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Maceo Barber is a Marriage Family Therapist Intern graduate of Louisiana Tech University (Psychology); Grambling State University (Sociology); specializes in children/adolescence victims of trauma, severely mentally ill, and crisis intervention. Mr. Barber is a member of NAACP and San Francisco African American Health Disparity Project. He has always been a person committed to serving the underserved population.

Yewoubdar Beyene, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Institute for Health & Aging and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the UCSF. She holds a PhD in medical anthropology from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. Her research areas include women's reproductive health, health care beliefs and practices of traditional cultures, HIV/AIDS, chronic illnesses and immigrant and refugee health.



Marva Bourne, M.S., M.F.T., D.M.F.T graduated from Loma Linda University with a DMFT (Doctor of Marriage and Family Therapy) degree and from California State University with an MS in Educational Counseling. Clinical counseling experience with youth and young adults, couples, and families in a medical family therapy setting, and coordinated a clinic program for young children and their families. Held several leadership positions in her church and interested in ministering to young adults and women and their families.

Daramöla N. Cabral, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., PA, is a research scientist and professor of health sciences at JFK University. She earned her Doctorate in Public Health in Epidemiology and MPH in Maternal and Child Health from the University of California at Berkeley. In her research she explores culture and health perceptions as powerful mediators of health behavior, and employees social-ecological approaches in the development of strategies to eliminate disparities in vulnerable populations.





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Gregory C. Canady is a part of the African American Culture & Family Center in Butte, California. He is a strong advocate for the underserved population.

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Nancy Carter is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the NAMI Urban Los Angeles affiliate chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Ms. Carter attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. before heading to New York to pursue a career in front of the camera. Ms. Carter currently lives in Santa Monica, California; she is working on completing her first book, tentatively entitled “Down the Rabbit Hole. A baby Boomer’s Tale,” and tongue-and-cheek account of living with depression.

Gigi Crowder, B.S. is the mom of two 18 year old twin boys. Gigi is the Ethnic Services Manager for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services and has worked in the Behavioral Health Care field for more than 20 years. She is a strong advocate for social justice and serves on several state wide committees; one of the highlights of her career was being inducted in the Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame.



Alemi Daba works for the Alliance for African Assistance in San Diego, California. She is an advocate for patient’s rights and refugee health.

Terri M. Davis, Ph.D. is Associate Professor in the John F. Kennedy University Clinical Psychology program. As a clinician, she is committed to the wellbeing and empowerment of adults of color. As a professor, she is committed to developing new generations of culturally competent psychologists.





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Don Edmondson earned his *A.A.* degree from Los Angeles City College in 1997. As a member of the State DMH Client and Family Member Expert Pool, since 1998, he has participated in reviews of County Medi-Cal Mental Health Programs, Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers, and numerous MHSA implementation plans. As a member of an MHSA Implementation Study Team he helped produce several reports that can be found on the State DMH website

Stephanie Edwards, M.P.A., CAMF, is a native Californian. Ms. Edwards has earned two Masters Degrees; one in Public Administration and the other in Hospital Administration from the University of Southern California; she earned her Bachelor of Science from California State University, Northridge; she continued her studies in the field of fundraising at the Indiana University Center of Philanthropy. Drawing on more than 27 years of experience in fund development and working within non-profit environments, Ms. Edwards founded Community Resource Fundraising Group (CRFG), of which she is president. Ms. Edwards provides hands-on, professional and culturally sensitive resource development and technical assistance to community-based, non-profit organizations.



Valerie Edwards, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. has over 20 years experience in clinical care, innovative programming and oversight of an array of behavioral health, and HIV programs, including management of over 100 FTE staff. She is on the faculty of the School of Social Welfare at UC Berkeley. She is a lifelong community activist dedicated to the concerns of marginalized populations. She received her MSW and her AB in Psychology from UC Berkeley.

C. Freeman, M.D., MBA, earned her BS in Psychology with a minor in Gerontology at Howard University; MBA at Pepperdine University; MD at Howard University. Dr. Freeman is a Psychiatrist at the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health in Los Angeles, California; and has been a Medical Director, Clinical Faculty Physician, Expert Witness Trainer, Project Manager, Phlebotomist, and Veterinary Assistant.

