

**Mental Health:  
Policy, Clinical, and  
Spiritual Implications**

*Engaging Communities to Reduce  
the Mental Health Stigma*

March 23, 2009  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*The Carter Center – Cyprus Room  
One Copenhill - 453 Freedom Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30307*

## *Program Objectives*

- *Provide an overview of mental health and its relationship to spirituality and the relevancy in the faith-based, academic, clinical, and policy making communities;*
  - *Discuss important health policy implications around mental health;*
  - *Discuss effective tools for clergy that enable them to assist in counseling for depression;*
  - *Encourage faith leadership to make information on faith-based prevention of suicide and depression available on request to practicing clergy; and*
  - *Understand the impact of health policy and legislation on the faith-based community as an integral service option in mental health.*
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## *About the Foundation*



The National Black Nurses Foundation, Inc. (NBNF) is engaged in activities that include health literacy, health authority models to increase access to care, nurse leadership development, reforming healthcare

workforce regulations and the decrease of chronic diseases and related risk factors in underserved, underrepresented and at risk populations.

The Foundation undertakes the responsibility of improving the state of nurses, particularly African-American nurses through cooperative relationship with other similar international nursing, community, faith-based, professional and consumer organizations across ethnic nurse populations.

OUR MISSION is to convene alliances and develop programs around clinical, and policy measures to improve the quality of life for underserved, underprivileged, and underrepresented at-risk populations. We achieve our mission through education, research, and policy implications as these programs highlight the impact of the nursing shortage and leadership in the United States and its territories.

For more information visit [www.nbnfoundation.us](http://www.nbnfoundation.us)

# Agenda

## **Opening/Welcome**

C. Alicia Georges, EdD, RN, FAAN

*President, National Black Nurses Foundation, Inc.*

## **Program Overview**

Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv - *Program Chair*

*Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine*

*Senior Pastor, First St. Paul AME Church*

## **Greetings**

Gloria S. Butler, D-GA

*State Senator, District 55*

*Committee Member, Georgia Senate Health and Human Services*

## **Keynote Presentation**

### **Mental Health: The Burden of Disease on Healthcare Disparities and Policy – Implications for Parity in Health Care**

David Satcher, MD, PhD

*Director, Satcher Health Leadership Institute*

*Director, Center of Excellence on Health Disparities*

*Poussaint-Satcher-Cosby Chair in Mental Health*

*Morehouse School of Medicine*

*16th Surgeon General of the United States*

### **Clinical Implications: Understanding Depression and Bipolarism to Reduce the Stigma Associated with Mental Health**

Napoleon B. Higgins, Jr., MD

*President, Black Psychiatrists of America*

### **Policy & Community Partnerships for Improved Mental Health Outcomes – A Panel Discussion**

The Reverend Darrell D. Elligan

*President, Concerned Black Clergy*

*Board Member, National Alliance for Mental Health*

*Pastor, True Light Baptist Church*

Napoleon B. Higgins, Jr., MD

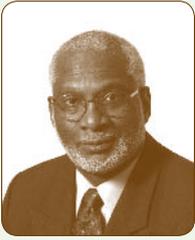
Beverly D. Rosenberry, RN, CNP, CNS, MS

*Chair Mental Health Collaborative, Center for Black Women's Wellness, Inc.*

## **A Call to Action**

Marvin L. Crawford, MD, MDiv

## **Closing**



**DAVID SATCHER, MD, PHD** established The Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) at Morehouse School of Medicine in 2006 as a natural extension of his experience in improving public health policy for all Americans and his commitment to eliminating health disparities for minorities, poor people and other disadvantaged groups. As a champion of improved health care quality and expanded health care access for minorities, Dr. Satcher found himself drawn to Atlanta and the Atlanta University Center (AUC), the largest association of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the world, for his next challenge. In an environment with a rich history of nurturing minority leaders who engineered the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Satcher finds both the inspiration and resources to carry out his ambitious mission.

Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1998 as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Satcher served simultaneously in the positions of Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As such, he held the rare rank of full Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Corps, to reflect his dual offices.

During his service as Surgeon General, Dr. Satcher tackled issues that had not previously been addressed at the national level, including mental health, sexual health, and obesity-as well as the disparities that exist in health and health care access and quality for minorities.

