


April 2023 

Announcements




Better Health Through Better Understanding | April 2023



**April is  
Autism  
Awareness  
Month**

**NBNA 2023 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

**VOTE FOR  
DR. SHELDON D. FIELDS**  
PHD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN




**PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT  
AND LEADERSHIP**

- 32 years of Nursing Experience
- 1st Black Male UPENN Nursing Ph.D. Graduate
- ANCC Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
- Former Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow, Alum 2009
- Accomplished and Highly Published HIV/AIDS Prevention Research Scientist
- Full-time Professor, former Nursing Dean, Associate Dean for DEI Penn State University
- Entrepreneur: CEO of "The S.D.F Group LLC"
- Triple Fellow: FAANP, FNAP, FAAN
- Founding Father of The Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

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**"YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!"**

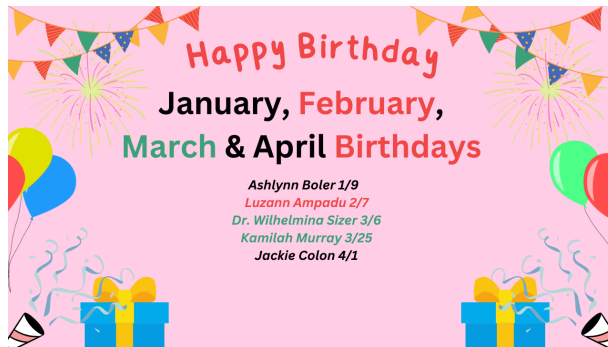
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Get ready to vote for our very own Chapter Advisor, Dr. Sheldon Fields, as NBNA's 14th president. Please follow his instagram page to hear more about his campaign.



**Happy Birthday**  
**January, February,  
March & April Birthdays**

*Ashlynn Boler 1/9*  
*Luzann Ampadu 2/7*  
*Dr. Wilhelmina Sizer 3/6*  
*Kamilah Murray 3/25*  
*Jackie Colon 4/1*



**RBNA Celebrates Birthdays**, Please take a moment and complete this quick [form](#)



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**MEET THE 2023-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD**



Dr. Celia McIntosh-President  
 Dr. Natalie LeBlanc- Vice President I  
 Sheila Johnson- Treasurer  
 Yachica Johnson- Parliamentarian  
 Dr. Sheniece Martin-Stancil-El- Corresponding Secretary  
 Bryanna Patterson- Historian  
 Bertha Davis- Recording Secretary

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**Welcome New Members**



**Van Smith:** Currently not in the nursing field. Operates a not-for-profit, Recovery Houses of Rochester, providing Human Services. Fun Fact about Van, is that he loves to laugh, he's been told he has the funniest laugh.



**Chanel Parker:** Currently attends Bryant & Stratton College with only 2 more semesters to go. She joined RBNA because she wanted to be a part of a community that understands the struggles associated with being African American health care professional. **Fun Fact** about Chanel, when she was younger she always thought she would fly the blue angel jets, she went to many airshows



**Kristina Santory, MS, RN, CNEcl, CV-BC, CNRN:** Currently teaching in ABPNN and MNE programs at URSON. Graduated from Nazareth College with BSN, Masters in Health Prof Education from URSON, and will be starting EdD in Nursing Education at the University of Alabama in the Fall. I joined RBNA because I am interested in joining a professional organization that is focused on the advancement of Black nursing professionals and is invested in improving health of marginalized groups within Rochester. Services. **Fun Fact** about Kristina, is that in January, she completed the Run Disney Dopey Challenge (5k, 10k, ½ marathon over 4 days in Disneyworld)



**Aisha Mills-Courtright, BSN, RN:** Currently enrolled at Roberts Wesleyan University in the Masters of Nursing Leadership & Administration. I joined RBNA because I want to get involved and help where I can. **Fun Fact** about Aisha is that she can sing a bit; however, she hosts Karaoke every weekend in warmer months, some days they are very bad, but they have fun.


