

Louisiana Suicide Prevention among African Americans Task Force

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COMMITTEE ROOM 6

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

10:00 AM

AGENDA

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Update on Task Force Designees

- Discussion on steps to engage task force members
- The “save the date” email was sent out to all designees listed in HCR84 for the October 5th, 2023 meeting.

Request to Join Task Force

- Mr. Will Francis, the Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers have requested to be included in correspondence about the taskforce and he has requested to include Ms. Michelle Strickland as a designee for the NASW-LA Chapter. As of date, there is no designee representing the NASW LA Chapter.
- Ms. Tanyaka Cline, President of The National Association of Black Social Workers, has requested to include Ms. Tyshica Lofton as an additional designee representing the NABSW.

Professional Speaker: Dr. Raymond Tucker

- Dr. Raymond Tucker is the Chairman of the National Suicidology Training Center (NSTC) and the Clinical Director of Survivor Services at Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center (BRCIC). He is a clinical psychologist and assistant professor of psychology at Louisiana State University.

Discussion on additional presenters

- Brandon J. Johnson, MHS, MCHES, Branch Chief of Suicide Prevention Branch with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association (SAMHSA)/ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Brandon Johnson led the first Black Youth Suicide Policy Academy that brought together multiple state implementation teams to create an action plan to reduce suicide among this population.
 - Is a virtual presentation an option?

- Pending clearance/approval from legislative affairs office
- No additional names were submitted for potential presenters. Deadline was September 21, 2023 to submit potential names.

Updates from Southern University

- Data
- Marketing

NEXT STEPS

PUBLIC COMMENT

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

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