

HRiA celebrates APHA 2022

Health Resources in Action (HRiA) is a social change organization serving government, non-profits, philanthropy, and communities across the U.S. Our mission is to help people live healthier lives and create healthy communities through prevention, health promotion, policy, and research. With our commitment to racial and healthy equity and community-centered approaches, HRiA has earned a national reputation as a public health leader. We are excited to participate in this year's APHA Conference! Please join us in these sessions of note:

Sunday, November 6th, 2022

1:00 PM

Positive Impacts of the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Coordination Program on Caregivers and Lessons Learned for Program Improvement

In 2018, The Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter expanded The Dementia Care Coordination (DCC) program. Expansion maintains core DCC program elements while improving communication between memory care specialists and caregivers, broadening support group access, developing accessible educational content, and strengthening collaboration with clinical partners.

Authors: Lisa Arsenault, PhD¹, Elizabeth Showalter, MPH¹, Kristin Mikolowsky, MSc¹, Nicole McGurin² (1) Health Resources in Action, (2) Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter

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Building the Leadership Capacity of Frontline Violence Intervention Workers through an Emerging Leaders Learning Collaborative

This initiative supports frontline workers who aim to transition into upper management. The Emerging Leaders collaborative works in tandem with strategies to reach executive leadership and develop pathways that bridge frontline work and middle management roles.

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Ending Community Violence: An Assessment of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs in a New Jersey Cohort

In 2019, the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) received funding to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to 9 Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) across New Jersey (NJ). The HAVI and Health Resources in Action (HRiA) are conducting a retrospective process evaluation of the NJ cohort to identify core components of HVIPs across the nine sites. *Authors: Heather Nelson, PhD, MPH¹, Ariadna Capasso, PhD¹, Princess Fortin, MPH² (1) Health Resources in Action (HRiA), (2) The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (The HAVI)*

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Engaging Government to Advance Racial Equity: A Systems-Change Approach

HRiA will outline the details of our health and racial equity training approach in response to partner needs, and recommendations for partners seeking these services. We will share lessons learned from our tailored work with a large metro city government, and with a county and state health authority. *Authors: Jennifer Masdea, MPH, Natalie Cashin, MA, Brittany Chen, DrPH, Moacir Barbosa, BA, Valerie Polletta, MPH, Health Resources in Action*

Monday, November 7th, 2022

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Oral Health Needs and Barriers to Care in Two Demographically and Economically Diverse Communities: Findings from an Oral Health-Focused Community Needs Assessment

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a safety-net healthcare system near Boston, MA, has undertaken an assessment focusing narrowly on the oral health of residents in two communities. A mixed-methods assessment captures perspectives of residents through surveys and focus groups. Data collection activities captured perceptions of oral health behaviors/beliefs and experiences accessing oral healthcare. *Authors: Lisa Arsenault, PhD¹, Chloe Cheung, MPH¹, Eva Chow, BS¹, Alec S. Eidelman, DMD, MPH² (1) Health Resources in Action, (2) Cambridge Health Alliance*

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How Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Serving Organizations (TIPSOs) are Promoting Wellness through Their COVID-19 Responses

This session will describe and explore the community-led and based approaches that TIPSOs use to reduce the impact of COVID-19 while holistically addressing the wellbeing of their tribal and indigenous communities. Two of the funded TIPSOs, The Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe and the North American Indian Center of Boston, will share how they are weaving in spiritual care and promotion of self-care into their COVID-19 education and outreach responses. *Authors: Cheryl Cromwell¹, Melissa Ferretti², Raquel Halsey³, Antonia Blinn⁴, Erica Piedade⁴, Daisy Ortega⁵ (1) Health Resources in Action, (2) Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe, (3) North American Indian Center of Boston, (4) Massachusetts Department of Public Health, (5) Health Resources in Action*

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Public Health Leaders' Lunch (*panel, by invitation only*)

This panel will discuss opportunities and challenges ahead for the future of public health. Panelists will share perspectives on managing legacy challenges of underfunding and politicization, and the effects of greater public attention on public health due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *This panel features our own HRIA CEO Steven Ridini as a panelist.*

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Perception of the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Coordination Program among Referring Providers and Specific Benefits to Organizations without a Dedicated Care Coordination Team

The DCC program has fostered partnerships with clinical providers and healthcare insurers across New England to support the non-clinical needs of persons living with dementia (PLWD) and their caregivers. A comprehensive mixed-methods evaluation, undertaken in collaboration with Health Resources in Action, has demonstrated numerous beneficial impacts to care practice among referring clinical partners. *Authors: Elizabeth Showalter, MPH¹, Lisa Arsenault, PhD¹, Kristin Mikolowsky, MSc¹, Nicole McGurin² (1) Health Resources in Action, (2) Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter*

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Seizing the Opportunity for Equitable Recovery through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

In this workshop and based on our experiences in Massachusetts, we will describe, discuss, and collectively identify solutions that: increase power for disenfranchised populations to decide how public resources get spent (not just provide input); and normalize actions that demonstrate how government can collaborate with residents who have been historically excluded. *Authors: Erika Gaitan, MSW, Ben Wood, MPH, Mo Barbosa, MA Health Resources in Action*

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Health Equity in Massachusetts: Lessons Learned During the Time of COVID

