

2019 NYS OMH Symposium

Strategies for Behavioral Health Equity: Leaving No One Behind!

June 24-25, 2019

Albany Marriott 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205

10 Social Work CEU's
will be offered
to Licensed
Social Workers.

A Symposium aimed at raising the bar on concrete strategies to create mental health equity for all New Yorkers.

Keynote Speaker

Event Information

The New York State Office of Mental Health is hosting a two-day Symposium bringing together researchers, policy decision makers, mental health clinicians and front-line workers. The goal is to raise the bar on concrete strategies to create mental health equity for all New Yorkers. The NYS Office of Mental Health believes everyone should have an equal opportunity for mental wellness. This requires removing obstacles and implementing services and policies aimed at reducing disparities.

DIOR VARGAS is the creator of the People of Color and Mental Illness Photo Project, a response to the invisibility of people of color in the media representation of mental illness. She is also the editor of *The Color of My Mind*, a photo essay book based on the photo project. She tours the country giving keynotes, hosting workshops, and speaking on panels. Her work and insight has been covered in media outlets such as *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Newsweek*, and *NBC News Latino*. Dior is the recipient of numerous awards including, The White House Champion of Change for Disability Advocacy Across Generations. She holds a Master of Public Health from NYU's College of Global Public Health.



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SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS

Monday, June 24, 2019

10:00 - 10:30 am	OPENING REMARKS
10:30 - 10:50 am	Keynote Dior Vargas Latina Feminist Mental Health Activist
10:50 - 11:00 am	<i>Break</i>
11:00 - 12:20 pm	Plenary Session (<i>Lunch</i>) <i>Journey Awards Presentation</i> <i>Social Determinants for Mental Health</i>
12:30 - 1:45 pm	Concurrent Session - 1 <i>a. Creating a Research/Data Framework</i> <i>b. Serving the Native American Population</i> <i>c. Cultural Formulation Interview</i>
1:45 - 2:00 pm	<i>Break</i>
1:45 - 3:15 pm	Concurrent Session - 2 <i>a. Cultural Competence and Health Literacy Organizational Assessment</i> <i>b. Addressing the Unique MH Needs of Rural New Yorkers</i> <i>c. Raising the Bar on the Provision of Language Access Services</i>
3:15 - 3:30 pm	<i>Break</i>
3:30 - 4:45 pm	Concurrent Session - 3 <i>a. Fostering Workforce Diversity Across the MH System</i> <i>b. Suicide Risk in NYS: What The Data Tells Us</i>

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

8:30 - 8:45 am	OPENING REMARKS
8:45 - 9:30 am	Plenary Session - 1 Addressing Historic/Intergenerational Trauma
9:30 - 9:45 am	<i>Break</i>
9:45 - 10:30 pm	Plenary Session - 2 Focusing on the Emerging Needs of NY's Immigrant Populations
10:30 - 10:45 am	<i>Break</i>
10:45 - 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session -4 a. Confronting Health Equity: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health - 1 b. LBGTQ - Addressing the Unmet Needs of the LBGTQ Population c. Overcoming Implicit Bias in Treatment Relationships
12:00 - 1:15 pm	Policy Panel (<i>Lunch</i>) Addressing the Social Determinants of Health - An Interagency Perspective (Representatives from NYS OMH, DOH, OASAS)
1:15 - 2:30 pm	Concurrent Session - 5 a. Confronting Health Equity: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health - 2 b. Addressing the Cultural Needs of Youth c. Strategies to Improve Outcomes in the Latino Community
2:30 - 2:45 pm	<i>Break</i>
2:45 - 4:00 pm	Concurrent Session - 6 a. Transforming Systems to Support Behavioral Health Equity b. Special Population panel- Strategies for Overcoming Barriers to Meet the Mental Health Needs of Asian Americans
4:00 - 4:15 pm	Final Thoughts/Action Steps

State of New York Office of Mental Health SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0227. Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSWs) and Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs) who attend this class in its entirety will receive 10 contact hours toward renewal of their social work license.

SELECT SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE

Ann Marie T. Sullivan, MD

Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health

Dior Vargas, MS

Latina Feminist Mental Health Activist

Michael T. Compton, MD, MPH

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