

Emerging Issues around COVID-19 and Social Determinants of Health for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Workforces

Strategic Discussion 5: Wrap-up Session Racial equity and health disparities in the age of COVID-19: What new strategies are needed.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 ~ 2-3pm ET



Co-Facilitator: Holly Hagle, Ph.D.

Co-Director ATTC Network Coordinating Office (NCO)

Co-Director ATTC STR-TA grant

PI/Co-Director Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC NCO)

Holly Hagle, Ph.D. is an Assistant Research Professor at the Collaborative to Advance Health Services, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's School of Nursing and Health Studies. Dr. Hagle is a proven leader and educator with over 18 years' experience developing educational programming, curricula for traditional face-to-face and online education, supervision of staff and consultants, and the management of multi-million dollar federal grant budgets. She is the Co-Director of the National Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network Coordinating Office (NCO) and Principal Investigator (PI) for the Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) NCO. In addition, she is the UMKC PI, and Co-Director on behalf of the ATTC Network for the Opioid State Targeted Response Technical Assistance (STR-TA) grant. Dr. Hagle has been actively working with medical and behavioral health providers for more than 20 years on the integration of behavioral health interventions, including educational programming on intercultural sensitivity. Her area of expertise is in adolescent co-occurring disorders, screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment, and the application of evidence-based practices in community settings with a special focus on qualitative research methods.

Co-Facilitator: Nicole M Augustine, MPH, MCHES, CPS

Research Associate

Coordinator, Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center

Nicole Augustine has been working in the field of prevention since 2001. She has a Master of Public Health degree from The George Washington University School of Public Health. Nicole is employed at Wake Forest Baptist School of Medicine as the Project Coordinator for the North Carolina Behavioral Health Equity Initiative (NC BHEI) and the Project Coordinator for the Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center (Southeast PTTC). The goal of the NCBHEI project is to support communities in identifying, acting on, and effectively addressing a key behavioral health equity issues. The goal of the Southeast PTTC is to provide training and technical assistance to individuals and organizations in the substance misuse prevention field in the Southeast region of the United States (HHS Regions 4). Nicole is a passionate prevention provider, committed to supporting initiatives designed to address the complex substance use issues affecting our society.

Panelist: Alex Barajas Muñoz, PhD

Psychologist

University of Kansas Counseling and Psychological Services

Alex Barajas Muñoz has a PhD in Counseling Psychology, a Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance, and a Master's Degree in Neurosciences. Dr. Barajas is currently employed as a staff psychologist at the University of Kansas (KU) Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and also serves as adjunct professor at the Counseling Psychology doctoral program at UMKC. He worked for over ten years as a Research Associate, Evaluator and Trainer with Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center at UMKC. His areas of expertise include: evaluation and research (development of evaluation instruments, data collection, data analysis and technical report writing); counseling; training, editing and translating (English/Spanish) professional literature in the areas of psychology, neuroscience and substance use disorders; psychotherapeutic medications; and counseling special populations (Hispanic, LGBT).



Panelist: Larke Nahme Huang, PhD

Director, Office of Behavioral Health Equity
SAMHSA

Larke Huang is a licensed clinical-community psychologist at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She provides leadership on national policy for mental health and substance use issues for children and adolescents, is Director of SAMHSA's Office of Behavioral Health Equity which was legislated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and oversees SAMHSA's trauma and criminal/juvenile justice portfolio. For the past 30 years, Dr. Huang has worked at the interface of practice, research and policy. She received her doctorate from Yale University.

Dr. Huang has been a community mental health practitioner, a faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley and Georgetown University, and a research director at the American Institutes for Research. She has worked with states and communities to build systems of care and model policies for children and youth with serious emotional and behavioral disorders; diversion programs for individuals with SMI and SUD at the nexus of behavioral health and criminal justice; and trauma-informed approaches in multiple health and social service settings. She has developed programs for underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, evaluated community-based programs, and authored books and articles on behavioral health.



Dr. Huang served as an appointed Commissioner on the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, is an ongoing member of the Carter Center Mental Health Board, and serves on multiple APA committees and boards.

Panelist: Diana Kramer, MA
Diversity Consultant

Ms. Kramer has worked in the field of cultural diversity and inclusion for over twenty years, providing support and oversight of system-wide and region-specific initiatives, program enhancement, policy improvement, trauma informed care, training, and workforce development for the purposes of ensuring culturally and linguistically appropriate service standards for individuals accessing and receiving physical and behavioral health services.

As a Pascua Yaqui tribal member and consultant on health equity and diversity inclusion practices, her focus is on improving the lives of individuals, children, and families with an emphasis on Native American traditional healing, wellness practices, and the delivery of comprehensive culturally adaptive treatment services. Additional concentrations include integration of physical, mental, and behavioral services for overall health and wellness of the whole person. Her passion is advocating for underserved/underrepresented populations with the goal of eliminating health disparities and she is currently perusing a Doctor of Behavioral Health and Integrated Medicine at Arizona State University.



Panelist: LaShonda Williamson-Jennings, M.Ed, CPS
Co-Director
South Southwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center

LaShonda Williamson-Jennings has 15 years of experience providing and coordinating the delivery of tailored, state-of-the-science training and technical assistance (T/TA) that optimizes the ability of states, tribes, and communities to achieve substance abuse prevention outcomes. LaShonda has extensive experience managing projects, facilitating face-to-face and online trainings, and delivering customized technical assistance. LaShonda received a BA from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Education in adult education and administration from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She is an Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist (ICPS).

