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CIHS Launches Health Disparities Leadership Program Mid-Level Managers to Employ Healthcare Integration Strategies in Key Communities

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) launched the Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program on September 12, 2012 to nurture a workforce focused on reducing health disparities for racial, ethnic, and LGBT populations by receiving community-based integrated primary and behavioral healthcare.

Through a competitive process that received nearly 300 applications, CIHS selected 20 mid-level managers who work with diverse populations in community health and behavioral health organizations around the nation. Through this 7-month program, these managers will build on their current knowledge and practice to implement strategies and leadership skills to eliminate disparities in service, quality, access, and outcomes through integrated health programs.

Participants represent primary care, substance use, and mental health community organizations from around the country. The 2012 Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program participants include:

- Lidia Arrazola, Valle del Sol (Phoenix, AZ)
- Jacob Bowling, Mental health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA)
- Kelly Ducheny, Howard Brown Health Center (Chicago, IL)
- Shelina Foderingham, Louisiana Public Health Institute (New Orleans, LA)
- Teresa Halliday, Sunrise Community Counseling Center (Los Angeles, CA)
- Leslie Karpf, Greater Trenton Behavioral HealthCare (Trenton, NJ)
- Darla Krom, Primary Health Care, Inc. (Des Moines, IA)
- Victor Loo, Asian Counseling and Referral Service (Seattle, WA)
- Eric Machicote, Bronx Community Health Network, Inc. (Bronx, NY)
- Fernando Nin, Passageway Residence of Dade County (Miami, FL)
- Tierra Parsons, Another Level Counseling and Consultation (Charlotte, NC)
- Maria Piombo, Child and Family Treatment Center (Cincinnati, OH)
- Victoria Romero, San Luis Valley Mental Health Center (Alamosa, CO)
- David Seng, Intercultural Family Services, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)
- Nick Szubiak, West Hawaii Community Health Center (Kailua Kona, HI)
- Albert Titman, Sacramento Native American Health Center, Inc. (Sacramento, CA)

- Priscilla Tyson, Wellmore Behavioral Health, Inc. (Waterbury, CT)
- Stanley Williams, Gateway Behavioral Health Services (Savannah, GA)
 - Pahoua Yang, Amherst H. Wilder Foundation (St. Paul, MN)
 - Matthew Zimmer, Common Ground (Bloomfield Hills, MI)

For more information on the Addressing Health Disparities Leadership Program, contact [Mohini Venkatesh](#).

Visit the [CIHS website](#) for more information on health disparities and improving cultural competency.

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