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ABOUT AHEC

Through the National AHEC Organization (NAO)

NAO Event

National AHEC Organization: History and Insights of the Ongoing Struggle for Health Equity

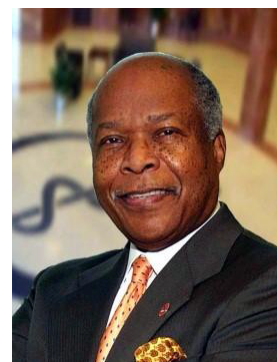
When: Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023 at 2:00 PM CST

Where: Zoom

Speaker: **Louis W. Sullivan MD**, former Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services

About This Event

The honorable Louis W. Sullivan, MD, former Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services, and co-author of the book, *We'll Fight It Out Here: A History of the Ongoing Struggle for Health Equity*, will speak to AHEC Staff, AHEC Scholars, and NAO guests on Oct 24 regarding the history of and his insights into the ongoing struggle for health equity.



Register

NAO Fall Town Hall

When: Thursday, Oct 5, 2023 at 2:00 PM CST

Where: Zoom

About This Event

NAO staff and the membership committee are pleased to invite you to one of their most popular events - the NAO Membership Town Hall on Thursday, October 5 at 2 pm CST. There will be a one-hour discussion informal and chat about member benefits, an update on federal funding advocacy, digital badges, new initiatives, and more.



Register

WELCOME NEW FACES

at Southern Alabama AHEC

Meet the New Team Members Strengthening South Alabama AHEC's Mission

South Alabama AHEC welcomes four additions to their team. These talented individuals bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our organization. Their diverse backgrounds and skills will undoubtedly enhance SAAHEC's ability to deliver high-quality healthcare education and improve access to healthcare services in rural South Alabama.

We look forward to their contributions and are confident they will be crucial in fulfilling the statewide mission to strengthen healthcare in rural Alabama. Welcome Kelly, Katie, Marla, and Nagina to South Alabama AHEC and the [Alabama Statewide AHEC Program!](#)

Kelly Brandin

General Manager, Programmatic Operations



Kelly M. Brandin, a native of Louisiana, has resided in Alabama since 1990 and currently calls Opp her home. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from [Louisiana College](#) (1985), a Master of Science in Elementary Education from Troy State University (1994), a Master's level certification in Educational Leadership from Troy State University (1996), and an Education Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership from [Troy University](#) (2015). In 2017, after dedicating 32 years to the field of education, she retired as a reading specialist with Crenshaw County Schools. Kelly joined SAAHEC as the General Manager of Programmatic Operations. Kelly's passion for elementary education gives a unique and exciting perspective while improving rural healthcare access and promoting rural health education. She will oversee all [community education](#) and [Pathways programs](#), including CAPE.

Katie Morgan

Community & Education Liaison

Katie Morgan joined SAAHEC as the Education Outreach Liaison. As a [Troy University](#) graduate with a Bachelor of Science in [Human Services](#), she is passionate about serving her community and bridging gaps in rural and underserved areas. She is a Crenshaw County native who desires to see small towns and communities thrive in socioeconomic status and overall health. Katie is happily married to her husband, Jonas, and has a three-year-old son, Micah. Katie's work with SAAHEC will focus on [VA Suicide Prevention](#), [COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Education](#), vaccination and testing programs, and health education programs.



Marla Dondasse

Program Manager, AHEC Scholars & CBET

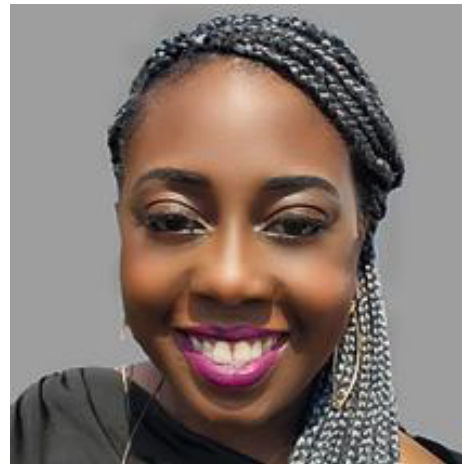


Marla Dondasse joined SAAHEC as a Program Manager. Originally from Mobile, AL, Marla began her career as a teacher in New Jersey in 2013 and later continued this professional endeavor in Mobile. Previously, she was a Program Manager for [Junior Achievement](#), an Academic Advisor for [Raritan Valley Community College](#), and in Workforce Development. Marla holds a B.A. in Mass Communication, an M.A. in Communication Studies, an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, and an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership. Marla is excited to be back home in Alabama, working to improve healthcare education and serving rural and underserved communities through SAAHEC. Marla will work with the [AHEC Scholars](#) & [CBET programs](#).

Nagina Inge

Health Career Navigator

Nagina Inge is a dedicated professional passionate about empowering individuals, particularly in healthcare. She's a 2008 graduate of the [University of Mobile](#), earning her B.S. in [Organizational Management](#) with a minor in Leadership Development. Nagina's commitment to leadership development and community engagement is evident in her participation in the 2021 graduation class of the [Mobile United: Leadership Mobile](#) program. At SAAHEC, Nagina will serve as the Health Career Navigator, empowering [students in grades 9-12](#) to explore and pursue careers in the healthcare industry.