Prior to his position as US Surgeon General, Dr. Satcher held the posts of director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

**MARVIN L. CRAWFORD, MD, MDiv** has been dubbed the “preaching physician,”- a title very much reflective of his role as a pastor, professor, and physician.

Dr. Crawford has centered his spiritual energies into encouraging the greatest of these to help and the least of these to hope. In all of his pastorates, food banks, educational assistance, healthcare education, economic empowerment, youth development, substance abuse intervention, housing, and crime prevention have been the central point of his ministry. Presently, he is leading his congregation of 491 parishioners collaborate with the South Dekalb Health Initiative to expand a local health clinic to service approximately 1500 uninsured residents.

Dr. Crawford is noted for his ability to incorporate spirituality into patient care and is one of the nation’s authentic experts in this area. He is noted for helping to develop the Morehouse School of Medicine curriculum on spirituality and medicine which was one of the first programs of its kind in the nation.

**THE REVEREND DARRELL D. ELLIGAN**, President of the Concerned Black Clergy is described by his colleagues as a Servant Leader “after God’s own heart” with a purpose, passion, and prophetic mission; he is also a businessman and a community leader. Elligan received his formal education from Atlanta

Public Schools, Massey Business College, and Georgia State University. He received his biblical education from Beulah Heights Bible College, cum laude and leadership training from Harvard University Leadership Institute.

Rev. Elligan is the Pastor of The True Light Baptist Church (TLBC) in Atlanta. His mission is to build ministries that will impact the needs and encourage the growth of the individual, family, church, and community. Rev. Elligan has served as Chairman of the Morehouse School of Medicine CRC Community Advisory Board, board member of the Georgia NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) and others.



**NAPOLEON B. HIGGINS, JR., MD** is a psychiatrist in the Houston/Clear Lake City Area. He currently serves as CEO and President of Bay Pointe Behavioral Health Service, Inc. He also practices at Clear Lake Regional Hospital where he serves as medical director of Consultation and Liaison Services and medical director of Hold My Hand Residential Treatment Center. Higgins is currently the President of the Black Psychiatrists of American and works with the American Psychiatric Association in many capacities to promote mental health for all persons.

Dr. Higgins has worked with and founded many programs that help to direct inner city young men and women to aspire to go to college and complete their educational goals. He has worked with countless community mentoring programs and has special interest in trauma, racism, and inner city issues including how they affect minority and disadvantaged children.

**BEVERLY D. ROSEBERRY, RN, CNP, CNS, MS** a certified Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, with over 29 years of experience in nursing and Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB/GYN). She has practiced in many area hospitals as Charge Nurse and provided Advanced Practice Nursing care in the private and public health setting. She has received extensive training in abstinence education, raising healthy families, postponing sexual involvement, parenting with intimacy, fetal monitoring, family planning, depression screening, and all aspects of OB/GYN care. She has conducted health related workshops to various audiences, including incarcerated women, teens, and business groups. She is also a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and served as a clinical expert in theory based and research based nursing within women's health. In her role as a CNS, she has facilitated the development of nursing staff and patient care team members through clinical accountability and quality assurance protocols and seminars.

Ms. Roseberry joined the staff of the Center for Black Women's Wellness as the Wellness Coordinator in 2004. In joining the Center staff, she sees herself as aligning with a team that shares her personal mission to improve the lives of women and their families. Since joining the Center for Black Women's Wellness, Beverly has received numerous awards for her work in the community.

## *Partner Organizations*

**Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.**

*www.abccardio.org*

**Association of Black Health-Systems Pharmacists**

*www.myabhp.org*

**American Psychiatric Nurses Association - Georgia Chapter**

*www.apna.org*

**Black Psychiatrists of America**

*www.blackpsych.org*

**The Fuqua Center for Late-Life Depression**

*fuqua.emoryhealthcare.org*

**Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association**

*www.gapsychiatry.org*

**Mental Health America of Georgia**

*www.mhageorgia.org*

**Morehouse School of Medicine - Department of Medicine**

*www.msm.edu*

**National Black Nurses Association**

*www.nbna.org*

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