

NEVADA OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH E-NEWSLETTER



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WHAT IS THE NEVADA OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH (NOMH)

The mission of the office of minority health is to improve the quality of care services for members of minority groups; to increase access to health care services; disseminate information to and educate the public on minority health care issues of interest to members of minority groups.

The Nevada State Legislature created the Office of Minority Health with passage of Assembly Bill 580 during the 2005 legislative session. Included in the bill was the creation of an Advisory Committee, composed of nine members reflecting the ethnic and geographical diversity of the State of Nevada.

The Nevada Office of Minority Health vision is to achieve optimal levels of health and wellness for ethnic minorities in the state. The Office is tasked to provide an organized focus serving to:

- Identify, assess and analyze issues related to the health status of minority populations and to communicate this information where needed.
- Develop and coordinate a state minority health plan, minority needs assessments, service strategies and minority health data.

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In The Spotlight

In getting to know the members of the Nevada Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee, each newsletter will have a different member in the spotlight. The NOMH Advisory Committee is presently composed of nine members.



Dr. Debra A. Toney Ph.D., R.N. FAAN

Dr. Debra A. Toney is the president and CEO of TLC Health Care Services in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Toney was also elected as the 10th National President for the National Black Nurses Association. She is the founding president of the Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association. Dr. Toney is the former Chief Administrative Officer for the Rainbow Medical Centers.

Currently, she serves as the chair of the Nevada Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee and has served in role for the last two and a half years. Her community service in vulnerable populations has spanned over 20 years. Dr. Toney serves on The Joint Commission- Nursing Advisory Council, the Governor's Workforce Investment Board-Health Care Sector Council, National Institutes of Health, Office of Research on Women's Health Advisory Committee and she is the president of the Jourdan Kasey Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness and early detection of ovarian cancer.

Dr. Toney has been recognized for her extensive work in the community from a variety of organizations including, American Legacy Magazine, "Multicultural Healthcare Award", The Links Inc., "Women Leading the Way Award",

- Provide reference and resource information on minority health issues.
- Engage internal and external entities to support initiatives that address specific minority health needs including targeting health care program resources to meet these needs. ♦♦♦

MINORITY RESOURCES AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Multiple CFDA #s Beyond HAART: Innovative

Therapies to Control HIV-1 (P01)

Eligibility: State and local governments, IHEs

Letter of Intent Due: **06/20/2011**

Application Due: **07/19/11**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-11-012.html>

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), NIH encourage applications from institutions/organizations to participate in this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Beyond HAART: Innovative Therapies to Control HIV-1. This initiative will support program project applications to develop therapeutic approaches that could allow HIV-1 infected persons to discontinue current HIV-1 treatments for a sustained period without viral rebound.

NIDDK Short-Term Education Program for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) (R25)

Funding Opportunity No.: RFA-DK-11-001

Letter of Intent Due: **06/29/2011**

Application Due: **07/29/2011**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-11-011.html>

STEP-UP is a national program designed to provide ten to twelve weeks of summer research education and training for high school and undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in the NIDDK mission areas including diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism, nutrition, obesity, and digestive, liver, urologic, kidney, and hematologic diseases.

93.279 Systems Biology Approaches in HIV/AIDS and Substance Use (R01)

Eligibility: State and local governments, IHEs

Letter of Intent Due: **07/18/2011**

Application Due: **08/17/11**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-12-009.html>

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage systems biology approaches to address critical questions in HIV/AIDS and the potential impact of substance use.

Prevention of HIV Transmission/Acquisition through a better understanding of Reproductive Health (R03)

Funding Opportunity No.: RFA-HD-12-199

Letter of Intent Due: **07/11/2011**

Application Due: **08/11/2011**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites Small Grant Program (R03) applications to further our understanding of HIV acquisition/transmission by increasing our knowledge regarding the intersection between reproductive health and HIV prevention.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-12-199.html>

Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Program Area: Childhood Obesity

Letter of Intent Due: **July 1, 2011**

www.activelivingresearch.org/grantsearch/grantopportunities/current

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National Health Observances:

JUNE

1st – 30th

Cataract Awareness Month
Home Safety Month
Men's Health Month
National Aphasia Awareness
National Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness
National Scleroderma

June 1st – July 4th: Firework Safety Month

5th: National Cancer Survivor's Day

5th – 11th: National Rip Current Awareness
(effort to heighten public awareness of rip currents at surf beaches)