Learning Opportunities

Creating Accountability through Data: From Racism and Neglect to Transparency and Repair

When: Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM CST

Where: Zoom

About This Event

During this National Health Equity Grand Rounds event, expert speakers will invite participants to reevaluate how we think about data on race and ethnicity. The event will dive deep into the ways race data impacts our institutions and health care systems, shapes priorities and determines how resources get to the communities they serve. Speakers will uncover the failures and harms in approaches to collecting, analyzing, reporting, and leveraging race, ethnicity, and other key demographic data in public health and health care.

[Register](#)

How Leading Health Systems are Building a Diverse Workforce to Bridge the Care Divide

When: Monday, Oct 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CST

Where: Zoom

About This Event

Advancing health equity and bolstering the clinical workforce are business imperatives for health systems as part of their mission to reach all patients when and where they need care. Join live for a panel discussion with prominent leaders from Baptist Health (Montgomery, Ala.), Rady Children's Hospital (San Diego, Ca.), Grady Health System (Atlanta, Ga.), and the national multispecialty physician group Vituity to learn how they're driving equitable access and outcomes by cultivating a diverse healthcare workforce representative of the communities they serve.

Register

Hospitals are Missing a Big Candidate Pool: Here's How to Find It

When: Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023 at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST

Where: Zoom

About This Event

Because of the way single point of order entry systems work, healthcare organizations often find themselves kept at least two layers away from an expansive candidate pool, further exacerbating the staffing shortages currently plaguing the industry. With travel nursing costs dragging down bottom lines and some clinical workers leaving the industry entirely, hospitals and health systems can't afford to miss out on the best talent.

Register

October Healthcare Association Conferences

Association	Dates	Location	Conference
Alabama State Nurses Association	Oct 4-6	Tuscaloosa	2023 ASNA Annual Convention
Alabama Society of Healthcare Social Workers	Oct 4-6	Gulf Shores	ASHCSW 2023 Annual Conference
Alabama Optometry Association (ALOA)	Oct 6-7	Birmingham	ALOA Annual Convention 2023
Alabama Council of Hospital Auxiliaries (ACHA)	Oct 8-10	Guntersville State Park	ACHA Fall Conference
Alabama Primary Healthcare Association	Oct 10-12	Gulf State Lodge	APHCA 38th Annual Conference & Expo 2023

Grant Opportunities

Grant

Pilot Interventions to Integrate Social Care and Medical Care to Improve Health Equity (R01 Clinical Trial Required)

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-DK-22-038

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 19, 2023

Agency Name: National Institutes of Health

About This Grant

This NIDDK Funding Opportunity Announcement will support pilot and feasibility trials to test interventions that involve screening for and addressing adverse social determinants of health (SDoH), also called social risks, during a health care visit. Patients endorsed social needs could be addressed by appropriately referring/navigating patients or caregivers to resources that address these issues at social service organizations located externally or co-located in the healthcare system. The trials will determine 1) feasibility and acceptability of screening for social risks, identifying social needs and implementing referral service linkages (e.g., addressing transportation and housing needs, food insecurity, etc.) within the context of a healthcare visit, and 2) preliminary signals of the interventions impact on both the social risk/need(s) and NIDDK disease outcomes.

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Grant

Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS): Health Equity Research Hubs (UC2 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-RM-23-012

Closing Date for Applications: Oct 31, 2023

Agency Name: National Institutes of Health

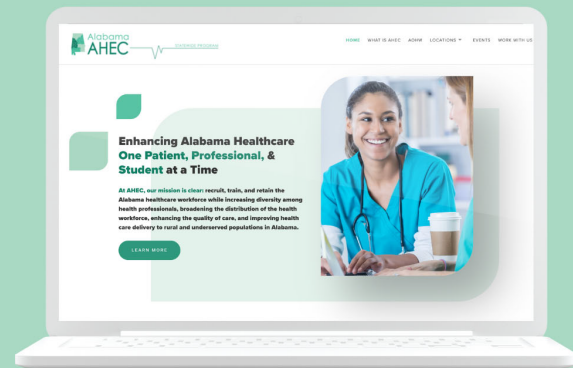
About This Grant

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to invite applications from eligible organizations that can serve as Health Equity Research Hubs (Hubs) for awarded community-led health equity structural intervention (CHESI) projects within the Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS) Program. The Hubs will serve as a centralized research resource, providing tailored scientific, technical, and collaborative support for sustainable community engagement, research capacity building, and training to assigned CHESI projects that address SDOH and structural factors to improve health outcomes. The Hubs are one of three complementary initiatives under the ComPASS Program, which also include the CHESI projects and the ComPASS Coordination Center.

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About Alabama Statewide AHEC



The Alabama Statewide Area Health Education Center is dedicated to recruiting, training, and retaining the Alabama healthcare workforce while increasing diversity among health professionals, broadening the distribution of the health workforce, enhancing the quality of care, and improving health care delivery to rural and underserved populations in Alabama.

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