New 2023 Members Not Pictured

- Natasha Blaise
- Eunice Opoku-Boateng
- Nahmese Bacot
- Kamilah Murray
- Calisa Gayle
- Richard Obeng Antwi
- Jaqi Bullock
- Marigoretti Oparah
- Jackie Colon
- Kristina Santory
- Candace Carter
- Diedra Sutton
- Jonathan Lopez
- Thomas Ruffing

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**Monthly Meeting Information**

**Rochester Black Nurses Association Inc.**



**Open to all RNs, LPNs, Nursing Students, Retirees and those who support the mission of NBNA**

NBNA's mission: To serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health

**RBNA motto: "The Heart of Community Health: Bridging the Gap"**

**Chapter Meetings occur the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 6-8pm**  
**Sponsored by University of Rochester, School of Nursing**  
**Guest Speaker: Bryanna Patterson | RBNA Historian | Protected Legacies LLC**

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**Location: Zoom ID 854 4269 2245**  
**When: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Time 6-8pm**

Join our FB and Instagram @RochesterBNA  
 Email: [Nbna.rochester@gmail.com](mailto:Nbna.rochester@gmail.com)  
 Website: [rocna.org](http://rocna.org)  
 Call/Text: 585.210.8374

Rochester Black Nurses Association Continuing Education Program Dates  
 \*Includes chapter meetings  
 \*\*\*CEU months subject to change\*\*\*

1 <sup>st</sup> QUARTER	EVENT	DATE & TIME
January	Chapter Meeting	January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-8p
February	Chapter Meeting	February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-8p
March	Chapter Meeting Guest speaker: Thera Basio with Alzheimer's Association	March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-8p
2 <sup>nd</sup> QUARTER	EVENT	DATE
April	Chapter Meeting Guest speaker: Bryanna Patterson, RBNA's Historian	April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-8p
April	CEU Topic: Black Maternal Health Presenter: Dr. Celia McIntosh 1.0 Credits	April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6:30-8p
May	Chapter Meeting	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023 6-8p
June	Chapter Meeting CEU Topic: Diabetes as a Health Disparity Presenter: 1.0 Credits	June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-8p
3 <sup>rd</sup> QUARTER	EVENT	DATE
July	NO CHAPTER MEETING-Enjoy your summer	NO CHAPTER MEETING
August	Chapter Meeting	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023 6-8p
September	Chapter Meeting CEU Topic: Impact of Racism on Black Nurses Presenter: Dr. Yvette Conyers 1.0 Credits	September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-7p September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 7p-8p
4 <sup>th</sup> QUARTER	EVENT	DATE
October	Chapter Meeting	October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-7p
November	Chapter Meeting CEU Topic: Black Trans Care Presenter: Faith Lambert 1.0 Credit	November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 6-8p

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**Upcoming Events**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN-LED SUPPORT GROUPS  
EMBRACING AND LIFTING EACH OTHER UP  
BREAKING SOCIETAL STIGMAS**



- Empowerment in Support of the Aging**  
1st Tuesday of the Month – from 6:30pm-7:30pm.
- Engaging with Youth and Supporting Their Voices**  
2nd Saturday of the Month – from 12:00pm-1:00pm
- African American Women Dealing with Hair Loss**  
3rd Saturday of the Month – from 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Supporting Single Mothers**  
4th Tuesday of the Month – from 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Impacts of COVID/Grief/Loss**  
4th Saturday of the Month - from 12:00pm - 1:00 pm



Please click the link to complete the registration form:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ew9h3tmp>  
This program is supported in part, by a grant from ESL Community Impact.

The Latino and African American Health Coalitions present the 10th year of

**SPEAK LIFE! 2023 HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE**

*¡Acción ahora! - Action now!*

FEATURING ACCLAIMED JOURNALIST, WRITER AND ACTIVIST, FELIPE LUCIANO

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 27TH  
8:15 AM - 2:00 PM**

**IN PERSON** at The Strathallan  
Rochester Hotel & Spa,  
550 East Avenue, Rochester, 14607  
**OR JOIN US ONLINE**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!  
[commongroundhealth.org/speaklife2023](https://commongroundhealth.org/speaklife2023)

**IN PERSON AND ONLINE EVENT, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Common Ground Health is pleased to support Common Ground Health's participation in the April 18 to ensure additional accessible accommodations. \*CNE has been requested.

