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**Interpersonal Violence Syndemics and Co-occurring Epidemics: Preventing Violence in the Context of
Opioid Misuse, Suicide, Social Disparities, and HIV: A Workshop**

Forum on Global Violence Prevention

National Academies, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20418

May 16-17, 2018

Meeting Agenda

Workshop Context

The Global Violence Prevention Forum aims to facilitate dialogue and exchange by bringing together experts from diverse areas of violence prevention, including: behavioral scientists, policy makers, criminal justice professionals, social service providers, economists, legal experts, journalists, philanthropists, faith-based organizations, and corporate social responsibility officers. In keeping with the overall goal of the Forum to reduce the burden of violence and promote the healthy development of individuals and communities, the Forum opens up potential for prevention in all parts of the world.

A syndemic is the aggregation of two or more concurrent or sequential epidemics or disease clusters in a population, which exacerbates the prognosis and burden of disease. This two-day public workshop will explore opportunities to improve our understanding of violence and its prevention by examining the contribution of both interpersonal and self-directed violence to syndemics and co-occurring epidemics in the U.S. and globally. Workshop presentations and discussion topics will focus on three syndemics/co-occurring epidemics:

- opioid use disorder, violence, suicide, and mental health in the United States
- adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and childhood trauma; adult violence and victimization; and health outcomes from a global perspective
- HIV and violence

The workshop will aim to explore the interconnections between these global public health issues. It will highlight the critical gaps in our evidence base surrounding these syndemics/co-occurring epidemics. It will also explore possible prevention and intervention strategies that address these interrelated epidemics beyond siloed interventions that do not take into account the nature of multi-dimensional disorders with overlapping etiologies.

Thursday, 16 May 2019

Location: Lecture Room, National Academies, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20418

9:00 A.M.	Welcome and Introduction from the Workshop Planning Committee Co-Chairs Hortensia Amaro , Workshop Co-chair, Distinguished Professor and Senior Scholar on Community Health, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, Florida International University Heidi Kar , Workshop Co-chair, Violence and Trauma Lead, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Education Development Center
9:15 A.M.	Opening Remarks Janet Wright , Director of Science and Policy (Acting), Office of the Surgeon General
9:20 A.M.	Keynote: Defining Syndemics and Co-Occurring Epidemics and Framing the Issue Merrill Singer , Professor of Anthropology, Anthropology Department, University of Connecticut
9:50 A.M.	Question and Answer Session with the Audience
SESSION 1: THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF SYNDEMICS AND CO-OCCURRING EPIDEMICS	
10:00 A.M.	Topic #1: Opioid Use Disorder, Violence, Suicide, and Mental Health in the United States 10:00 A.M.- 10:10 A.M.- Heriberto Sanchez , Lead Trainer at the Bureau of Substance Use Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health 10:10 A.M.- 10:45 A.M.- Debra Houry , Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
10:45 A.M.	Topic #2: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Childhood Trauma; Adult Violence and Victimization; and Health Outcomes from a Global Perspective 10:45 A.M. - 10:55 A.M.- Shannon Foley Martinez , Program Manager, Free Radicals Project 10:55 A.M.- 11:30 A.M.- Emily Mendenhall , Associate Professor Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
11:30 A.M.	Topic #3: HIV and Violence 11:30 A.M.- 11:40 A.M. Charlene Smith , Journalist, Author, Writing Teacher & Authorized Biographer Nelson Mandela

12:00 P.M.	11:40 A.M.- 12:15 p.m. - Nicola Bulled , Assistant Teaching Professor, Interdisciplinary Director, Cape Town Project Center, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Facilitated Discussions
1:00 P.M.	Lunch
SESSION 2: THE LIVED EXPERIENCE: VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY	
2:00 P.M.	<p>Panel: The Lived Experience - Community Voices Moderated by Maryanne Culpepper, Writer, Filmmaker, Story Consultant, Graffiti Works Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlene Smith, Journalist, Author, Writing Teacher & Authorized Biographer Nelson Mandela • Heriberto Sanchez, Lead Trainer at the Bureau of Substance Use Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health • Shannon Foley Martinez, Program Manager, Free Radicals Project
2:40 P.M.	Facilitated Discussions
3:25 P.M.	Break
SESSION 3: RESEARCH AND DATA	
3:40 P.M.	<p>Panel: Interventions, Research, Data, and Evidence Moderated by Nicola Bulled, Assistant Teaching Professor, Interdisciplinary Director, Cape Town Project Center, Worcester Polytechnic Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magdalena Cerda, Associate Professor, Department of Population Health and Department of Emergency Medicine, and Director, Center on Opioid Epidemiology and Policy, New York University, Langone Health • Victoria Ngo, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Center for Mental Health Innovations, The City University of New York School of Public Health • James A. Mercy, Director, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4:35 P.M.	Facilitated Discussions
5:15 P.M.	<p>Wrap Up and Day 2 Preview</p> <p>Heidi Kar, Workshop Co-chair</p>
5:30 P.M.	Adjourn

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9:00 A.M.	Day 2 Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hortensia Amaro, Distinguished Professor and Senior Scholar on Community Health, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, Florida International University• Heidi Kar, Violence and Trauma Lead, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Education Development Center
9:15 A.M.	Keynote: Policy Responses to and Prevention of Syndemics John Auerbach , President and CEO of the Trust for America's Health
SESSION 4: PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION	
10:00 A.M.	Panel: Policy Prevention and Interventions Moderated by Maryanne Culpepper , Writer, Filmmaker, Story Consultant, Graffiti Works Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyleanne Hunter, Peace Researcher, Joan B. Kroc School of International Peace and Justice, University of San Diego's Women Peacemaker Program• Kayla Williams, Senior Fellow and Director, Military, Veterans, and Society Program• Jamila Stockman, Vice Chief and Associate Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health, Department of Medicine, University of California• Suzanne Maman, Professor, Department of Health Behavior, University of North Carolina, Gillings School of Global Public Health
11:30 A.M.	Facilitated Discussions
12:00 P.M.	Lunch

SESSION 5: POLICY RESPONSES TO SYNDEMICS

1:00 P.M. Panel: the Current State of Policy, the Government Response, and Success

Stories

Moderated by **Maryanne Culpepper**, Writer, Filmmaker, Story Consultant, Graffiti Works Inc.

- **Avelardo Valdez**, Cleofas and Victor Ramirez Professor of Practice, Policy, Research and Advocacy, University of Southern California, School of Social Work and Sociology
- **Rita Nieves**, Director of Organizational Development at the Office of Recovery Services, Boston Public Health Commission
- **Ta'Adhmeeka R. Beamon**, South Africa Coordinator, PEPFAR DREAMS
- **Jennifer Solotaroff**, Senior Social Development Specialist, The World Bank

2:15 P.M.

Facilitated Discussions

3:00 P.M.

Break

SESSION 6: ACTIONABLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE WAY FORWARD

3:15 P.M.

Facilitated Discussion

- **Hortensia Amaro**, Workshop Co-chair
- **Heidi Kar**, Workshop Co-chair

4:00 P.M.

Adjourn

WORKSHOP NOTES

- This workshop is being recorded. Please identify your name & affiliation when asking questions.
- We are webcasting this event live online, link can be found on our webpage:
<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/Activities/Global/ViolenceForum/2019-May-16.aspx>.
- Please use the hashtag **#GVPForum** to tweet about this event.
- Soon after the meeting, an archive of the video webcast and presentation slides will be available on our webpage.
- A Proceedings of a Workshop—In Brief will be published by the National Academies Press.

PLANNING COMMITTEE ROSTER

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