



## 2021 Cities Thrive Mental Health Coalition Monthly Call Series

Tuesday, February 23rd  
2:15-3:15pm/Eastern Time

*A New Administration – A New Opportunity to Address Racial Inequity in Mental Health*

### **LOGISTICS INFORMATION**

**Zoom** - Meeting ID: 927 0797 3434 Passcode: 285437

### **AGENDA**

**2:15 PM:** Welcome and Introductions

**2:17 PM:** Opening Remarks by **First Lady Chirlane McCray**

**2:20 PM:** Remarks by **Congresswoman Robin Kelly** (IL-2), Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Co-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Healthcare Task Force

**2:30 PM:** Remarks by **Anita Everett MD, DFAPA**, Director, Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Q&A

**2:45 PM:** Remarks by **Former Congressman Patrick Kennedy**, Founder, The Kennedy Forum and Q&A

**3:00 PM:** New York, NY Presentation and Q&A by **Dr. Michael McRae**, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Health Promotion for Justice-Impacted Populations, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and **Christina Green**, CHW Supervisor, NYC Health Justice Network, Bureau Of Health Promotion of Justice-Impacted Populations, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**3:15 PM:** Wrap Up

### **PROGRAMMING**

- **Special Guest:** Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL-2), Vice Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Co-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Healthcare Task Force
- **Special Guest:** Former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Founder, The Kennedy Forum
- **Special Guest:** Dr. Anita Everett MD, DFAPA, Director, Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- **City of New York City, NY – How NYC is Addressing Racial Inequities in Mental Health**
  - **Presenters:** Dr. Michael McRae, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Health Promotion for Justice-Impacted Populations, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Christina Green, CHW Supervisor, NYC Health Justice Network, Bureau Of Health Promotion of Justice-Impacted Populations, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene



**Description:** COVID-19 Community Conversations (3C) is an initiative focusing on Mental Health, Equity & Resilience. This initiative provides widespread education and support in neighborhoods disparately affected by COVID-19. The 3C program holds structured discussions with communities about the mental health impact of the pandemic, including structural racism, providing coping and resiliency skills, and informing residents of available mental health resources. Discussions are currently offered in English, Spanish and Chinese.

The NYC Health Justice Network (HJN) works with persons returning to the community from jail or prison to make reentry as positive as possible. The HJN addresses systemic racism and discrimination embedded in many US foundational systems by employing Community Health Workers (CHWs) with lived experience of the criminal legal system to work with participants in a welcoming, empowering and non-stigmatizing way. Participants are paired with a community health worker (CHW) who specializes in health and reentry and works to Bridge Public Health and Health Care and Create Healthier Neighborhoods. CHWs provide holistic and voluntary services, working with participants to facilitate access to health, dental and specialty health care; employment and education services; mental health and substance use supports; referral to housing resources; legal support; coaching; peer support; family support; and more.