

AMHS 2024 – PROGRAM



Friday, July 12th, 2024 Conference/Gala Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center 6155 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430	
Using Assessment & Evaluation to Drive Therapeutic Partnership and Healing <i>"Using assessment and evaluation as therapeutic allies empowers individuals to actively participate in their healing journey, promoting autonomy and self-discovery." - Unknown</i>	
9:00am - 9:25am	Registration/Breakfast/Exhibitions
9:25am – 9:35 am	Welcome: Elder Atum Azzahir, Founder & Executive Director, Cultural Wellness Center, Minneapolis, MN.
9:35am – 9:45am	Official Summit Opening: Ms. Roseline Eguabor, Save The Children Italia Onlus, President, Social Enterprise, Al Reves, Palermo, Italy
9:45am – 10:00am	African Entertainment and Afrobeats: Afrocontigbo Dance
10:00am – 11:00am	Keynote: Healing Through Ancestral Strength: Embracing Cultural Roots for Mental Wellness Presenter: Dr. Resmaa Menakem, MSW, LICSW, SEP, Healer, New York Times Best-Selling Author, Trauma Specialist and Founder of Somatic Abolitionism
11:00am - 12:00pm	Plenary Session
	Topic: Interventional Assessments & Co-Diagnoses of Behavioral Health Conditions: Outcomes Implications. Presenter: Kingsley U. Chigbu, Ph.D., LICSW, Tenured Professor, University of St Thomas, Morrison Family College of Health, School of Social Work.
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Lunch Break/Exhibitions/Wellness Break - Ginga & Helen C Dos Santos, Brazil Arts Twin Cities
12:45pm - 1:45pm	Plenary Session
	Topic: Trauma-informed Interviewing and Evaluation Skills as Essential Component for Every Assessment. Presenter: Paul Orieny, PhD, LMFT; Sr. Clinical Advisor for Mental Health, Center for Victims of Torture.
1:45pm - 2:00pm	Wellness Break - Ginga and Helen C Dos Santos, Brazil Arts Twin Cities
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Panel Discussion Session: Multi-Level Partnership to Provide Complimentary and Coordinated Opioid Awareness, Gambling, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services to Refugees, Immigrants, Asylum Seekers, and Undocumented Students.
	Panel Moderator: Cynthia Fashaw, Collaboratives Program Coordinator - Children and Family Services. Dakota County Social Services Panelists Dr. Fatima Lawson, Ph.D. Principal, Highwood Hills Elementary ~ A Polytechnic Program School Saint Paul Public Schools. Minnesota 2024 NAESP National Distinguished Principal (NDP). Nelly Torori, MSW LISW; Program & Policy Consultant Culturally Specific Behavioral Health Services, Behavioral Health, Housing, and Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Administration. Dr. Fatai Popoola, LICSW, LADC. Unit Supervisor, Hennepin County Treatment Courts (DWI/DRUG/MHC) Bili Banjoko, MA, LMFT, Clinician/Psychotherapist, Marriage, and Family Therapy & Certified Gambling Treatment Provider. Derek Emery, Public Engagement Liaison, Minnesota Department of Education Parmananda Khatiwoda, Programs Specialist, DHS-Resettlement Program Office, Minnesota Department of Human Services Mr. Cajetan C Egbujor MSW, LICSW, Child Protection Worker, Dakota County Social Services.

	Plenary Session
3:00pm - 3:50pm	<p>Topic: Supporting Healthy Aging and Caregivers in BIPOC Communities: Using Innovative and Culturally Responsive Approaches.</p> <p>Presenters: Manka Nkimben, PhD, MPH, RN., Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota School of Public Health</p> <p>Tolulope Monisola Ola Ph.D., MPH. Founder & Executive Director, Restoration for All (REFA) Inc.</p> <p>Dr. Florence Njoi, MSW, LICSW, HPRT, Department of Human Services – Direct Care and Treatment – Forensic Community Support Services (FCSS).</p>
3:50pm - 4:00pm	Closing Reflections and Way Forward
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Wellness Break: Ginga and Helen C Dos Santos, Brazil Arts Twin Cities
	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Gala and Awards Night Agenda
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Arrival, Registration, Welcome drinks and Appetizers Served
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Acknowledgment of Sponsors and Partners
5:45pm – 6:30pm	Dinner Service/Music
6:30pm – 7:30pm	<p>Presentation and Q & A:</p> <p>Taking Stock: Reflections from a Decade of Interventions</p> <p>For the past 10 years, we have been making footprints in the mental health landscape in Minnesota. Using adaptive and culturally centered approaches and interventions, a call to action was raised a few years ago - to take stock of our interventions from an evaluation standpoint as a strategic step for planning the next decade of intervention.</p> <p>In this presentation, the participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Review different interventions and milestones that have been achieved in pursuance of mental health and community wellbeing ✚ Highlight strengths and gaps that need to be addressed in forging better outcomes-based set community parameters. ✚ Identify ways to build a person and collective commitment towards the identified strategic objectives. <p>Kingsley U. Chigbu, Ph.D., LICSW, Tenured Professor, University of St Thomas, Morrison Family College of Health, School of Social Work.</p> <p>Tolulope Monisola Ola Ph.D., MPH. Founder & Executive Director, Restoration for All (REFA) Inc.</p> <p>Richard Oni, Ph.D., Executive Director, Progressive Individual Resources Inc.</p>
7:30pm – 8:00pm	Cultural Performance - Somali Museum Program
8:00pm – 8:45pm	Awards Presentation/Special Recognition
8:45pm – 9:00pm	Closing Remarks/Thank You /Networking/Socializing/Farewell and Departure