Thank you to the Speak Life 2023 presenting sponsor:

Excellus

Common Ground Health

**JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE FOR THE 2023 SPEAK LIFE! HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE**

*¡Acción ahora! - Action now!*

With speakers who are experienced at inspiring action, the conference will focus on Latino health as a lens to look at health equity for all people of color in the Finger Lakes.

We will explore how language, skin tone and color can be barriers to health care and other social determinants of health and see how that impacts equitable health outcomes. Together, we'll honor our Community Equity Champions. Reserve your spot today and get ready to take action!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT!**

8:15 AM	Check-in
8:45 AM	Introduction, Wilma Alvarado-Liarte
9:00 AM	Fostering Health Equity for Afro-Latinos, Dr. Adolfo Cuevas
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Latino Health in the Finger Lakes Region, Wade Norwood
10:30 AM	Achieving Holistic Wellness in the Black and Brown Community, Felipe Luciano
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Panel discussion and roundtable on Taking Action for Latino Health moderated by John Rodriguez
1:45 PM	Awards Ceremony
2:00 PM	Closing

**HEAR FROM OUR 2023 FEATURED SPEAKERS!**

**KEYNOTE PRESENTED BY**  
Felipe Luciano  
Health Foundation

**SPEAKER**  
DR. ADOLFO CUEVAS  
Assistant Professor, Center for Afro-Latinos, Social Justice and Public Health at New York University

**SPEAKER**  
WILMA ALVARADO-LIARTE  
Associate Commissioner, New York State Department of Health and Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention

**EMCEE**  
WADE NORWOOD  
CEO of Common Ground Health

**FEATURING A PANEL DISCUSSION ON TAKING ACTION:**  
Facilitated by: John Rodriguez, award-winning entrepreneur and change agent  
Dr. Paula Cupertino, University of Rochester Medical Center Professor of Public Health Sciences and Oncology and Winded Cancer Institute's First Associate Director of Community Outreach, Engagement and Disparities  
Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Angela Perez-Delgado, President/CEO of Ibero American Action League  
Daisy Rivera Algorin, Director of Neighborhood Service Centers for the City of Rochester and Chair Emeritus of Latinas Unidas

**BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2023 SPEAK LIFE! HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE AT [COMMONGROUNDHEALTH.ORG/SPEAKLIFE2023](https://COMMONGROUNDHEALTH.ORG/SPEAKLIFE2023).**



**COME AND ENJOY HAPPY HOUR WITH RBNA!**

*1 free drink ticket for NEW members!!!*

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Friday APRIL 28TH, 2023**  
**5pm**

**LOCATION:**  
**THE SIDE BAR**  
**242 SOUTH AVENUE ROCHESTER NY 14620**



SAVE THE DATE FOR RED WING CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

*(6 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED)*

**[SIGN UP HERE](#)**

JUNE 4TH, 2023

JUNE 25TH, 2023

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

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Scholarship & Benefits

ROCHESTER BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION

**Members Scholarship Opportunity**



Open: April 1, 2023



Deadline: May 1, 2023 11:59 PM.

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RBNA Fundraising Activities



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**RACIAL HEALING CIRCLES**



**Racial Healing Circles IX  
6 Contact Hours**

**Registration Is Free**

There are many paths toward social justice and health equity and many hands are needed to make change happen. Building a compassionate healthcare system calls us to engage in dialog and introspection around inclusion and equity.

Racial Healing Circles are an established practice that can provide safe and sacred space for deep discussion.

The AHNA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force has completed both a pilot racial healing circle session for nurses using literature from social justice work by nurses to frame the circles going forward and five different cohorts.

The circles are comprised of four 90-minute sessions facilitated by trained racial healing circle facilitators. Participants will be guided to explore your own experience of race in your community, work and family. The goal of the racial healing circles is for individuals to become more open and prepared to develop policies that support racial justice within organizations and society from a perspective of compassionate understanding.

Session IX the 3rd Wednesday of each month,  
April - July

Wednesday, April 19, 7:30-9:00 pm EDT  
Wednesday, May 17, 7:30-9:00 pm EDT  
Wednesday, June 21, 7:30-9:00 pm EDT  
Wednesday, July 19, 7:30-9:00 pm EDT

**Register Now**

Successful completion of the program will be based on 100% attendance with 90% on camera active time and completion of a program evaluation.

