

Listening Session and Strategic Discussion Series:

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

How COVID-19 is differentially impacting substance use prevention, treatment and recovery in communities of color and/or underserved communities: How can we address this?

Strategic Discussion 1: Health Disparities and the Impact on COVID-19 on the African-American and black community.

April 28, 2020: 2-3pm ET

Facilitator: LaShonda Williamson-Jennings, MEd, CPS

Panelists: Wanda Boone, PhD; Nzinga Harrison, MD; Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC;

Tracy Johnson; and Carlton Hall

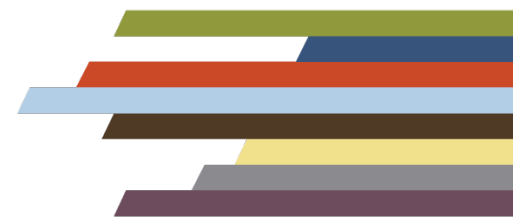
Acknowledgements and Welcome

Please note: To create a safe and secure Zoom space, we will not be able to share participants video during this webinar.

In the chat: Please say hello and include your name, role, organization, and community identity *“I am speaking from the experience as an...”*

Comments and Questions: You may use chat throughout for any comments and questions and our team will respond.

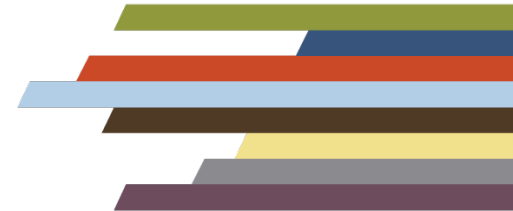
Q and A session (at the end): Please raise your hand, we will unmute you, and you can then use the mic OR use the chat to share and ask questions throughout.



Facilitator



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



Panelists



**Wanda Boone,
PhD**



**Nzinga Harrison,
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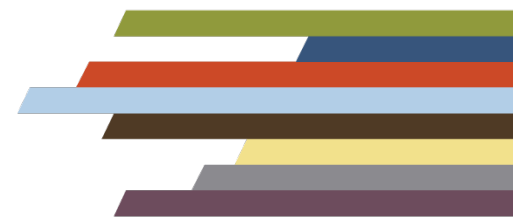
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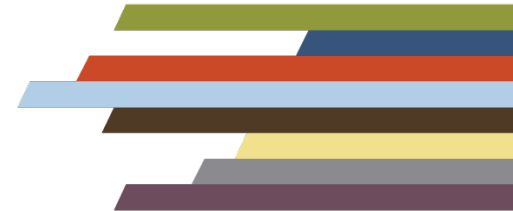


Carlton Hall



Introductions

- ATTC and PTTC leadership team –
 - Holly Hagle, PhD, Co-Director ATTC and PTTC
 - Laurie Krom, MS, Co-Director ATTC and PTTC
 - Viannella Halsall, MPH CHES[®], TTC Operations Director
 - Deena Murphy, PhD, Social Determinants of Health Series Lead
- Future Session Facilitators and Panelists



ATTC & PTTC workgroups

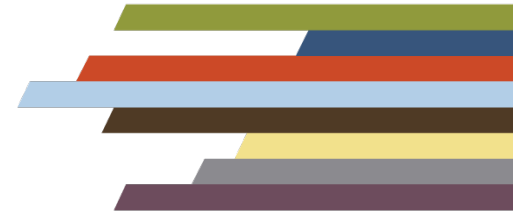
ATTC Workgroup - Health Equity & Inclusion

- **Sean Bear**
- Meg Brunner
- Alfredo Cerrato
- Mary Cook
- Maureen Fitzgerald
- **Viannella Halsall**
- Nikki Harris
- **Haner Hernandez**
- Holly Ireland
- Ed Johnson
- Andrew Kurtz
- Sherry Larkins
- Pierluigi Mancini
- Diana Padilla
- Beth Rutkowski
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- Dawn Tyus
- Jawaun Yarbrough
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PTTC Workgroup – Addressing Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Practices

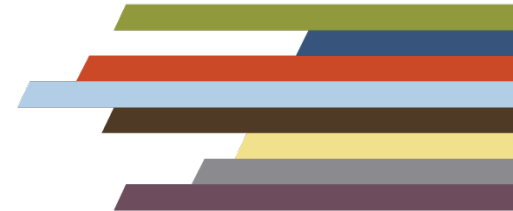
- **Nicole Augustine**
- Viannella Halsall
- Dolka Zelaya
- Pierluigi Mancini
- Marjean Nielsen
- **Deborah Nixon Hughes**
- Kristen Powell
- Sean Bear
- LaShonda Williamson-Jennings
- Ramona Mosley

Chair and Co-Chairs are in bold text



Netiquette and Community Agreements

- ***Netiquette and Community Agreements:***
 - Rule 1: Remember the Human
 - Rule 2: Make space/take space
 - Rule 3: Use the WAIT principle
 - Rule 4: Recognize and value diversity
- **Emergency Policy:** *Due to recent challenges with Zoom security, if there is criminal or vile activity that appears on the screen, we will immediately close the session and follow-up with additional resources or instructions. We will not re-open the session but will see you at the next session.*



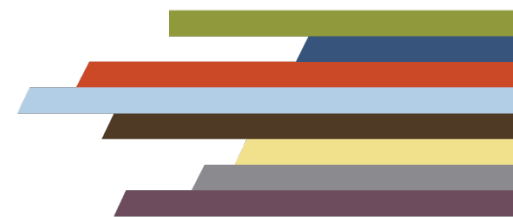
The use of affirming language inspires hope and advances recovery.

