African American Symposium
“Moving Beyond Health Disparity and Achieving Health Equity: From Strategy to Action”
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PLANNING WITH A PURPOSE: COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

- American Cancer Society
- American Heart/Stroke Association
- CUNY Institute For Health Equity
- Harm Reduction Coalition
- Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.
- National Black Leadership Coalition on AIDS
- The Institute For Family Health
- US Department of Health & Human Services
- National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
- New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
SYMPOSIUM PARTNERS
PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

**Purpose:** To address racial and ethnic health disparities within African American communities in New York State.

**Goals:**
- Learn about health inequities, their root causes, and effective service models to address them;
- Obtain input from participants to formulate specific program and policy recommendations that would address racial and ethnic health disparities;
- Understand and apply specific tools that can aid in addressing health inequities;
- Encourage the establishment of collaborative partnerships among symposium participants for the subsequent development and implementation of community action plans that would assist in the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities.
SYMPOSIUM OUTCOMES

- Over 200 participants
- Representation from across NYS (Buffalo/Western NY, Albany/Capitol District, NYC, Long Island, Mid/Lower Hudson)
- Representation from academia, DOC, CBOs, businesses, faith communities, politicians, healthcare providers, consumers & community stakeholders
- Community Action Planning Sessions
POST SYMPOSIUM – MOVING FORWARD

• Implementation of the Symposium is not a single day event - multi year process

• Development of Community Action Plans
  • Opportunity for government, community, service providers, advocates and consumers to all work together to affect change – to address health disparities

• Webinar Series
THANK YOU

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