**6 Contact Hours will be awarded**

**[REGISTER NOW HERE](#)**

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**BLOOD DRIVES**



**SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE**  
Blood Donors Needed Now



**Sickle Cell Fighters Rochester**

Thomas P Ryan Community Center  
530 Webster Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14609  
Saturday, April 15  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Give at this drive and receive a Red Cross and PEANUTS Joe Cool t-shirt!



All donors receive a free health screening prior to donating.  
1-800-RED-CROSS | RedCross@red.org/OurBlood | #TeamUp4SickleCell | #BlackBloodDonorsNeeded

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**Sickle Cell Advocates of Rochester**

**SCAR's weekly newsletter**

**SCAR UPDATES**  
SCAR is saddened to say that we will not be able to host the basketball tournament fundraiser we had been planning for March. However, we are in the process of planning multiple educational and fun events for you all to join us in throughout the year. So stay tuned!  
For some positive news, SCAR is now officially designated as a 501(c)3! This is a big step for us as we are growing our organization to have more impact within the community. Thank you all for your support!

**OTHER SCD NEWS**  
Interested in sharing your SCD story with legislators? [Here's a guide with some simple steps to create a short elevator pitch.](#)  
People with sickle cell disease (SCD) are at greater risk than the general population for kidney complications. [Click here for a guide from the CDC on Steps to Better Kidney Health for People with SCD.](#)

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
Victor United Methodist Church Clothes Closet presents:  
**Prom dress giveaway**  
**Saturday, March 18th from 10am - 2pm at 102 East Main St. Victor**  
Get junior prom and senior ball dresses with accessories for free! Call Karen for more information at 585-703-7421.

**RESOURCES**  
On April 1, states can begin disenrolling Medicaid enrollees for the first time since March 2020. Be on the lookout for cuts in Medicaid eligibility, as part of the "winning from COVID emergency". If you have Medicaid and receive communication about your health insurance coverage in the next few weeks, please read it carefully. Take it seriously. Discuss it with your office of financial assistance, your social worker, or other healthcare insurance advisor. [Click here to learn more.](#)

**LEISURE**  
[Here are The Most Anticipated 2023 Book Releases](#)

Contact us!  
✉ sicklecelladvocatesofrochester@gmail.com | 📍 @sicklecelladvocatesofrochester | 🌐 SCARroc.com

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**CLINICAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

**Hepatitis C among Infants, Children and Adolescents**  
**Adolescents**  
*Presented by the American Academy of Pediatrics, New York Chapter 1 and CEI*


**Friday, April 28, 2023**  
 12:00-1:00 PM EST

**Speaker:** Ravi Jhaveri, MD

**CME/CNE available!**

**To register [click here!](#)**

Questions? Contact [Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org](mailto:Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org)




**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Hepatitis B and C: Coinfection and Reactivation**  
*A HepCure and CEI Co-sponsored Webinar*

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**  
 4:30-5:30 PM EST

**Speaker:** Ponnj Perumalswami, MD, MSCR

Questions? Contact [Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org](mailto:Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org)



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**MENTAL HEALTH AND THE PANDEMIC**



**New locations announced - Register in advance!**

Please join the Office of Mental Health (OMH) for an in-person community engagement session to discuss the mental health priorities outlined in Governor Hochul's 2023 State of the State plan and Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget. **Your input will be integral in OMH's planning process for these historic resources** aiming to transform and strengthen the State's mental healthcare system.

We want to hear from providers, advocates, people and families with lived experience and community members. The needs and insights gathered in these sessions will help OMH effectively develop new programs and policies for expanding housing, outpatient programs, school-based clinics, and hospital services, and increase insurance coverage for mental health services.

Please see the dates and locations below and **register in advance for the session that works for you**. The evening and morning sessions in each location cover the same content; both are offered to ensure we reach as many people as possible. The session will begin with a review of the initiatives by OMH leadership and then we will break into groups for focused discussion.

[Register Here](#)

<https://redcap.link/OMHCommunityFeedback>

**Next week! NORTH COUNTRY**

**Plattsburgh – Days Inn at Wyndham, 406 State Route 3**

6:00PM-8:00PM - Monday, March 13, 2023

8:30AM-11:00AM - Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**Next week! CAPITAL REGION**

**Albany – Albany Marriot, 227 Wolf Road**

6:00PM-8:00PM - Wednesday, March 15, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM - Thursday, March 16, 2023

**Mohawk Valley**

**Utica – Delta Hotels by Marriot, 200 Genesee Street**

6:00PM-8:00PM - Monday, March 20, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM - Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Western**

**Olean – Jamestown Community College, Cattaraugus Campus, 260 North Union Street**

6:00PM-8:00PM - Monday, March 20, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM - Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Buffalo – Hyatt Regency, 2 Fountain Plaza**

6:00PM-8:00PM - Tuesday, March 21, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM - Wednesday, March 22, 2023

**Finger Lakes**

**Rochester – Hyatt Regency, 125 East Main Street**

6:00PM-8:00PM – Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM – Thursday, March 23, 2023

**Southern Tier**

**Binghamton – Holiday Inn, 2-8 Hawley Street**

6:00PM-8:00PM - Wednesday, March 22, 2023

9:00AM-12:00PM - Thursday, March 23, 2023

**Stay tuned! Additional locations will be announced soon.**

If you have any questions, please contact the OMH Office of Planning at [planning@omh.ny.gov](mailto:planning@omh.ny.gov) or visit our [website for this initiative](#) for more information. Additionally, if you have specific communication needs (e.g., American Sign Language interpretation) and would like to attend an in-person session, please let us know as soon as possible so we can accommodate.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Office of Mental Health**

44 Holland Avenue, Albany NY 12229

[www.omh.ny.gov](http://www.omh.ny.gov)

**Are you in crisis, experiencing emotional distress, or worried about someone you know? Call or text 988 or chat at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**



Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor

**NEWLY ADDED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS:**

Serena Viktor LMSW (Founder & Therapist @ Pila Hande Wellness Project LLC: [ubunturoots@gmail.com](mailto:ubunturoots@gmail.com) (accepting self clients only)  
214-772-1036

Danni Jo, LMHC: specializing in Maternal Health Mental Health with a certification in Perinatal Mental Health- 585-420-6174 (accepting new clients)

La Carla Holmes, FPMHNP: [commonsensemh.com](http://commonsensemh.com)

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

YouthLine: Text teen2teen to 839863, or call 1-877-968-8491

<https://www.mharochester.org/>

<https://www.sankofafamilycounseling.com/>

<https://bpnroc.org/>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com>

<https://www.georgetownbehavior.com>

<https://www.augsburg.edu>

<https://blackmentalhealth.com>

**BLACK HEALERS NETWORK**  
OF GREATER ROCHESTER NEW YORK

**BLACK MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS**

AALIYAH EL-AMIN TURNER, LMHC, NCC | 585-200-7106  
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, COUPLES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

ELLI E. ASSIORO-TIPOH, LMHC, NCC, BC, TMIH | 585-502-8848  
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS & ADOLESCENTS. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

FELICIA REED-WATT, LCSW | 585-454-9334  
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS & ADOLESCENTS. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

NATURAL RESTORATION COUNSELING AND CONSULTING, JIMI FIGUEROA, LCSW | 585-629-6750 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, COUPLES, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

NEW BEGINNINGS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, DR. STEPHANIE GETER | 585-287-2426 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES. COUPLES. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

SANKOFA FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES, LCSW, PLLC 585-491-6646 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

SYLVIA JOHNSON, LCSW | 585-271-2520 EXT. 1032  
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

TAKE CARE COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES, VANESSA TERAVY, LCSW | 585-316-0434 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS.



**A NEW WAY**  
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES, LLC

Sharee L. Gunner, M.S., LMHC  
Licensed Mental Health Counselor  
585-280-4688  
support@newwaymentalhealthcounseling.com  
www.newwaymentalhealthcounseling.com

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**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY**

**Research Participants Needed**

Are you a parent or guardian of a 10-14-year-old?



