

Using Multiple Qualitative Methods to Address Weight Disparities in Cambridge Black Youth: A Focus on Parent/Child Dyad and 'Positive Deviant' Interviews

Bernice H. Raveche- Harvard University, Justeen Hyde- Institute for Community Health, Josefine Wendel- Cambridge Public Health Department, Robin Harris- Cambridge Public Schools, Chandra Banks- Cambridge Public Schools, Lisa N. Arsenault- Institute for Community Health, Leroi Hicks- Brigham and Women's Hospital, Ardeene Goodridge- Margaret Fuller

House, Richard Harding- Cambridge Public Health Department, Karen Hacker- Institute for Community Health, Virginia R. Chomitz: Institute for Community Health

Background: Despite a decade of universal obesity prevention programs in Cambridge, MA, Black youth are twice as likely to be obese compared to their white counterparts (24.1% black vs. 11.3% white students, 2007). This disparity provided an impetus for coalition building and community action that resulted in a community based participatory research project (CBPR). **Objectives:** To triangulate results from multiple qualitative methods within our CBPR framework to better understand social, cultural and familial determinants for weight disparities and understand how food, health and activity are co-constructed within family contexts. Findings will augment other quantitative results to inform future interventions. **Methods:** Interviews and group discussions with community-nominated 'positive deviants' were used to identify successful strategies and opportunities for familial and community action. Parent-child dyad interviews with ten Black families were used to understand cultural conceptualization of weight, health and normative behaviors, and identify parental strategies for health-promoting lifestyles. **Results:** Major themes included 1) the importance of social and cultural norms on food choice and physical activity patterns 2) parental locus of control 3) parental feeding practices and 4) the presence of weight-based teasing particularly among females. Parent/child dyad interviews confirmed the transactional nature of child health evidenced by the reciprocal influence of a caregiver's personal habits, parenting style and methods to promote their child's health. **Conclusion:** Cross-cutting themes were identified that will bolster quantitative findings and provide unique insights into cultural facilitators and barriers to healthy living within the Cambridge Black community to inform future interventions.

Stress, 'Strength', and Breast Health Trajectories: The Potential Impact of Strength Behaviors on Black Women's Breast Cancer Screening Experiences

Angela Rose Black, PhD- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Cheryl Woods-Giscombé, PhD, RN- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Purpose: Black women's "strength" experiences (e.g., the expectation that black women will respond to stressors and demands without complaint, without assistance, and often put the needs of others above caring for herself) have been linked to their compromised health and wellness, including depression, anxiety, and binge eating. Few, if any, empirical investigations of how "strength" may serve as a personal barrier to black women's breast cancer screening behaviors exist. Given that incidence rates for breast cancer and percentage of late-stage breast cancers is highest among Black women, novel insight is needed on gender-specific and culturally-relevant factors linked to black women's breast health. The study purpose is to analyze how black women's "strength" behaviors may potentially impact their breast cancer screening experiences. **Methods:** Using two conceptual frameworks on stress, strength, and black women's health (Strong Black Woman Script/SBW-S; and Superwoman Schema/SWS), women's perceptions of strength in black women's magazines, blogs, and focus group discussions were analyzed to locate examples of "strength" behaviors as feasible personal barriers to breast cancer screenings. **Results:** Strength behaviors such as extraordinary caregiving, delayed self-care, and emotional suppression were demonstrated through women's reluctance to say no when overwhelmed; prioritizing the care/needs of others over self; and use of the "game face" when distressed or ill, respectively. These behaviors likely leave limited room/time for scheduling screening appointments, attending scheduled screening appointments, or acknowledging symptoms/feelings of compromised breast health. **Conclusions:** Tailored screening messages and decision aides that incorporate strength as a life context for black women may increase screening adherence, hence, impacting black women's breast health disparities.

BCHW and SAAPHI presentations during the 2011 APHA Annual Meeting

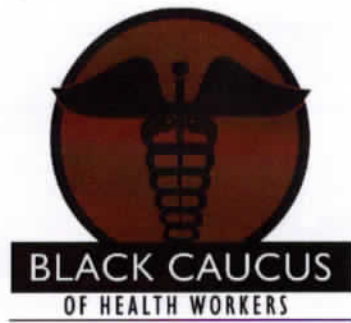
BCHW

- 219.0 African American Women: Being Comfortable in the Skin you are in, Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 4:00pm
- 243.0 BCHW 101 - Membership and Business Meeting, Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 6:00pm
- 249.0 BCHW 101 - Membership Networking Meeting, Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 8:30pm
- 3122.0 Providing Effective Cancer Screening, Diagnostic, and Survivorship Services for African Americans, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 10:30am
- 3122.1 Real Deal: Issues of African-American Health, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 10:30am
- 3226.0 Health Equity 2020, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 12:30pm
- 3316.0 Diverse Communities Working to Achieve Better Health, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 2:30pm
- 3325.0 Resiliency and Black Men's Health, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 2:30pm
- 3421.0 Effects of Community Violence on children and adolescents, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 4:30pm
- 305.0 BCHW Student Networking Event, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 8:00pm
- 4015.0 Community Based Participatory Research and African Americans, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 8:30am
- 4093.1 Getting control of chronic diseases to promote healthy minds and bodies, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 10:30am
- 4188.0 Elected officials roles in advocating for health resources and healthy behaviors for constituents of African descent, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 12:30pm
- 4283.1 Faith-based Role in Promoting Healthy Communities, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 2:30pm
- 4286.0 Implementing Health Equity at the Front Line, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 2:30pm
- 4422.0 Black Caucus of Health Workers Hildrus A. Poindexter Awards Ceremony and Dinner, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00pm
- 5030.0 It Takes a Village to Raise the Community, Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 8:30am
- 5105.0 Get up and let's get moving: Implementing the National Initiative to fight childhood obesity, Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 10:30am

SAAPHI Member presentations

- 248260 Improving the community food environment - The Cleveland Corner Store Project, Monday, October 31, 2011
- 3292.0 HIV/AIDS Research & Practice: Community Perspectives, Monday, October 31, 2011 at 2:30 PM.
- 3425.0 Healthy Schools Promote Healthy Communities - Intersection of Community Planning, Education & Public Health, Monday, October 31, 2011: 4:30 PM
- 4054.0 Addressing infant mortality at the local level, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 8:30 AM
- 4019.0 The Scholarship of CBPR, Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 8:30 AM.
- 4256.0 Maternal Child Health Topics: Maternal Obesity; Understanding Violence, Tuesday November 1, 4:30pm
- 5011.0 Am I My Mother's Keeper? Unexpected Sources of Social Support for Women Living with HIV/AIDS, Wednesday, November 2, 2011: 8:30 AM
- 5012.0 Novel Approaches to HIV/AIDS Research, Wednesday, November 2, 2011: 8:30 AM
- 5189.0 Roundtable Discussions: Understanding and Addressing Health Issues in the Latino Community, Wednesday, November 2, 2011: 12:30 PM

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