LANGUAGE MATTERS.

Words have power.

PEOPLE FIRST.

The ATTC Network uses affirming language to promote the promises of recovery by advancing evidence-based and culturally informed practices.



Overview of Series

1 Listening Session (April 22)

5 Strategic Discussions with specific populations:

April 28: Focus on African-American and Black communities.

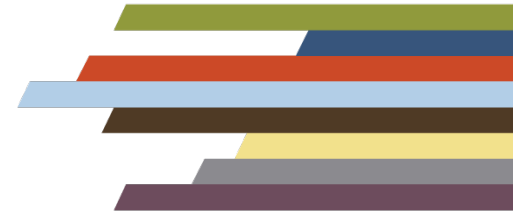
April 30: Focus on LatinX communities.

May 5: Focus on American-Indian/Alaska Native communities.

May 7: Focus on Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.

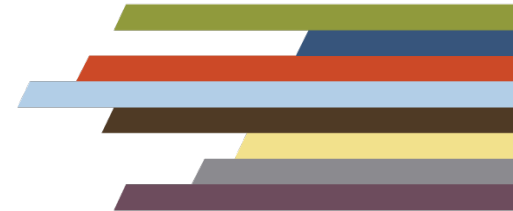
May 12: Wrap-up Session.

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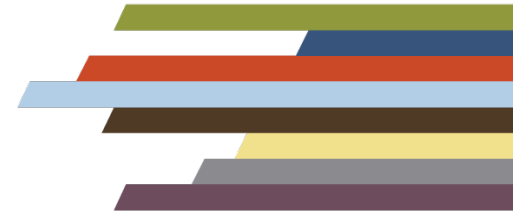
Strategic Discussion Goals

1. Use themes from the April 22 Listening Session to briefly frame issues.
2. Invite key panelists who are actively seeing issues in the field and are working to address issues in the field.
3. Invite panelists to strategize and share emerging best practices around key topics.
4. Invite participants to share through chat.
5. Record session and post-event, share recording and notes of key themes/answers to key questions, and any tools and resources shared.



Agenda

- **5 minutes:** Introductions and outline key issues/themes from listening session.
- **40 minutes:** Hear from panelists what is needed/working to address this issue. Engage and share strategies, tools, and resources to redress the impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and/or underserved communities. What is working for people? What are people trying? Everyone can engage through chat.
- **10 minutes:** Q & A using chat (though questions encouraged throughout).
- **5 minutes:** Wrap-up and identify any next steps.

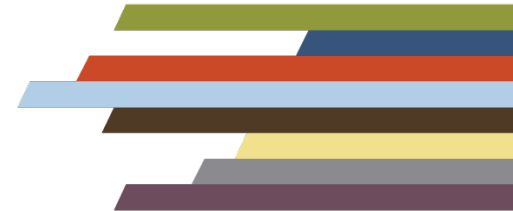


Themes from Listening Session

- *Barriers to prevention*
 - Options around social distancing and quarantining?
 - Housing insecurity
 - Vulnerability of communities of color
 - Intersection of gender identity and sexuality
- *Barriers to screening and testing*
 - Access to primary care and testing?
 - Transportation
- *Barriers to care*
 - Who are the uninsured and underinsured?
 - Availability of care?
 - Technology access
 - Underlying health issues
- *Barriers to recovery*
 - Availability of wrap-around services?
 - Lack of connection

Core Questions for Panelists

- How has COVID-19 further highlighted racial disparities and what is the impact on the community, those with SUD, and for the prevention, treatment and recovery workforces?
- What is working and/or what are people trying?
- What strategies and resources are needed to mitigate these impacts?



Wrap-Up and Next Sessions

- *Open discussion:*
 - What did we miss?
 - Improvements?
 - Final thoughts/comments?
- *Wrap up:*
 - Key themes
 - Next steps/follow-up
 - Join us for our future sessions!

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Thursday, April 30: 2-3 pm ET

Strategic Discussion 2: Strategies to Support the LatinX community.

Tuesday, May 5: 2-3 pm ET

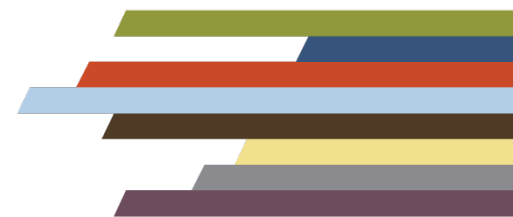
Strategic Discussion 3: American-Indian/Alaska Native communities: Trauma-Responsive Approaches to Support the Communities.

Thursday, May 7: 2-3 pm ET

Strategic Discussion 4: Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities and Addressing Stigma.

Tuesday, May 12: 2-3 pm ET

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



Resources

Please visit our COVID-19 pandemic response resources for both the ATTC & PTTC Networks for helpful resources related to substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery:

- [ATTC Pandemic Response Resources](#)
- [PTTC Pandemic Response Resources](#)
- [PTTC Workgroup – Addressing Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Practices Resources](#)
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