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Improving Mental Health Access
Eliminating Stigma

NBNF Colloquium Series on Mental Health

September 23, 2010 - 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Medical Education and Research Building :: Wendy and Solomon Luo, MD Auditorium
Temple University School of Medicine
3500 N Broad Street :: Philadelphia, PA 19140

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2010 [No Fee - Registration Required](#)

Please join the National Black Nurses Foundation in its national launch of the colloquium series titled *Minding the Gap: Improving Mental Health - Eliminating Stigma*. This colloquium series was developed to aid in eliminating the stigma around mental health disorders such as mood disorders like major depressive and bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in underserved populations where mental health services are underutilized. The program keynote address will be presented by Dr. Robin L. Smith, licensed psychologist, ordained minister, bestselling author, and national television personality featured frequently on the Oprah Winfrey Show and Larry King Live.

The program in Philadelphia is presented in collaboration with Pennsylvania Department of Health Office of Health Equity, Temple University School of Medicine, Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities; and Temple University Health Systems and is supported (in part) by AstraZeneca.

Who Should Attend and Why?

The purpose of this program is not to provide a cure for mental illness, but to define mental illness including mood disorders like major depressive and bipolar disorder and distinguish it from ordinary worry and unhappiness, thus aiding in changing the mindset of needing, seeking, encouraging, and providing help. We will also examine the clinical, faith, and policy implications associated with mental illness while connecting communities with leaders in each field to address the issues.

This colloquium series has been developed for healthcare professionals, social workers, faith and community-based contingency, clergy, mental health consumers, and policy makers.

NBNF and its collaborators invite partnerships with organizations to examine the benefit of improved mental health outcomes, as well as the identification of resources. For more information on partnership opportunities visit <http://www.nbnfoundation.us/mindingthegap.html>.

Program Speakers and Topics Include:

The Philadelphia program is co-moderated by Dr. Calvin B. Johnson, Vice President & Chief Medical Officer for Temple University Health System and former Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and Dr. Donald B. Parks, Assistant Dean, Minority Affairs & Director, Center for Minority Health Studies Temple University School of Medicine.

Keynote Address: *Mental Health - The Burden of Disease on Healthcare Disparities: Understanding Depression and Bipolar Disorder* - Dr. Robin L. Smith

Panel Discussion: *Clinical, Faith-Based, Policy, and Community Partnerships for Improved Mental Health Outcomes* - Kevin R. Johnson, Senior Pastor, Bright Hope Baptist Church; Jamahal Boyd, Director, Office of Health Equity, Pennsylvania Department of Health; Arthur C. Evans, Jr., Director, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services, and Acting Commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit <http://www.nbnfoundation.us/mindingthegap.html> or call the Colloquium Organizer, The Joshua Group at **404.559.6191**.

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