



CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH

FINDING “WHAT WORKS”
ACROSS DIVERSE GROUPS

FORMAT OF SESSION

- Brief Description of NAMBHA
- An Overview Framework for the Presentations
- NAAPIMHA Presentation – DJ Ida, Ph.D.
- NLC Presentation – Aminifu Harvey, DSW
- NLBHA Presentation – Francisco Villarruel, Ph.D.
- FNBHA Presentation – Holly Echo-Hawk, MA
- Comments and Questions

Our Mission

The mission of NAMBHA is to collectively promote the behavioral well-being and full potential of people of color and to eliminate disparities in behavioral health services and treatment through policy reform, culturally appropriate research and evaluation, systems change and transformation, acquisition and distribution of resources, and consumer, family, and youth involvement.

NAMBHA Affiliates

Member organizations includes the four national racial/ethnic behavioral health associations:

- The First Nations Behavioral Health Association (FNBHA)
- The National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA)
- The National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA)
- The National Leadership Council on African American Behavioral Health (NLC)

NAMBHA Services and Products:

- Training, Education & Advocacy
- Cultural Competence Products
- Technical Assistance & Consultation
- Service Design and Implementation
- Identification of Culturally Appropriate Best Practice Models
- Conferences/Workshops
- Organizational Assessment & Capacity Building
- Research & Evaluation
- Data Analyses and Policy Impact Reports
- Interpreter Training
- Curriculum Development
- Referral Network

GOALS

- Eliminate racial/ethnic disparities in behavioral health
- Promote greater use of behavioral health prevention & intervention programs by people of color
- Improve accessibility to and availability of quality services and treatment
- Provide a forum to strengthen the voices of consumers in recovery; enhance the resiliency of families & youth of color

FRAME FROM DR. HUANG'S KEYNOTE

- Limited treatment effectiveness studies involving groups of color
- Know little about culturally-based interventions in behavioral health
- Need community-based evidence models to measure practice effectiveness
- Need to redevelop frameworks for research on disparities and cultural competence

OTHER FRAMING CONCEPTS

- Need authentic partnerships with communities of color
- Need to invest in and support development of more researchers of color
- Ensure that cultural and linguistic competence is considered a critical component of research design and methods
- Culture counts and matters
- Understand the importance of “culture” and the intersection of “culture” with the community environment in which families live
- Understand the great levels of heterogeneity within and between groups

DEFINITION OF EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH

Research designs, methods, and interventions that produce positive and sustained outcomes or knowledge about individuals, families, groups and communities.

In other words, describing and disseminating what works for different groups and populations.

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