This session will discuss how MA has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, how diverse communities have responded, and how communities and the state understood the causes of health inequity prior to COVID-19. The panel presenters will provide insights on the state and several communities' responses and the local health equity landscape. *Panelists: Tom Brigham¹, Rodrigo Monterrey, MPA², Nassira Nicola, MA, ADAC¹, Ben Wood, MPH³, Jessica del Rosario, MPA¹. Moderator: Karen Mancera Cueras, DrPH, MS, MPH, CHES⁴. (1) Massachusetts Department of Public Health, (2) Tufts Medicine, (3) Health Resources in Action, (4) Illinois Department of Public Health.*

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The Unique Role of Faith-Based Organizations in COVID-19 Response and Beyond

HRiA outlines the details of our health and racial equity training approach in response to partner needs, and recommendations for potential partners seeking these services. Hear the lessons learned from our work with a large metro city government, and with a county and state health authority. *Authors: Gihan Suliman, MS¹, Reverend Kenneth Young, MA Religion, M. Div. ², Geri Medina, MPH³, Tamar Kaim Doniger, MBA⁴, Stacey Chacker, BA³ (1) JAHAN Women and Youth Initiative, (2) Massachusetts Council of Churches, (3) Health Resources in Action, (4) MA Department of Public Health*

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Advancing Equity through Systems Change: Building Capacity Across Oregon's Public Health System

As a part of their public health modernization commitment, OHA's Public Health Division (PHD) has catalyzed intentional work across the public health system's levels – including local public health (LPH), the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB), and within the Division itself – to build capacity to advance health and racial equity through systems change approaches. *Authors: Victoria Demchak, MRP¹, Cara Biddlecom, MPH¹, Sara Beaudrault, MPH¹, Veronica Irwin, PhD, MPH², Ben Wood, MPH³, Brittany Chen, DrPH³ (1) Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, (2) Oregon State University, (3) Health Resources in Action.*

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Racial Discrimination and Mental Health within the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Impact Survey

The high rates of experiences of discrimination within the AAPI community during the pandemic have had a significant negative impact on the mental health of members of the AAPI community, highlighting the need for mental health and violence prevention outreach and resources. *Authors: Ta-wei Lin, DrPH, MPH¹, Caroline Stack, MPH¹, Elizabeth Beatriz, PhD¹, Nicholas Griffiths, MPH¹, Ana Kantorowski, MPH¹, Emily Sparer-Fine, ScD, MS¹, Allison Guarino, MPH¹, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, PhD, MPH¹, Vera Mouradian, PhD¹, Rebecca Dawson, PhD, MPH¹, Glory Song, MPH¹, Amy Flynn, MS², Lisa Arsenault, PhD², Lauren Cardoso, PhD¹, W.W. Sanouri Ursprung, PhD¹ (1) Massachusetts Department of Public Health, (2) Health Resources in Action.*

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Supporting Neighborhood-Based Collaboratives in Addressing Health Equity through a Multi-Year, Collective Impact Approach

The Children's Health Equity Initiative improves health equity through collaborative-led development of multi-sector approaches, systemic changes, and community cohesion. Collaboratives working in neighborhoods with the highest concentrations of children of color and child poverty developed solutions addressing child/family health and well-being, and/or community/ family/child resilience. *Authors: Debbie Lay¹, Tara Agrawal¹, Shari Nethersole¹, Urmi Bhaumik¹, Stacy Walker¹, John Riordan¹, Mo Barbosa², Brittany Chen², Daisy Ortega² (1) Boston Children's Hospital, (2) Health Resources in Action*

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A Pro-Equity Approach to Tobacco Control Enforcement: Transitioning from Police to Public Health Enforcement of Commercial Tobacco Control Laws

In summer 2020, APHA's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section called for the removal of police from commercial tobacco control enforcement to ensure enforcement strategies do not undermine broader health equity goals. This is the first research to examine the strengths and challenges of public health- versus police-led enforcement models. *Authors: Ilana Raskind, PhD¹, Jamie Fleshman, SPT², Tasfia Jahangir², Lisa Henriksen, PhD³ (1) Health Resources in Action, (2) Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, (3) Stanford Prevention Research Center*

Tuesday, November 8th, 2022

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The Road to Social Equity: A Catholic Parish's Journey from Equity Assessment to Planning to Action

In the wake of the uprising for social justice and the nation's reckoning with systemic racism after the death of George Floyd in 2020, Saint Cecilia embarked on an initiative known as The Road to Social Equity. As part of this effort, Saint Cecilia partnered with local nonprofit, Health Resources in Action, to conduct an equity assessment and strategic planning process. *Authors: Erika Gaitan, MSW¹, Leah Bennett², Amanda Ayers¹, Carly Caminiti², Valerie Polletta³ (1) Health Resources in Action, (2) Saint Cecilia Parish, (3) Health Resources in Action*

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The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of LGBTQ+ individuals across the spectrum: Results from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Impact Survey

Despite limited data on health outcomes in LGBTQ+ communities, disproportionate impacts on mental health during COVID-19 on marginalized communities are apparent. More robust data collection within LGBTQ+ communities is needed to better assess the impact of COVID-19 on mental health. *Authors: Matthew Tumpney¹, Rebecca Han¹, Lauren Larochelle¹, Rebecca Dawson¹, Kathleen Fitzsimmons¹, Amy Flynn¹, Nicholas Griffiths¹, Allison Guarino¹, Ana Kantorowski¹, Ta-wei Lin¹, Vera Mouradian¹, Emily Sparer-Fine¹, Caroline Stack¹, Lisa Arsenault², Lauren Cardoso¹ (1) Massachusetts Department of Public Health, (2) Health Resources in Action*

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Disrupting Structural Racism Through State and Community Partnership

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