HHS Support of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHI-HBCU)

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White House Initiative on HBCUs
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HHS Federal Sponsorship through HHS

HHS provides more financial support to HBCUs than any federal agency aside from the Department of Education
HBCU Programs/Opportunities within HHS

• Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  – HBCU Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health (HBCU-CFE)
  – Garret Lee-Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Program
  – Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) partnerships with Community-Based Organizations (MSI-CBO)
HBCU Programs/Opportunities within HHS (Continued)

• NIH Research Centers in Minority Institutions Program
  – Develops and strengthens the research infrastructure necessary to conduct biomedical research and foster the next generation of researchers from underrepresented populations

• HRSA Bureau of Health Workforce
  – Supports funding for HBCUs supporting research development, training, program evaluation and other activities

• CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars (CUPS) Program
  – Internship opportunities creating a public health workplace experience to increase student interest in minority health
The Office of Minority Health (OMH)

OMH Mission

To improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.

OMH Functions

- Awareness
- Data
- Partnerships and Networks
- Policies, Programs and Practices
- Research, Demonstrations and Evaluation

OMH is the HHS Liaison for the White House Initiative on HBCU
HBCU Participation in OMH Programs (Examples)

• National Workforce Diversity Program
  – Howard University: Junior URM Program (JUMP)

• Minority Youth Violence Program
  – Kentucky State University: Please Call Me Mister Mentoring Program

• Preconception Peer Educators (PPE) Program
  – PPE sites at HBCUs in North Carolina, Maryland, Texas, Tennessee and Mississippi
  – PPE training and community outreach this fall at HBCUs including Johnson C. Smith University and Fayetteville State University
Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative

This program focuses on the 3 priority areas of Secretary Tom Price and seeks to:

• Prevent opioid abuse and increase access to opioid treatment and recovery services
• Reduce obesity prevalence and disparities in weight among children and adolescents; and
• Reduce the impact of serious mental illness and improve screening at the primary care level

*Awards to be announced later this month!*
OMH Resource Center (OMHRC)

- The nation’s largest repository of information on the health of minority populations in the U.S. and its territories

- Services available include:
  - Literature Searches
  - Funding Searches
  - Data/Statistics
  - Capacity Building
  - Consumer Materials
  - Technical Assistance
  - E-Newsletters
  - Social Media

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OMH Grant Writing Workshops: More planned in 2018!

Available through the Higher Education Technical Assistance Project (HETAP)