

PUBLIC HEALTH: Increasing Minority Human Capital in Public Health Practice and Research to Reduce Health Disparities

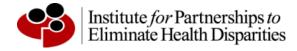
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Agenda

- Overview of Learning Objectives
- Introduction to Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities (IPEHD)
- Initiative: W.K. Kellogg Program
- Initiative: The USC-Claflin EXPORT Center
- Sources of Support for Pipeline Sustainability
- Q&A

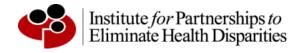


THE ISSUE (NEED)

Article: Creating and Maintaining a Sustainable Workforce

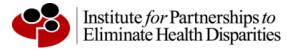
"There has been increasing concerns about the health of *the pipeline*- the new generation of investigators that will make the discoveries of the future."

-Norka Ruiz Bravo, Ph.D. Director, Office of Extramural Research and NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research



SESSION LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the need for increasing minority professionals in public health practice and research in order to reduce health disparities.
- Understand an innovative human capital approach to develop minority health researchers and public health professionals and advocates in the community to address health disparities.
- Understand the process of linking community based participatory research approaches with a historically black college and a major flagship university to develop an organic bottom-up approach to eliminate health disparities.
- Understand the potential for collaborative linkages between a major research university and historically black college to address health disparities.

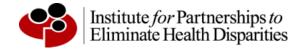


What is IPEHD?

- A partnership between....
 - A large, research-oriented institution of higher learning
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)
 - 1890 Land Grant Network
 - Statewide public health agencies
 - Other community organizations

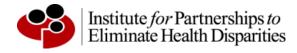
Our mission:

To eliminate health disparities through academic, community and other strategic partnerships in South Carolina and beyond.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- The main goal of IPEHD is to reduce and eliminate health disparities in minority populations
- The objectives include:
 - Increasing the number of minority professors who are knowledgeable in the field of public health
 - Encouraging minority students to consider careers in public health
 - Increasing statewide research on health disparities
 - Supporting organizations committed to reducing and eliminating health disparities



CURRENT PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES

W. K. Kellogg Public Health Fellowship and Development Program

M.A.T.C.H (Mobilizing Against Threats to Community Health)

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MID-CAROLINA AHEC



PALMETTO HEALTH



RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE



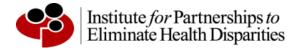
Minority HIV/AIDS Council



MINORITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

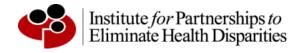


1890 Land Grant Network



PARTNERSHIPS TO DEVELOP PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

- University of South Carolina's Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities
- USC Arnold School of Public Health
- SC Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- SC DHEC



OUR FOUR CORNERSTONES:



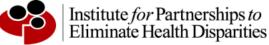
BUILDING THE PIPELINE

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

High School, Undergraduate and Graduate Students are introduced to:

- Public Health Professions/Careers
- Health Disparities Research
- Career Development Processes
- Academic Preparation for Graduate/Professional School
- Opportunities for Fellowships, Graduate Assistantships, Internships with Researchers

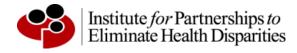




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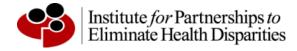


- African American Public Health Fellowship and Development Program to Address Health Disparities
- Builds a synergistic research network to increase interactive health disparities research
- Increase the number of African-American students/professionals in health disparities research activities
- Promote minority leadership positions in state/community organizations at the front line



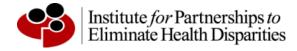
- Tier One-High School
 - Accomplishments
 - 462 High School Student Participants
 - Summer Enrichment Program
 - Saturday Academy





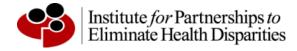
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- Two-week summer institute



Tier 3-Graduate Studies

Eight Master's Level Students

Four Doctoral Students

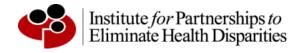




INITIATIVE:

EXPORT Center of <u>EX</u>cellence in <u>Partnerships</u>, Community <u>Outreach</u>, <u>Research on Health</u> Disparities and <u>Training</u>

 Funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)





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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- (1) Advance the science directed towards reducing, eliminating, or preventing health disparities
- (2) Discover new interventions or expand utilization/adaptation of existing evidence-based interventions
- (3) Increase the number of professionals from minority and underserved populations trained in biomedical and behavioral research by building capacity at minority serving institutions
- (4) Conduct research on health disparities
- (5) Increase public trust and dissemination and utilization of scientific and heath information relevant to health disparity populations



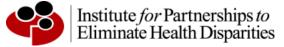
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

- The USC-Claflin EXPORT Center recognizes and is dedicated to moving theoretical research to practice
- Community partnership and involvement throughout the program is essential in fostering a healthier SC
- EXPORT serves as a bridge by using its research results to reduce health disparities in rural populations









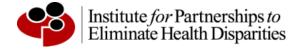
PROJECT EXPORT COMPONENTS

Administrative Core

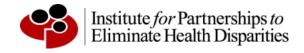
Research Core and Research, Education and Training Core (RET) Core combined

Community Partnerships and Outreach (CPOC) Core



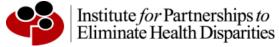


The USC-Claflin EXPORT CENTER Molecular Virology Laboratory



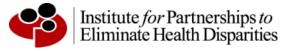
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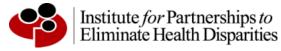


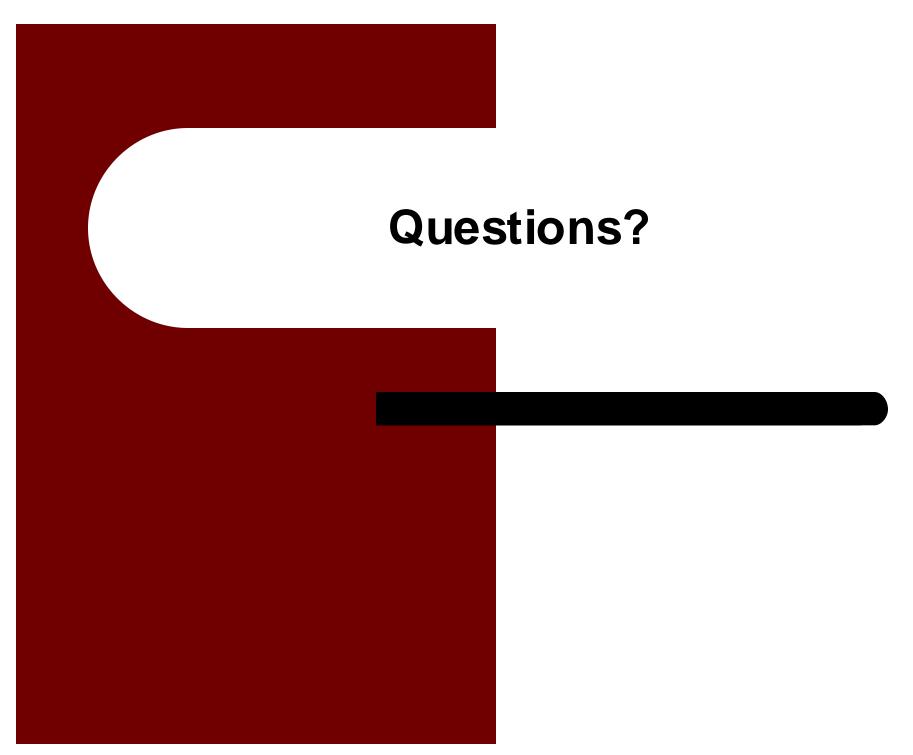
SUSTAINING THE PIPELINE

FOUR+1 DEGREE PROGRAM RESEARCH NETWORK

- Research development training activities for HBCU faculty
- Establishment of Pilot Studies
 - Five pilot studies have been funded
- External Funding Opportunities
- Minority Fellowships
- Loan Repayment Programs







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