13th – 19th: Men's Health Week

June 19th: World Sickle Cell Day

June 27th: National HIV Testing Day

JULY

1st – 30th

Cord Blood Awareness Month
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
UV Safety Month
International Group B Strep Awareness Month
National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month

AUGUST

1st – 31st

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
National Immunization Awareness Month
World Breastfeeding Week



The Women of Color Conference, induction "Hall of Fame", and the National Black Nurses Association Nurse of the Year♦♦♦

Fact and Statistics

The Office of Health Statistics and Surveillance announced the release of the **Burden of Diabetes in Nevada 2009 Fact Sheet**, which is available for at: <http://health.nv.gov/PUBLICATIONS/BurdenDiabetesNevadaFactSheet2009final.pdf>.

Minority Health in Nevada 2010 Report
www.health.nv.gov/MinorityHealth/minority_rpt.pdf

The Healthcare 411 program from the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Diabetes Testing can be found at: <http://www.healthcare411.org/radiocastSeg.aspx?id=1191&type=seg>

Older Americans 2010: Key Indicators of Well-Being.
www.agingstats.gov

NIH (National Institutes of Health) Strategic Plan for Obesity Research:
<http://www.obesityresearch.nih.gov/About/strategic-plan.htm> ♦♦♦

Message from Mike Willden, HHS Director:

It is with great pleasure that I officially welcome the Office of Minority Health and the Consumer Health Office into the Department of Health and Human Services, Director's Office. With the passage of AB 519, both offices are now a part of the Director's Office.

I strongly believe that we will not be able to address health disparities among minority groups unless we can improve access to health care. The partnership between the Consumer Health Office and the Office of Minority Health will improve outreach and education efforts regarding health care coverage for minority groups. There will also be better visibility and coverage statewide for both offices.

I look forward to working with the Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee members to improve access and quality of health care for minority group members.

Michael J. Willden, Director, Department of Health and Human Services ♦♦♦

OTHER HEALTH DISPARITIES RELATED NEWS

Reducing health disparities as they affect racial, ethnic and underserved populations is an essential goal.

Disparities in Health: State legislation bills introduced in 2011—none presently in Nevada; Other states' information can be viewed on the National Conference of State Legislatures website:

<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=14298>

HHS released in April 2011 two strategic plans with goals and objectives to reduce our Nation's present health disparities amid racial and ethnic minorities and achieve health equity. The first is, "[HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities](#)" and the second report is through the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), "[The National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity](#)" report.

HHS is committed to the improvement of healthcare for vulnerable populations. As noted in the Executive Report Overview, "Together, the HHS Strategic Action Plan and the National Stakeholder Strategy provide visible and accountable federal leadership while also promoting collaboration among communities, states, tribes, the private sector and other stakeholders to more effectively reduce health disparities".

To view or download these reports please go to the following links:

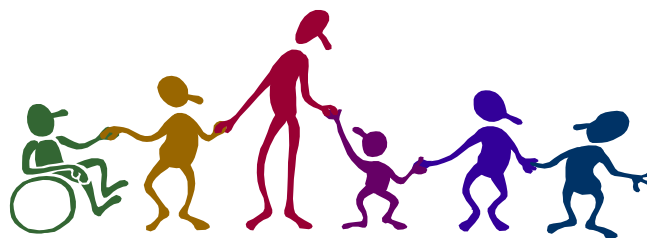
HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities

http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/files/Plans/HHS/HHS_Plan_complete.pdf

National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity

<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/templetes/content.aspx?lvl=1&lvlid=33&ID=286>

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LEGISLATION



AB519

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q: What is AB519?

A: AB519 places the Nevada Office of Minority Health under the Office of Consumer Health Assistance within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the Director's Office.

Q: Where is this currently in the legislative process?

A: AB519 was approved by the Governor on June 02,

2011.

Q: Where can I view information regarding AB519?

A: You can access this information at:

http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Bills/AB/AB519_R1.pdf or

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/76th2011/Reports/history.cfm?billname=AB519>

Q: How will this affect the Nevada Office of Minority Health?

A: This is a positive move in the right direction for Nevada OMH and it will continue to operate independently with the support of the Office of Consumer Health Assistance. The Office of Consumer Health Assistance assist consumers with healthcare related issues for the entire State of Nevada and a large portion of consumers they assist in health related topics are from the minority populations.

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To improve the quality of health care services for members of minority groups; to increase access to health care services; to seek ways to provide education, address, treat and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations.