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Welcome to the October Communities of Practice Newsletter

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“Take advantage of every opportunity to practice your communication skills so that when important occasions arise, you will have the gift, the style, the sharpness, the clarity, and the emotions to affect other people.” - Jim Rohn

CoP Director Welcome

Welcome to the October 2018 Communities of Practice Newsletter. November has been an exciting month at the National Center for Medical Education, Development and Research. Research is at the core of the Communities of Practice at the National Center for Medical Education, Development and Research.

Please visit our website www.ncmedr.org to view our virtual calendar and sign up for webinars and other educational opportunities. The success of our Communities of Practice happens because of active member engagement. We thank you for staying connected with us via our newsletter, social media, webinars, weekly meetings, and on campus events. Our commitment to transforming medical education for vulnerable populations is an ongoing process and we embrace this journey each day thanks to you.

This year progresses our goal continues to include the enhancement of communication among our established communities of practice that will promote the widespread enhancement of a high quality, primary care workforce and produce better health outcomes for LGBT, homeless and migrant worker populations. With your support, this is possible. Thank you for staying connected with us. We look forward to working with you all throughout 2018.

Sincerely,

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown, Director, Communities of Practice



New NCMEDR Team Member



Tyler O. Dixon has recently been hired as the team's newest Research Assistant. Tyler is a Nashville native. She graduated from Father Ryan High School in 2013. While at Father Ryan, Tyler practiced journalism and taught dance classes in her free time.



Tyler is a recent graduate of Fisk University, in Nashville, TN. She received a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English. While on our team, Tyler will not only assist with research, she will also work on our newsletters, social media, and assist in constructing and managing our website.

Welcome, Tyler! We are so excited to have you as a part of our team!

October Health Holidays and Days of Observance

HIV/AIDS Awareness Month



HIV continues to be a major public health crisis both in the United States and around the world. While major scientific advances have made it easier than ever to prevent and treat HIV, there remains no vaccine or cure, and tens of thousands of people continue to contract HIV every year. Insufficient funding for public health programs, ideological opposition to common sense prevention policies, and societal barriers like stigma and discrimination, have made it especially difficult for us to turn the tide against the epidemic. Together, HRC and the HRC Foundation are committed to working with our friends, partners, members, and supporters to end the dual epidemics of HIV and HIV-related stigma.

HIV disproportionately impacts segments of the LGBTQ community.

Transgender people have also been hit especially hard by the epidemic despite comprising a similarly small percentage of the U.S. population. While better data is needed to understand the full impact of HIV on the transgender community, one international analysis found that transgender women in certain communities have 49 times the odds of living with HIV than the general population. Although HIV prevalence among transgender men is relatively low (0-3%) according to the CDC, some data suggest transgender men may still yet be at elevated risk for HIV acquisition.

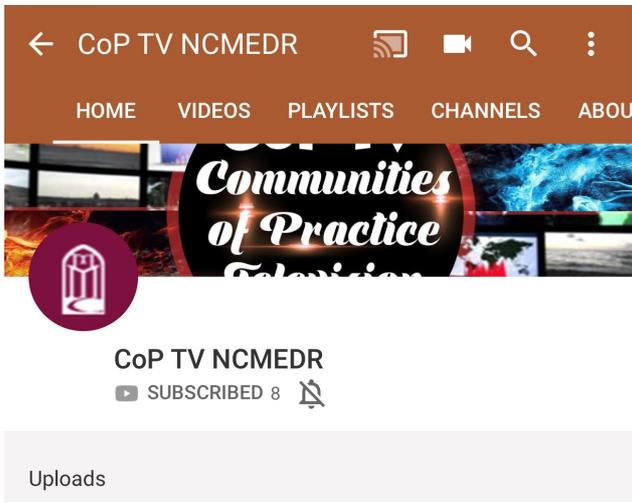
Breast Cancer Awareness Month



LGBT people are carrying a disproportionate cancer burden. There is adequate research to confirm that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people have a unique “cluster of risk factors” that would lead us to have both greater cancer incidence and later stage diagnosis. We estimate that there are over 1 million LGBT cancer survivors in the country today. This disproportionate burden of disease is referred to as “health disparities”.

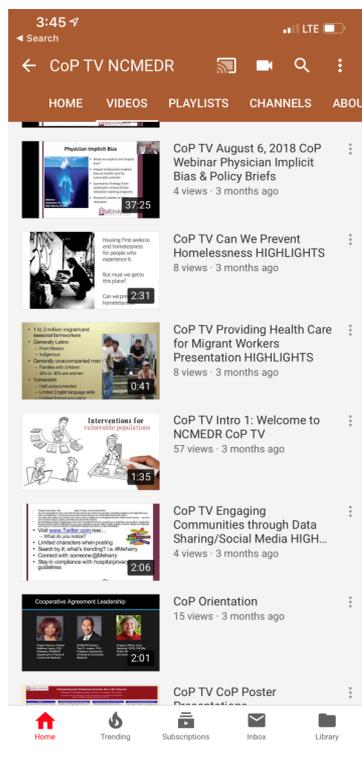
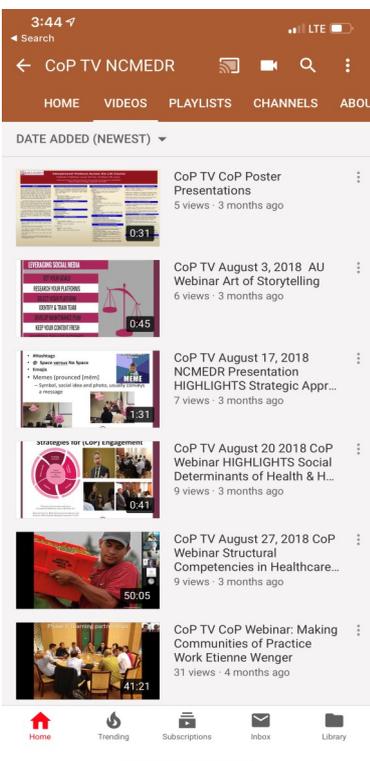
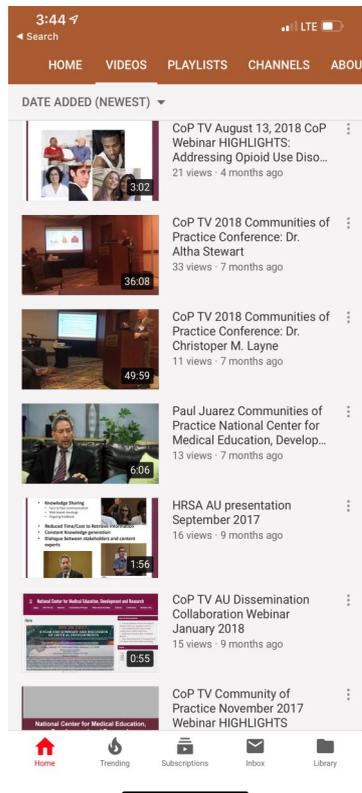
Health disparities in the LGBT community are caused by multiple factors. There are no biological or physiological differences between LGBT people and our heterosexual counterparts. Rather, the disparities are caused by a combination of social/economic factors and behaviors, many of which can be traced to the stress of living as a sexual/gender minority in this country.

What is CoP TV?



Welcome to CoP TV! CoP TV is our Communities of Practice YouTube Channel. Click below to access content within CoP TV. Each Channel has a different topic of focus. Please subscribe to “CoP TV NCMEDR” to receive updates when new videos are posted on CoP TV. Our CoP TV can be accessed through the following link.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCozLUJDs1OwaiofCQZV5_Sg



MEET THE TEAM

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Upcoming Events

December Events

12/15- Christmas Goes Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness Summit

12/17 - Research Roundtable Webinar Conference

12/18 - NCIBH and Dr. Randi Sokol present "Group based Opioid Treatment (GBOT) in Primary Care: The Nuts and Bolts"

January Events

1/17 - BHW Rural Health Peer Learning Webinar: Health Professional Preceptors and Supervisors: Strategies for Your Toughest Challenges

1/22 - PCMH Presentation @ Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

1/28 - Webinar: Cultural Competency in Medical Education, Curriculum Transformation for Vulnerable Populations

Share your story

We want to hear from you. Have you received an award? Will you be presenting at a conference? Are you hosting a conference? Please e-mail: Katherine Brown Kbrown@mmc.edu. The deadline for each newsletter is the 1st of each month.

Can you name one of the National Center for Medical Education, Development and Research goals?

To conduct system-level research of evidence-based interventions for vulnerable populations to inform primary care training.

For more information visit: www.ncmedr.org

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*About the National Center for Medical Education,
Development and Research (NCMEDR)*

Meharry Medical College was recently funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to establish a new academic administrative unit under grant number UH1HP30348. The new center is an academic unit (AU) housed in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College through a cooperative agreement with HRSA to evaluate the evidence-base for primary care interventions targeting vulnerable populations to transform primary care training in medical education and clinical practice in Tennessee and within the United States. The goal of the center is to transform primary care training and clinical practice in the United States through curriculum transformation in primary care.

Mission

To use a systems-level research framework to identify and evaluate primary care interventions targeting vulnerable populations in order to be effective in transforming primary care training and clinical practice to enhance models of care for vulnerable populations.

Vision

To enhance primary care training for health care professionals in improving the quality of health for vulnerable populations.

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