



Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMAP)

REGION 2 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities (GMAP) Region 2 team.

GMAP is an integrated network of 7 hubs across the United States. Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL, serves as the hub for GMAP Region 2 (previously Region 3), which currently includes more than 40 partner institutions in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi and Puerto Rico.

You are receiving this newsletter because you are an ongoing member within our region and your name was provided to us by NCI or a colleague or you have been identified as a trainee, researcher, or community partner with an interest in the GMAP objectives to: advance the science of Cancer Health Disparities (CHD) research, promote the development of the next generation of competitive underrepresented cancer and cancer health disparities researchers, strengthen community education and outreach, and contribute to measurable reductions in Cancer Health Disparities in Region 2.

This newsletter shares cancer health disparities–related information with you on a quarterly basis. It includes information on opportunities, upcoming events, resources, and member spotlights for networking and collaboration. We will also distribute a monthly e-blast that includes current opportunities and event reminders.

Upcoming Events

April 15, 2016: [Cancer health Disparities: From Molecules to Communities](#). Louisiana Cancer Research Center in New Orleans.

April 16-20, 2016: [AACR Annual Meeting 2016](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

April 19, 2016: [CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds Presents](#): Cancer and Family History: Using Genomics for Prevention.

April 21, 2016: [The UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium](#) in Birmingham, AL.

April 25, 2016 at 12:00pm EST. ["Essentials in Writing Applications for NIH and NSF"](#) at University of Miami, FL.

April 28, 2016: [2nd Annual Health Professions/Residency Career Fair for Diverse Trainees](#) in New York City is co-sponsored by the Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians Initiative (BNGAP), Hunter Pre-Health Advising Office and Women and Gender Studies (WGS) of Hunter College. **FREE** for college students and medical students.

April 29-30, 2016: [4th Annual LGBT Health Workforce Conference](#), New York City.

May 18, 2016: Grant writing Coaching Group. [Northwestern University Model Grantwriting Coaching Groups](#) for Postdocs and Junior Faculty Actively Writing NIH-style Proposals. May 18-20 at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA.

June 20 – June 25, 2016: 14th Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Justice Summer Workshop. For more workshop/course information please contact: Lovell A. Jones , Ph.D at HDEART@pvamu.edu.

September 14-16, 2016: [International Cancer Education Conference](#) in Bethesda, Maryland.

September 17-20, 2016: [Colorectal Cancer: From Initiation to Outcomes](#) in Tampa, Florida.

November 9 - 12, 2016: [Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students \(BRCMS\)](#) in Tampa, Florida.



See You at the AACR Annual Meeting 2016!

Meet the Director and Staff of the NCI-Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities at the [CRCHD Meet and Greet Session](#) at Booth #1012 in the exhibit hall.



Planning to attend a workshop or conference to present your Cancer Health Disparities (CHD) research?

For more information [click](#) below:

[TRAVEL AWARDS APPLICATION!](#)

TRAVEL AWARDS AVAILABLE!!

Institution Name

University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Arkansas - Medical Sciences
Moffitt Cancer Center
University of Miami
Bethune Cookman University
Emory University
Florida A & M University
Morehouse School of Medicine
Xavier University of Louisiana
Louisiana State University
Tulane University
University of Florida
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Washington University in St. Louis
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April is National Minority Health Month!

Linking Research to Community:

Cervical Cancer Education Pilot Project: Using Health Ambassadors to Disseminate Cervical Cancer and HPV Information to a Local Hispanic Farmworker Community

Latinas in the US have a higher incidence and mortality rate related to cervical cancer when compared to non-Hispanic White women. As reported by the American Cancer Society in 2014, Latinas in the United States experience an incidence of cervical cancer that is 64% higher than the rates for non-Hispanic white women. In an effort to address this disparity, under the direction of Co-Principal Investigators, Drs. Cathy Meade and Clement Gwede, the Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network (TBCCN) housed at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, FL developed 18 highly-visual language-specific educational resources to motivate and prime women to get Pap tests titled ¡Es Por Mi Bien! (It's for My Good) through supplement funding awarded by the NCI's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities.



Khaliah Fleming, a NON Community Health Educator (CHE) for region 2 and Co - director of Tampa Bay Community Cancer Network (TBCCN) Outreach Core.

In 2014, in collaboration with Farmworkers Self-Help, Inc., (FSH), a community partner of TBCCN, we collaboratively implemented a series of charlas (talking circles) on the topic of cervical cancer and HPV utilizing women from a farmworker community as health ambassadors. Sixty (60) women participated in the charlas and six (6) women were trained as health ambassadors. After receiving training, health ambassadors were given the opportunity to lead charla discussions with women from the community.



HPV knowledge, beliefs about the pap, pap intentions, and self-efficacy were assessed at baseline and immediately following the charlas. Findings show statistically significant improvement for HPV knowledge and Pap test self-efficacy among charla attendees. Pap intention results from these assessments demonstrated a positive trend towards being statistically significant. This project exemplified that use of health ambassadors to deliver HPV/cervical cancer and cervical cancer screening information and resources is beneficial.

Health Ambassadors Trained to Disseminate Cervical Cancer and HPV Information to a Local Hispanic Farmworker Community.

For more information about this project, please contact:

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Click the link below to learn more about TBCCN:

[Link to Additional Resources](#)

[Visit our website](#)

National Outreach Network (NON)

NON CHEs collaborate with academic, research, community, and regional NCI partners to develop, implement, and assess a disparities focused education and outreach efforts linked to local, regional, and NCI research priorities. For more information on the National Outreach Network, click [here](#).



Tiffany L. Carson, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Preventive Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the UAB School of Medicine. She is an Associate Scientist in the UAB Nutrition Obesity Research Center, the UAB Comprehensive

National Cancer Institute: K01 Career Development Award Recipient Highlight

In September 2016, Dr. Carson was awarded a 5-year K01 Career Development Award from the National Cancer Institute for her research project entitled “The Interplay of Behavior, Environment, and Microbiota in Colorectal Cancer Risk”. This study will explore the relationship between individual behaviors (e.g., diet, stress) and the composition of gut microbes among a racially diverse sample of women with and without colorectal cancer.

Cancer Center, and the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center.

Dr. Carson completed her Bachelor's Degree at Florida State University. She later received her Master's degree and Ph.D. in Epidemiology from UAB and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

As an applied epidemiologist, Dr. Carson has a breadth of research experience with a central theme of population-based, bio-behavioral observational and intervention studies for the treatment of obesity and cancer prevention.

The purpose of this study is to learn more about which behaviors may contribute to microbial dysbiosis and to gain a better understanding of the underlying mechanisms by which dysbiosis leads to increased health risk. Dr. Carson ultimately will use these research findings to inform future opportunities for bio-behavioral interventions to lower risk of colorectal cancer. In addition to Dr. Carson's current work, she has also led or contributed to several research studies centered around understanding effective ways to promote sustainable, healthful nutrition and physical activity behaviors in all individuals, with a special emphasis on black women.

Dr. Carson's work has explored numerous psychosocial factors that are linked to weight management among women including stress, body image, social support, and quality of life. She has published her work in multiple peer-reviewed journals including Obesity, Health Education and Behavior and The Journal of Community Genetics and authored or co-authored more than 20 articles and book chapters and her work has been cited more than 200 times.

Click to learn more about [NCI Career Development Awards](#)

Cancer Training at NCI

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