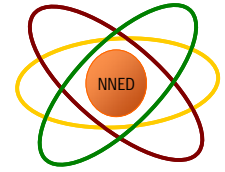


National Network to Eliminate Disparities (NNED) in Behavioral Health

Building partnerships between faith based and healthcare organizations

This project provides faith based organizations specific, practical guidance about engaging and collaborating with healthcare organizations in order to better address health disparities.



Purpose

- Disseminate information on best practice models for faith based/healthcare collaborations
- Promote inclusion of grassroots organizations
- Strengthen the community based participatory approach for faith based organizations (FBOs) addressing health and healthcare

Role of the NNED

- Build a Learning Cluster comprised of roundtable participants from the NIH/NCMHD November 2008 meeting and grassroots faith based ethnic based organization and networks
- Develop a web-friendly training manual and accompanying webinar on partnership building
- Disseminate LC products via NNED website and NNED webinars

Population Addressed

Community leaders, academics, physicians, and faith based leaders working in and with underserved communities

Time Frame

The project period is 12 months

Rationale and Relevance

- FBOs can play a major role in the health and wellness of the communities they serve
- Developing partnerships between faith based and health care organizations increases opportunities for members of racial and ethnic groups to access appropriate services that address their needs, thus increasing the likelihood of eliminating some level of disparities in health outcomes
- The NIH/NCMHD roundtable on “The Science and Practice of Building Partnerships between Faith-Based and Healthcare Organizations towards Eliminating Health Disparities” identified that there is no current resource available that advises FBOs on the process of engaging and collaborating with healthcare organizations

Learning Cluster Development

- Develop Learning Cluster (LC) of round-table participants
- Identify 4-5 new community and ethnic-based organizations and networks (CEBONS)
--Define criteria for inclusion and develop nomination process (e.g., organization level, faith focus, population of focus, implementation of model or innovative interventions)
- Host online virtual workspace for LC members
- Support quarterly web conference convenings of LC members

Product Development

- Revise manual into web based format
- Beta test web mail with CEBON members of LC (and embed edits/revisions)
- Develop webinar series based on components of the manual
- Create page on NNED website for LC to disseminate information

Product Dissemination

- Support/coordinate 2 webinar presentations on the manual to a national audience (via NNED membership)
- Post manual and webinar training materials on NNED LC page

Partners

- The Institute for Family Health (Bronx, NY)
- SAMHSA Workgroup on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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