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Sabrina Friedman, Ed.D., PMHCNS-BC, NP-C, DAPA is Board-Certified Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist in private practice providing psychiatric medication management and psychotherapy. She is also an Associate Professor in the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program at Azusa Pacific University. She received her Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, Master's Degree from the University of Southern California, and Post Master's from Duquesne University.

Jim Gilmer, M.A. (Nonprofit Management/Leadership & Theology) is the Founder and President of Cyrus Urban Inter-Church Sustainability Network/Multicultural Community Ventures Initiative, member of the CA-MHSOAC Services Committee, Plan Reviewer/Evaluator for the MHSOAC-Prevention & Early Intervention process, Urban Ministry/Multicultural Socio-Economic Development Consultant, and has over 30 years of resource development experience for faith-based-grassroots organizations and ethnic small businesses.



Lawford L. Goddard, Ph.D. is a sociologist/demographer with a broad multi-disciplinary social science background. Dr. Goddard is an expert on Black family dynamics, Black culture, youth development programs, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and other forms of self-destructive behavior.

Tracie Hall-Burks, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. received her Bachelors degree in Social Work from Tuskegee University and her Masters degree from Norfolk State University in Clinical Social Work. Ms. Hall-Burks spent the last 9 years of her life providing mental health services to children, teens, women, and families. She currently runs her own private practice part time and works full time with a team of professionals in assessing, developing, and making recommendations for future mental health services and placement plans for abused and neglected youth within the foster care system.





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Suzanne Midori Hanna, Ph.D. is a senior marriage and family therapist, author, consultant and researcher who specialize in evidence-based practices for African Americans, and others who are underserved and disadvantaged. She believes that many important healing traditions have been ignored during the evolution of mental health treatment in the U.S. In addition to these lost traditions, her current projects emphasize trauma symptom reduction, and the importance of neurobiology in family and cultural relationships.

Denise Renee Hinds, Dr.P.H. received her Doctor of Public Health in Preventive Care at Loma Linda University, CA, 2010; Master of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, Loma Linda University, CA, 1999; and is a Certified Health Education Specialist. Dr. Hinds has over 10 years of experience in health education and promotion, including planning, implementing, and evaluating community programs.



Melvora (Mickie) Jackson, B.A., M.P.A. grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. One of seven children; a mom of three children, and two grandchildren; Ms. Jackson received her B.A. degree at New College of California, M.P.A. degree from University of San Francisco, and has a doctoral degree in progress. Mickie is a Forensic Mental Health Clinician.

Phyllis Jackson is the Executive Director of (Karibu) Center for Social Support & Education. Her areas of expertise and focus in working with women include drug addicts, ex-offenders and those with HIV/AIDS. Phyllis' training and education was centered on behavioral science, with emphasis in substance abuse and recovery.



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Luvenia Jones is a Message Therapist Health Educator. Ms. Jones is a part of Bonita House, Inc. Board of Directors, Alameda County Mental Health Board, and POOL of Consumer Champions.



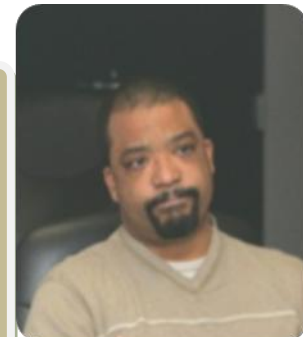
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R.B. Jones, Certified in Early Childhood Ed served 13 years on a local school board (5 years as board president). Mr. Jones served 2 years as board president of the California Black School board Assoc. He also served 3 consecutive terms as Mayor of the City of East Palo Alto, CA.



Bishop Ikenna Anyanwu Kokayi, M.A. Prelate, Christ Church Ministries-in-Community and President/CEO, United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC), San Diego.