If you are 18 years and older

Share your thoughts during an individual interview or a group discussion about supporting young adolescents' sexual health development. Participants will be paid \$30 for their time.

To Participate:  
Visit: <https://redcap.urmc.rochester.edu/redcap/surveys?sr=7MY9C34HT9X4KA3C>

Or  
Call or email today:

Rose Muheriwa - 585-490-7646 [Rose\\_Muheriwa@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Rose_Muheriwa@urmc.rochester.edu)  
Marian Moskow - 585-273-2699 [Marian\\_Moskow@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Marian_Moskow@urmc.rochester.edu)  
Judith Brasch - 585-275-6629 [Judith\\_Brasch@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Judith_Brasch@urmc.rochester.edu)



SCHOOL OF NURSING  
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

RSRB No. 0007106 RSRB Approval Date: 12/23/2022



**Are you Puerto Rican and over the age of 21?**

Participate in our research study!

You'll receive an incentive of \$25 for participating

**Study Title:** Social Determinants of Participation in Genetic Research Among Puerto Ricans and in the Puerto Rican Diaspora

**Who can participate?** Any person over the age of 21 who lives in Puerto Rico or the United States (Rochester NY, Orlando FL, Newark NJ) and identifies as Puerto Rican.

**What and Why?** You would be participating in a discussion of approximately 2 hours in a group of up to 10 people. You will be asked questions about your criteria regarding participation in health research, in which they must provide genetic material, such as blood or saliva. These questions will help us understand the attitudes and experiences of the Puerto Rican population on issues related to health. All answers will be kept anonymous.

**Where?**

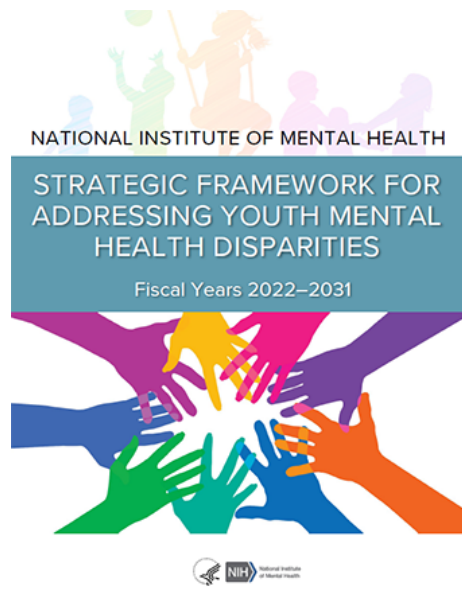
**Date:**

**Contact:** Leidynee Medina [leidynee.medina@urp.edu](mailto:leidynee.medina@urp.edu)

**Principal Investigators:** Dr. Timothy Dye and Dr. Nancy Cardona Cordero

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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR ADDRESSING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH**



[Explore the Full Framework!](#)

**Purpose**

The purpose of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Strategic Framework for Addressing Youth Mental Health Disparities for fiscal years 2022–2031 is to provide a conceptual approach to help guide NIMH activities, including research funding, stakeholder engagement, and workforce development, related to research on the mental health needs of youth impacted by racial and ethnic health disparities. For the purposes of this Framework, “youth” is defined as persons aged 24 and under.

**Strategic Framework for Addressing Youth Mental Health Disparities**

NIMH initiated the Strategic Framework for Addressing Youth Mental Health Disparities with the overarching goal of advancing scientific knowledge that can be used to inform policies and practices that will reduce mental health disparities in youth by 2031.

This Strategic Framework is structured to align with and supplement the [NIMH Strategic Plan for Research](#), and the [NIH Minority Health and Health Disparities Strategic Plan](#). In addition, the Framework complements the priorities of collaborating NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs), including but not limited to NIMHD and the [Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development \(NICHD\)](#). The NIMH Office for Disparities Research and Workforce Diversity developed the Strategic Framework, which was refined based on feedback received at the December 2021 conference [Identifying Opportunities and Priorities in Youth Mental Health Disparities Research](#), co-hosted by NIMH, NIMHD, and NICHD. Through 2031, NIMH may periodically update the Framework based on stakeholder feedback, emerging challenges and opportunities, and research advances.

