



**CARIBBEAN EXPLORATORY
NCMHD RESEARCH CENTER**
National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities
University of the Virgin Islands, Division of Nursing Education

Call for Papers and Posters

DEADLINE DATE EXTENDED TO AUG. 15TH

The Caribbean Exploratory NCMHD Research Center at the University of the Virgin Islands 3rd Health Disparities Institute

State of Mental Health and Substance Abuse: An Issue for all Ethnic/Racial Minority and Caribbean Populations

*Thursday, October, 21 & Friday, October 22, 2010
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands*

The Organizing Committee invites the submission of abstracts for oral presentation and/or poster display. Authors are invited to submit abstracts describing original research and evidence based practice models relevant to any of the following topics:

- Issues and challenges in reducing disparities related to Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Ethnic/Racial Minority and Caribbean Populations.
- Impact of culture on prevention, early detection, treatment and policy implications related to mental health and substance abuse issues in Ethnic/Racial minority and Caribbean populations.
- Best practice models for reducing disparities related to mental health and substance abuse issues that can be applied to US Virgin Islands and Caribbean populations.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 200-250 word count; tables and charts allowed, with reduced word count. Abstracts exceeding 250 words may be truncated.
- Define all abbreviations the first time they appear in the abstract.
- Avoid formulas.
- Do not include references, credits, or mention of grant support.

- Single space all typing; no space between title and body or between paragraphs.
- Indent each paragraph with a tab.
- Abstracts must be formatted as a Microsoft Word document. Font size should be 12 point Times New Roman or Arial. Please indicate if abstract is for an oral presentation or poster display.
- Proofread the abstract carefully before submitting.
- All abstracts must be organized using the following format:
 - **TITLE** (upper-case letters) maximum 60 characters
 - **AUTHOR(S)** (upper-lower case letters)
 - Presenting author must be listed first (upper-case letters)
 - For each author, include first and second initial and last name, and highest degree (one only). Separate author name from degree with comma; separate authors with semi-colon.
Example: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN; GW Scott, DrPH
 - **AFFILIATION(S)** (do not list header)
 - List institution(s) where work was performed. Present affiliation information in a new line immediately following author line and include author initials following affiliation.
 - *Example: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN; GW Scott, DrPH From the University of the Virgin Islands; (PFT, APS) Example: PF Thomas, PhD; AP Smith, MN; GW Scott, DrPH, Virgin Islands Department of Health (GWS).*
 - **PURPOSE** (header in upper-case letters)
Explain the importance of the research or activity to include objectives, goals and purpose
 - **DESIGN METHODS**
briefly explain the procedure, strategy and report references used to gather the information presented.
 - **RESULTS/EXPECTED RESULTS**
what did you find when you performed the analysis of the information presented? Tables and figures can be included in an appropriate size
 - **DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION**
how do the results compare with the hypothesis.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **DEADLINE:** All abstracts must be received no later than midnight, Atlantic Standard Time, **August 15, 2010**. No corrections will be allowed.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** All abstracts should represent clinical, research, education, training activities, or community-based programs.
- **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** All abstracts will receive notification of receipt by **August 23, 2010**. All notifications will be made via email. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours, please call CERC at 340 693 1178.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Please email an abstract of your paper or poster as an attachment to afranci3@uvi.edu with “**Health Disparities Institute**” as subject line.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Abstracts will be evaluated and accepted using the following criteria:

- Importance and relevance of topic
- Innovation and contribution to knowledge base
- Clarity and completeness: overall quality, purpose and objectives, theoretical and/or applied focus, research/activity methods, findings, and potential practical application
- Potential contributions of the study to science/society

Evaluation of Research Studies

- Research Design:
 1. Significance of study -Explicit background information
 2. Methods and Procedures: Overall strategy, methodology, analysis
 - ✓ Sufficient information about the data collection and analysis procedures (if applicable)
- Results:
 1. Discussion of empirical studies or in the case where the study has not yet been carried out, are there predictions about the expected direction of the findings?
 2. Results likely to be of value to the field?

ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE AND POSTER GUIDELINES

Decision letters, along with presentation instructions, will be emailed to the presenter by **September 3, 2010**. Presenters must notify Organizers that they will attend the conference by **September 17, 2010**. Authors of the accepted abstracts will be asked to prepare and bring posters with them. Oral presentations of paper abstracts do not usually exceed 15 minutes. PRESENTERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN EXPENSES. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be published in the Institute proceedings on the CERC web site – <http://cercuvi.com>.

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