Richard T. Kotomori, Jr., M.D. received his BA in Genetics with a Minor in Spanish Literature at the University of California, Berkeley and his MD at Howard University College of Medicine. Dr. Kotomori specializes in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and is CEO of the Quality of Life Group. Dr. Kotomori is board certified, a lecturer, has several publications, and is President of the J W Vines Medical Society, Inland Empire (NMA affiliate).



Walter Lam is a refugee from Uganda. In 1989, he founded the Alliance for African Assistance with the purpose of helping fellow refugees from Africa. In the past 22 years the Alliance has expanded greatly, serving thousands of refugees from all over the world. In 2007, the agency launched the Alliance Health Clinic, a non-profit Community Health Center dedicated to the well-being of refugees and other underserved residents of Central San Diego.



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Edward T. Lewis, M.A., M.S.W., is an Adjunct Lecturer at Sacramento State University teaching Advanced Child Welfare Policy and Child Welfare Practice in the Department of Social Work. Edward has nearly 20-years of social and human services experience with the Departments of Probation, Mental Health and Welfare; Child Protective Services in Butte and Yuba Counties, and California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Children & Family Services Division in Sacramento. In 1991, he realized that his passion and commitment is to work towards resolving issues of disproportionality and disparities, as it impacts African American youth and communities in the areas of health, mental health, education and social services.



Temetry Lindsey, Dr.P.A. has over 20 years experience in the development and management of health and human services. Dr. Lindsey received her BA in Political Science at the University of California, Riverside; MPA at the University of Pepperdine; and her Dr.P.A. at the University of La Verne. Dr. Lindsey is the Chief Executive Officer & President of the Inland Behavioral Health Services, Inc. in San Bernardino, California.

Lana C. McGuire, M.S.W., A.C.S.W. earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from CSU, Chico in 2009 at the age of 45. Ms. McGuire has served children, youth and families of Butte County for 20 years as a group home director, AIDS prevention counselor, drug/alcohol counselor, teen parent social worker and child protection social worker. She has been involved in grassroots efforts to promote education, health and wellness in her local African American community.



Gloria Morrow, Ph.D. received her BS in Psychology from the University of La Verne; MA in Marriage & Child Counseling at Azusa Pacific University; and her MA and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Fielding Graduate Institute. Dr. Morrow teaches a variety of topics that focus on mental and emotional health, and has authored several books. Dr. Morrow is a Diversity consultant at Harvey Mudd College, and has appeared on CNN several times providing expert insight into Black psychology. Dr. Morrow integrates Spiritual concepts and principles with her clinical skills to bring healing to the body and soul. Dr. Morrow is co-pastor of the Victory Community Church, and publisher of the Inland Valley News in Upland, CA



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Carolyn Bennett Murray, Ph.D. is a Full Professor in the Psychology Department at the University of California, Riverside; she received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1979. Dr. Murray was awarded a four year grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institute of Mental Health (NIH) to conduct a pioneer longitudinal study of the socialization processes of African American families and their children; assessing the normal development processes of African American children and socialization techniques used by their families. Her earlier research and published work is in the area of attribution and affective consequences of negative stereotypic expectations for academic achievement; her most recent research investigated the role of physician-patient communication in understanding health-disparities.



Erylene Piper-Mandy, Ph.D. received her BA and BS in Psychology and African American Studies from Vassar College; MA in African American Studies from Boston University; and her MA and Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Piper-Mandy is Adjunct Professor at Pepperdine University, Graduate School of Education & Psychology; Lecturer at California State University, Long Beach; a consultation in ethnic relations and cultural competence; and the Executive Director of the Center for Cross Cultural Competence in Carson, CA.

Musa Ra Men, A.A., is President of Life Skills Educational & Vocational Inc, a non-profit social change organization; Co-Founder, of the African American Reading Room of Ventura County; and was the MHSA Project Links Youth Council Coordinator for the African American community in Oxnard/Port Hueneme from 2005-2008. Musa is currently employed as a field service technician with the Xerox Corporation.



Linda Redford is a Grandma of 13 and raising 8, ranging from 7-14 years of age. Ms. Redford completed LVN school and was employed by the county as an eligibility worker and caretaker for 5 years.



