

# NATIONAL CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the 2018, Community of Practice Newsletter. This year is off to a great beginning for us. We are pleased to share with you that we had a successful summit featuring National expert Dr. Wilbert Jordan where attendees learned about culturally competent care for persons who identify as LGBTQ, Homeless, and Migrant Farm Workers. The HIV in 2017 seminar included extensive information regarding trauma informed care and ways that physicians and medical professionals can educate themselves and patients regarding Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Dr. Wilbert C. Jordan is the medical director of the Oasis Clinic of King/ Drew Medical Center. A nationally known and respected expert, Dr. Jordan has been involved with the AIDS epidemic from its recognition and in 1983 reported the first heterosexual case of HIV in Los Angeles County. He has seen and treated over 3,000 patients. He was part of the NIH/ FDA/ National Medical Association Committee that formulated the design of the NIH sponsored DATRI Study on low dose oral alpha interferon. He has served on the Los Angeles County HIV Planning Committee since their inception, has been the medical director for the Minority AIDS Project since its creation and chaired the Black Los Angeles AIDS Consortium over 12 years. In 1984 he began the AIDS Clinic, now OASIS Clinic, at King-Drew Medical Center.



Dr. Jordan's educational background is just as impressive. He graduated from Harvard College in 1966 and received his MD in 1971 from Case Western Reserve University. He completed an internship and junior residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA through 1972-1972. As a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar he received his MPH in 1976 at UCLA. His research and expertise are extensive and we were honored to have him join us on the campus of Meharry Medical College.

## HIV in 2017: A Year-End Summary and Discussion of Critical Developments

**WHO** is the speaker?:

Dr. Wilbert Jordan

**WHAT** will be discussed?:

This event will provide an update of the relevant topics and information presented during each major HIV conference including CROI, IAS and EACS, as well as any 2017 published data critical to the management and treatment of HIV.

**WHEN** is the event?:

February 23, 2018 at 7:30am

**WHERE** will this event be held?:

Cal Turner Center, Meharry Medical College, 1005 Dr. D.B. Todd Jr. Blvd., Nashville, TN, 37208

**WHY** is this event important for you to attend?:

Attendees will learn how to employ strategies based on studies and data presented or published in 2017 for helping HIV-positive patients in medically underserved communities link to and stay in appropriate and effective HIV care.



## JANUARY TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Robert L. Cooper

National Center for Medical Education, Development and Research

Dr. Cooper is assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College. Dr. Cooper started his career as an outreach worker in the NIDA study that validated the indigenous street outreach worker model in 1994. This experience has continued to define his career path. "In this early role my task was to locate active drug use environments, engage current drug users and encourage them to get HIV testing and/or substance abuse treatment using motivational interviewing. My clinical practice, research, and teaching has all been centered on either identifying and linking drug users to treatment or the prevention and treatment of HIV in high risk populations." Dr. Cooper continues to be a frequent trainer for the state of Tennessee, SAMHSA and others in motivational interviewing and related interventions such as SBIRT. He is a former member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers, and provides training in this interventions to medical students and residents at Meharry regularly.

Dr. Cooper has published more than 20 articles on these topics. His current passion is identifying and linking people that misuse opioids to medication assisted treatment using peer recovery coaches and primary care clinics. Dr. Cooper was recently funded through the Office of Minority Health to conduct a randomized equivalency trial to test this model against standard care in substance abuse treatment centers. "My major research question now is how to engage active users in treatment using streamlined cost effective methods, building on the work of the AnchorED and AnchorMORE models as well as the work of Dr. Gail D'onofrio to identify people experiencing or at high risk of over dose to medication assisted treatment in primary care settings. My hope is that we can expand treatment options particularly to low income urban and rural opioid users, who currently are the least likely to receive medication assisted treatment, or MAT."

In addition to linkage to MAT, Dr. Cooper is very interested in extending harm reduction interventions to active drug users who may not be ready or willing to get treatment. "It is critical that we engage people who use drugs in services they are willing to accept, not just the ones we as professionals believe they need." This he says is the heart of harm reduction, "providing HIV and HCV testing and treatment, naloxone to people at high risk of overdose, PrEP and clean syringes to avoid complications from drug abuse through trained peers that create rapport with current users so that when they are ready to change their drug use they have the means to do so."

**SIGN UP  
NOW  
ORIENTATION**

Are you a new member of our community of practice? Be sure to attend our orientation session to learn about all of the opportunities that are available to you. E-mail: [Kbrown@mmc.edu](mailto:Kbrown@mmc.edu)

## STAY CONNECTED!

We want you to stay connected with us. Here are a few highlights of our work this month:

- Developed Community of Practice Orientation for new members to understand how they can stay actively engaged with the National Center for Medical Education, Development and Research.
- Implemented an online calendar on our website to keep the community updated regarding our meeting, webinars, conferences, and ways to stay connected with us via social media.
- We are completing a certificate program in working with vulnerable populations through an exciting collaboration with the National HealthCare for the Homeless Council.
- We are working on our 2018, second annual Communities of Practice Conference.
- We had three team members to complete the Mayo Clinic Social Media Conference.
- In addition to our weekly Academic Unit Meeting, we have a weekly Community of Practice Meeting.
- We have submitted to present at several conferences and will provide updates in the next newsletter.

With a focus to link with other national partners to highlight systems-level research of evidence-based interventions for vulnerable populations that will inform primary care training we are building relationships and serving as a supportive network to many dynamic organizations and professionals in our community. Together we can transform medical education. Our focus this year is on a few keywords: sustainability, impact, and action. With these words at the forefront of our work, we know that this will be a wonderful year. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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# MEET THE TEAM

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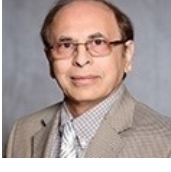
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## Share your story

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](mailto:Kbrown@mmc.edu). The deadline for each newsletter is the 1st of each month.

Each quarter we will feature a webinar or in person learning opportunity for our community of practice. Check out our upcoming learning opportunities below!

TOPIC	DATE	TIME
Focus on Homelessness	February 28, 2018	2:00 pm CST
Focus on Migrant Farm Workers	May 30, 2018	2:00 pm CST
Community of Practice Conference	Summer 2018	TBA

## Let's Stay Connected!

Click the icons below to visit us on social media.

Please join our pages and don't forget to use our hashtags #communitiesofpractice

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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*

### **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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