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**NBNA SCHOLARSHIPS 2023**



## Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **current** NBNA member
- Must be **currently** enrolled in an accredited nursing program
- Must have at **least one year** before graduation
- Must have an official transcript sent to the national office (**before deadline**)
- Letter from Registrar (**enrollment & expected date of graduation**)\*
- 2-Page Personal statement/Essay
- Two LOR (SON & local Chapter President/VP)\*
- CV or resume
- **Submission deadline – April 15, 2023 by 5 pm EST**
- **On-line upload only (JotForm)**

National Black Nurses Association  
8300 Fenton Street, Suite 910  
Grove Spring, MD 21061  
www.nbna.org | 301-569-1300

## NBNA NOY Award Program Overview

- To award members for their outstanding achievements, contribution to the profession, and impact as it relates to a specific area
- Nurse of the Year Awards
  - Administrative
  - Advanced Practice
  - Student
  - Nurse Entrepreneur
  - Nurse Educator
  - Community Service
  - Nurse Researcher
  - Staff Nurse
  - Outstanding LPN/LVN
  - Uniformed Services
- ✓ **Plaque**

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www.nbna.org | 301-569-1300

## NOY Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **current** NBNA member
- Cannot be a current board member or held position 2 years prior to application
- Must be **nominated by Chapter President/VP\***
- Only one person can be nominated **per category** for each chapter\*
- A member can only be nominated for **only one award\***
- 2-Page Personal statement/Essay
- Include only activities within the **last 5 years\***
- Two LOR (One must be from current Chapter President/VP)\*
- CV or resume
- **Submission deadline – May 15, 2023 by 5 pm EST**
- **On-line upload only**

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- To recognize excellence for members that go over and beyond to address health equity and work to mitigate one or more of the social determinants of health
  - Frontline Registered Nurse
  - LPN/LVN Nurse
  - Student
  - Chapter President Leadership
  - NBNA Chapter (Team)
    - **Must** describe at least one chapter project in detail\* (3-page max)
      - Bio, resume, CV, & career/personal statement no necessary
- ✓ **Healer's Touch Sculpture & Daisy Certificate (Conf. grant, reduced cert.)**
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## General Award Criteria

- Must be a current full member of NBNA.
- Must not be a current Board member .
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application.
- Outstanding achievement in the designated area for the award
  - Additional criteria based on category
    - Uniformed Services of the United States consist of the five (5) Armed Forces branches (Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines); U.S. Public Health Services (under the Department of Health & Human Services); and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (under the Department of Commerce).
- Member can only be nominated for **one award\***

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## General Award Criteria (cont.)

- A completed typed or printed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation
  - One letter **must** be from current Chapter President/VP who can validate the information in your application, and your qualifications for the award being nominated\*
  - The second letter can be from a patient, teacher, work supervisor, pastor, executive director of community-based organization, etc.
- One-page bio
- Copy of your current resume or CV
- Personal career statement (Two-page max)
- Current high-resolution photo
- Uploaded on-line

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## Key Points

- Be aware of **changes**
- Start the application process early
- Send for official transcripts in advance (**scholarship applications without transcripts will not be reviewed**)
- Submit all required and supporting documents at the same time (one PDF)
- President/VP LOR is important
- Only one member per chapter per award category
- All applications submitted on-line
- **Scholarship deadline – April 15<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm (EST)**
- **Award deadline – May 15<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm (EST)**
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- Eligible for federal employment.
- Without an existing service obligation.

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Please share something special going on in your life. New job, any accolades/awards received. We want to spotlight your hard work.

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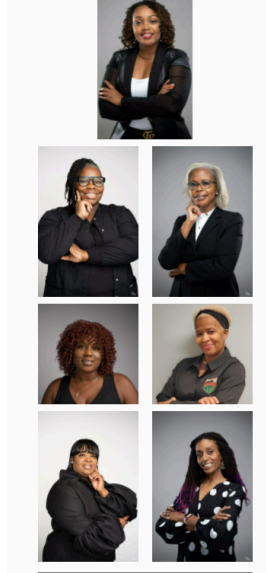
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