

# Health Equity Community Advisory Board

# Community Advisory Board Meeting November 29, 2022 9:00am – 11:00am Zoom Conference Call

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#### **Commencement**

The CAB meeting began at 09:05 a.m.

#### Welcome from the Co-Chair and Director

Mr. James Jackson, Ms. Judi Patterso,n and Dr. Jamila K. Stockman welcomed the group and facilitated introductions of leadership and participants. See attendee names, affiliations, and contact information above.

## N3C Debrief from National CFAR Meeting, Chicago, IL

Mr. James Jackson provided updates from the N3C Meeting that was held in conjunction with the National CFAR Meetings in Chicago. Jimmy Gibbs is the new N3C Chair and Andre Ford, the previous Chair, was also in attendance. Attendees shared what their respective CABs are working on in a lightning round named after Marcia Ellis who was not able to attend this year. Discussion topics included aging, implementation science, comorbidities, faith and spirituality, mental health care, and engaging young people.

One group discussed that their successes with engaging young people is based on having a few key community members take charge of the activities for their group and that the researchers supported them in those efforts. The group was built by young people, so instead of having to go out and find young people, those young people were building it all themselves. Mr. Jackson noted that their methods were very enlightening.

Mr. Eddie Jackson, a key member of the N3C from UAB, passed away in the last year. His work centered largely around faith and spirituality and that was a big part of how he was able to get people to open up and have conversations. Mr. James Jackson noted that simply sharing stories is a great way to get people engaged, and that we find through sharing those stories that there are a lot of people willing to help but they just haven't been in the conversation with someone that is already helping and putting plans into action. Mr. James Jackson mentioned that since returning from the N3C Meeting in Chicago, he has been able to open a few more doors through using this approach.

Ms. Danielle Campbell asked Mr. Jackson about the N3C Business Meeting and whether the Community Symposium was held this year. Mr. Jackson reported that the N3C held elections and that all nominees were running unopposed, so they were kept in position. There is work to do on the bylaws, so there was a lot of discussion around this. One of the key considerations to these updates is to ensure that the N3C is meeting the needs of the communities and CFARs they are serving.

Mr. Jackson noted that there was no Community Symposium this year, as it was decided to hold a condensed meeting due to COVID.

# CFAR Updates: Search for Health Equity CAB Co-chairs, 2023 Events

SD CFAR Research Day: Dr. Jamila Stockman reminded attendees of SD CFAR's Annual Research Day, which will be held virtually on December 6. Program information is available on the Research Day website. Presentations represent a range of academic backgrounds, and Ms. Danielle Campbell will be presenting her work, "Reproductive Coercion as a Risk Factor for Reduced HIV Testing Among Black Women with Histories of forced Sex Accessing Services at STD Clinics in Baltimore, MD, USA."

The search continues for new Co-Chairs for the Health Equity CAB. One individual has expressed interest to Dr. Stockman. A formal announcement and call for applications will be coming soon, and Dr. Stockman asks CAB members to disseminate among social networks and organizations. The goal is for the new Co-Chairs is to shadow alongside Mr. Jackson and Ms. Patterson for approximately six months to prepare for the role.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: Mr. Jackson has attended numerous meetings sponsored and held by the Faith-Based Action Coalition. They are planning an event specific to HIV/AIDS and Ms. Liz Johnson previously recommended that the Health Equity CAB consider partnering with them for a future event, most specifically related to the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (February 7). Ms. Judi Patterson noted that she has attended their National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day celebrations at the Malcolm X Library in the past and they have had 20-30 vendor tables, entertainment, guest speakers, and it was a great event. Mr. Jackson will attend the next meeting with the Faith-Based Action Coalition and see how the Health Equity CAB can be of help. Kenyatta Parker is the Co-Chair of the Faith-Based Action Coalition and the event will be held February 4<sup>th</sup>.

2023 Health Equity CAB Retreat: The group's last retreat was in 2019 and the main purpose was to start discussions to prepare for the 2020 National CFAR Meetings hosted by the SD CFAR. Specific goals for the 2023 retreat need to be established, however some suggestions include time devoted to training led by Mr. Jimmy Gibbs, the Chair of the N3C who would come out to attend the meeting. Ms. Liz Johnson noted that carryover funds are available to support this retreat and Mr. Gibbs' attendance. Ms. Johnson also suggested the possibility of inviting other SD CFAR CABs (Transgender Non-Binary CAB, AntiViral Research Center CAB, etc.) to attend. We could offer a hosted lunch and invite these CABs to attend a joint training and lunch. Dr. Stockman commented that including other CABs would be exceptional and invited members to email Mr. Jackson, Ms. Patterson, or herself to suggest other ideas or topics for the retreat.

