

OVERVIEW:
AFRICAN AMERICAN SYMPOSIUM & WEBINAR SERIES

African American Symposium
*“ Moving Beyond Health Disparity and
Achieving Health Equity:
From Strategy to Action”*
(February 9, 2012)

Joan E. Edwards – NYSDOH AIDS Institute
July 26, 2012



PLANNING WITH A PURPOSE: COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP

- American Cancer Society
- American Heart/Stroke Association
- CUNY Institute For Health Equity
- Harm Reduction Coalition
- Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.
- National Black Leadership Coalition on AIDS
- The Institute For Family Health
- US Department of Health & Human Services
- National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
- New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene



SYMPOSIUM PARTNERS



PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Purpose: To address racial and ethnic health disparities within African American communities in New York State.

Goals:

- Learn about health inequities, their root causes, and effective service models to address them;
- Obtain input from participants to formulate specific program and policy recommendations that would address racial and ethnic health disparities;
- Understand and apply specific tools that can aid in addressing health inequities;
- Encourage the establishment of collaborative partnerships among symposium participants for the subsequent development and implementation of community action plans that would assist in the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities



SYMPOSIUM OUTCOMES

- Over 200 participants
- Representation from across NYS (Buffalo/Western NY, Albany/Capitol District, NYC, Long Island, Mid/Lower Hudson)
- Representation from academia, DOC, CBOs, businesses, faith communities, politicians, healthcare providers, consumers & community stakeholders
- Community Action Planning Sessions



POST SYMPOSIUM - MOVING FORWARD

- Implementation of the Symposium is **not** a single day event - multi year process
- Development of Community Action Plans
 - Opportunity for government, community, service providers, advocates and consumers to all work together to affect change – to address health disparities
- Webinar Series



THANK YOU

**Joan E. Edwards
NYSDOH AIDS Institute
Associate Director, NYC Office**

212-417-4508

jee04@health.state.ny.us