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Daryl M. Rowe, Ph.D. is a professor of psychology at the Graduate School of Education and Psychology of Pepperdine University. He teaches courses on socio-cultural influences on human behavior, theories and strategies of clinical intervention and provides clinical supervision to both masters and doctoral students. Dr. Rowe was the National Chair of The African Psychology Institute, the training arm of the Association of Black Psychologists, is a licensed psychologist and maintains a practice emphasizing the psychosocial and communal needs of persons of African descent.

Madalynn C. Rucker, M.A., is founder and executive director of ONTRACK Program Resources, Inc., a nonprofit consulting firm specializing in health and human services since 1997. Previously she served for seven years as a Human Services Analyst III for the County of San Mateo, and six years as a Project Director for a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant for the Community Services Planning Council in Sacramento. Ms. Rucker holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Washington, and a Master of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Administration from Stanford University.



Wilma L. Shepard, L.C.S.W., is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice as well as an Adult Education Teacher who educates and assists individuals and families in solving problems that are interfering with successful adjustment within the family and to life in general. Ms. Shepard has over 25 years of experience in the mental health field specializing in domestic violence and family therapy and is one of the founders of the African American Mental Health Coalition, Inland Empire, which educates, and advocates raising awareness and decreasing the stigma surrounding mental health in the African American communities. A native-born Californian, Ms. Shepard received her B.A. (1986) and MSW (1995) from California State University, San Bernardino and when she is not working, she loves to read, travel and to learn.



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Nacole Smith, M.P.H. is the Program Coordinator for the African American Health Institute of San Bernardino County, where she spent 2 years as a Graduate Student Intern; she recently finished her Master's in Public Health at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science; she earned her Bachelor's in Biological Science with a Minor in African Studies at California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Smith has a variety of skills in culturally based cancer research, grants and contracts, health education and prevention programs, is a certified HIV/AIDS facilitator, and has presented her prostate cancer research at the 137th APHA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA in 2009. Nacole is the first in her immediate family to graduate from college and obtain her master's degree, is the youngest of two older twin sisters, and she has two nieces and two nephews.



Essence A. Webb, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., is a MSW Supervisor for Sacramento County-DHHS/CPS- Emergency Response Bureau. Mrs. Webb is the President of Sacramento Chapter of CABSW; she is currently on the CABSW State Steering Committee, and works in many social service and community projects throughout Sacramento, such as the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Sacramento, Travelers Aid Emergency Assistance Agency, WEAVE, Family Reunification and Family Maintenance Bureaus of CPS, California Child Welfare Council, and the Sacramento Probation-Neighborhood Accountability Board (NAB). Mrs. Webb is wife to Lamont Webb and mother of two daughters, Taylor (6) and Torri (2) Webb, and active in her children's school PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship).

Doretha Williams-Flournoy, M.S., has over 25 years experience implementing community based mental health and healthcare services, program planning and administration, and public policy advocacy. She is the Deputy Director for the California Institute for Mental Health. As a Deputy Director and member of the executive management team her portfolio includes the provision of statewide technical assistance and training programs focused on Prevention and Early Intervention, Reducing Disparities, and Integration of Primary Care and Behavioral Health.





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Linda Williams began volunteering at the African American Health Institute in 2010. Mrs. Williams has worked for Bank of America Specialty Group, GTE Yellow Page Directories and Delta Airlines. She received her BA in Liberal Studies from California State University Los Angeles.

V. Diane Woods, Dr.P.H., M.S.N., RN, received her Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H., 2005) in health education and promotion, social policy and social research from Loma Linda University (LLU) School of Public Health; Master of Science degree in community health nursing administration (M.S.N., 1986) Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio; and a BSN (1974), University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Woods is a certified public health nurse (CPHN), Assistant Research Psychologist at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) Psychology Department, and Founding President and CEO of the African American Health Institute of San Bernardino County (AAHI-SBC, 2006 to present). She has over 40 years in public health executive administration, community and clinical nursing, teaching, consultancies, and research. Dr. Woods conducts community research, translational research, and engages in primary prevention health systems development that is community driven and based on a social ecological framework. She has two adult children and three grandchildren.

