

CIAHD December 10, 2008 Research Meeting
(Summary Minutes)

Convened: 2:40pm (Eastern)

Attendees: Shawn Boykin, Ana Diez Roux, Amanda Dudley, Bob Garrison, Demarc Hickson, James Jackson, Jonetta Johnson, Aydin Nazmi, Marinelle Payton, Kiarri Kershaw, Briana Mezuk, Daniel Sarpong, Amy Schulz, Whitney Robinson, Del Rodrigo, Amy Schulz, Yan Sun, Herman Taylor, Marc Turenne, Evelyn Walker, Sharon Wyatt, Monique Willis

Administrative Items

National Advisory Board Meeting Follow-Up: Meeting in general was very interesting, helpful and informative; very good format. Possibly more genetics information could have been presented during the symposium.

Received very good comments from the advisory board members.

CIAHD Symposium at Jackson Heart Study (JHS): We are tentatively planning a 1^{1/2} – 2 day event; possible dates will be circulated. Briana Mezuk has volunteered to present. James Jackson suggested we could possibly have the advisory panel in attendance.

Summer Internship: CIAHD is funded to support summer internship programs, Master and PhD level students from Tugaloo and Jackson State University are encouraged to attend; and Michigan students can also attend Jackson State University. Any faculty who are interested in sponsoring a student to assist with a research project in the summer, please let us know.

Presentations

2008-2009 Funded Pilot Projects, **PI DeMarc Hickson**, "Measuring Characteristics of the Neighborhood Context in the Jackson MSA":

Members Comments: Neighborhood Stress and Neighborhood Need have indicators of poverty, they could possibly overlap – careful about using both in a model. Possibility to tie information and finding into Research Project 3 " **PI – James Jackson:** Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mental and Physical Health: Stress, Self-Regulation of Health Behaviors and the HPA-Axis".

Questions: Have you investigated controlling for population density? Possibly create an index for population and population density. How are fast food restaurants defined? Is there information on what types of facilities are available in the parks, are you able to go into the parks and take pictures? Given the scope of the study a database of facility characteristics, including pictures would be helpful; strongly encouraged to try and obtain more qualitative information, possibly a survey to look at quality of equipment. Review Sally Macintyre (Glasgow, Scotland) publication. Consider the variation in rural versus urban environments – the difference may lead to an additional study.

PI – **Ana Diez Roux**, Race/Ethnicity and Telomere Length in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis"

Members Comments: Consider looking at difference within age groups; possible cohort effect in terms of lifetime exposure. Were drugs controlled for in the analysis – No.

Questions: Can sample be pulled from other tissue?

Action Items:

Next Meeting – January 29, 2009, 2008