# <u>SD CFAR Community Research Kick Start Grant Update</u>: Danielle Campbell (dacampbe@health.ucsd.edu)

<u>Introduction:</u> SD CFAR Community Research Kick Start Grants are designed to promote new research ideas and collaborations and/or increase capacity building through workshops, planning meetings, symposia and other activities. Priority will be given to applications that align with the research priorities of <u>SD CFAR</u>, the <u>NIH Office of AIDS Research</u>, and recent NIH health equity funding opportunity announcements (<u>RFA-DA-23-024</u> and <u>RFA-DA-23-023</u>).

Community Research Kick Start Grant funding ranges from \$500-\$7,500. Applications were due Monday, November 7 and awards will be announced by Thursday, December 1. A vibrant discussion was held at the last Health Equity CAB meeting surrounding plans to respond to the SD CFAR Call for Applications for the Community Kick Start Grant.

Ms. Danielle Campbell provided an update on a proposal that she submitted in collaboration with Dr. Chadwick Campbell who will serve as the faculty mentor on the project. The name of the project is, "Assessing Facilitators and Barriers to Participation in HIV-related Care among Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV," and the Neighborhood House Association will be the community partner.

The goal is to conduct a needs assessment to assess facilitators and barriers to participation in HIV-related care among communities disproportionately affected by HIV. This will involve conducting a series of focus groups or listening sessions in collaboration with Mr. Dallas Davis at the Neighborhood House Association. Ms. Campbell noted that they want to use the opportunity to have these conversations to allow the community to describe the facilitators and barriers of sustained engagements in HIV related care services amongst communities disproportionately affected by HIV and the health care professionals who serve them. The group hopes to develop a community-informed recommendations document that aims to support sustained engagement in case and HIV care services amongst those communities disproportionately impacted by HIV and to identify opportunities to inform future policy-related efforts to improve the delivery of HIV care in San Diego County. Ms. Campbell mentioned that in order to really engage with community around this critical topic, the only way to take the first

step in improving some of these negative health outcomes that we've seen is to truly work in partnership with community.

Following Ms. Campbell's discussion of their proposal, Ms. Johnson mentioned that she hoped to have good news to share with the group regarding the application within a few days.

## **Upcoming Activities and Community Partner Updates**

Dr. Stockman reminded attendees of <u>SD CFAR's Annual Research Day</u> which will be held on December 6 via Zoom. Mr. Jackson that he was recruited as CAB Co-Chair out of a previous SD CFAR Research Day and reminded members to invite others to attend the event since it can be a great opportunity to bring people into our work.

There is an upcoming seminar with <u>Dr. Jill Blumenthal on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 am</u>. She will be presenting on Community-Engaged Research with Transgender and Nonbinary Individuals Living with or at Risk for HIV in San Diego.

# **Open Discussion**

Ms. Danielle Campbell mentioned that the International Conference on Women will be held in February and that the International AIDS Society (IAS) conference will be held in July 2023. The US Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) will be held in September 2023.

Ms. Campbell mentioned that important updates from the field come from these meetings and asked if it would be possible to have investigators report back on these updates to the Health Equity CAB and other CABs as well. Dr. Stockman and Ms. Campbell discussed integrating more policy discussions in 2023 and potentially connecting with the California HIV AIDS Policy Research Center (Dr. Stockman is affiliated) or the We the People Policy Center (Dr. Laramie Smith is affiliated). These groups connect with other policy centers on a monthly basis to discuss key policy related projects. A large body of community representation and community groups attend these meetings. Dr. Stockman noted that we can leverage what these groups are dong but also need to be careful about the advocacy work we do in the context of the University, as there are strict guidelines that need to be followed for those affiliated with the University.

This conversation continued with outreach to other community groups and student organizations to include them in CAB efforts. Dr. Stockman noted that in the past we have been focused mainly on predoctoral fellows and postdocs but should consider extending to undergrads and bringing in faculty connect with them to potentially increase the diversity pipeline of scholars in HIV research.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.