PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF MENTAL HEALTH
2021-2022

2021 September Components Meetings
April/May: Task Force established; Call for nominations for appointments
June: Task Force Chair and members appointed and begin meeting monthly

Task Force Charge

• Develop sustainable policies and programs to bring about change in the psychiatric healthcare of affected populations consistent with the APA Position Statement on Mental Health Equity & the Social and Structural Determinants of Mental Health.

• Build upon the outcome of the 2020-21 APA Presidential Task Force to Address Structural Racism Throughout Psychiatry and existing research to produce tools for action, specifically programs and policy aimed at improving the well-being of patients, the public, and psychiatrists.

• The outcome may be used by clinicians, teachers, researchers, and administrators of healthcare systems and community organizations among others, to assess social determinants of mental health and improve individual and community well-being
TASK FORCE WORKGROUPS

Clinical Workgroup
Francis Lu, MD (Chair), Steve Koh, MD, Tresha Gibbs, MD

Research & Education Workgroup
Dolores Malaspina, MD (Chair), Elie Aoun, MD, Kimberly Gordon-Achebe, MD

Public Health Workgroup
Kenneth Thompson, MD (Chair), Michael Compton, MD, Sanya Virani, MD

Policy Workgroup
Allan Tasman, MD (Chair), Gary Belkin, MD, Lisa Fortuna, MD
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (WHO & CDC)

• Early childhood development
• Education, job opportunities, and income
• Social inclusion and freedom from racial & other forms of discrimination
• Safe housing, transportation, neighborhoods
• Access to clean air and water
• Access to nutritious foods & physical activity opportunities
• Access to decent-quality affordable health services
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF MENTAL HEALTH (SDOMH)

- Exposure to the Impacts of Global Climate Change
- Exposure to Conflict, Violence, Shootings, War, Migration, etc.
- Interaction and Involvement with the Criminal Justice System
- Adverse Features of the Built Environment

Compton and Shim, 2020
BROADENING SD0MH

- Stigmas against the mentally ill, aged, immigrants and other marginalized persons
- Social connectedness by number and quality
- Disruptive use of social media to society and individuals
- Positive psychosocial factors: Community-level Wisdom, Compassion, Resilience
5. Clarifying the Purpose
6. Considering Adverse vs. Positive Impacts
7. Advancing Equitable Impacts
8. Examining Improvements
   What are the ways to reduce the negative effects of adverse social determinants and promote positive ones?
9. Ensuring Viability and Sustainability
10. Identifying Success Indicators

Impact Assessment Guide

1. Identifying Stakeholders
2. Engaging Stakeholders
3. Identify and Document Social Determinants
   Adverse vs. Positive Social Determinants. Which groups are most advantaged/disadvantaged? What quantitative & qualitative evidence of inequality exists?
4. Examining the Causes
   What factors may be producing and perpetuating adverse social determinants and inhibiting positive social determinants?
SDOMH: TASK FORCE WORKGROUP TARGETS

- **Clinical**: Clinical competency; Practice Guidelines

- **Research and Education**: Bio-psycho-social studies; Mechanisms; Interventions; Set training goals for psychiatric education; Identify the determinants of education, relationships with caregivers and the community for children with adverse exposures, inform the public and clinicians on mechanisms linking social determinants to mental health.

- **Public Health**: Public education; Prevention

- **Policy**: Advocacy, Healthcare access; Healthcare economics
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Theme: Sociopolitical Determinants: Practice, Policy and Implementation

- Structural Trauma in Communities
- Impact of Racism within Large Organizations
- Community Leadership and Frontline Care

Theme: Social Determinants of Mental Health

- Presidential Sessions
- Courses
- General Sessions
- Posters