Exploring Health Care Disparities in Nevada:
An Interprofessional Symposium

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Thursday, April 17, 2014, 1 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Networking Reception Immediately Following, 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of mortality in women. This session will explore how the clinical presentation, evaluation, treatment and prognosis differ in women and the unique role of sex hormones, as well as identify the optimal approaches for screening and risk reduction.

NANCY NIVSON MENZEL, PhD, RN
Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Access to Mental Health Care for Immigrant and Refugee Populations

There is a lack of mental health professionals available to mentally incompetent individuals facing deportation. This presentation will explore recent legal and policy developments in this area, including access to legal and legal professionals who may have to testify regarding the mental status of deportees. The purpose is to focus on the mental health needs of deportees and the legal proceedings in which they may participate.

CHRISTOPHER R. COCHRAN, PhD
Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Health Care Administration and Policy, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Examining Acute Care Hospital Use by the Mentally Ill in Nevada

Nevada’s hospitals have felt the effect of lack of mental health services over the years. The use of hospital emergency departments in Nevada has increased, leading to the need for better access to mental health services. This presentation will discuss the current state of mental health services in Nevada, the challenges faced by hospitals, and potential solutions to address these issues.

MAX GAKH, JD, MPH
Scholar in Residence, Environmental and Occupational Health Department, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Helping the Elderly in an Emergency: Disparities, Public Health Preparedness, and Law

The elderly are disproportionately affected by the current pandemic. This session will explore how the current pandemic has affected the elderly, as well as discuss potential solutions to address these challenges.

PETER REED, PhD, MPH
Director of University of Nevada, Reno, Sanford Center for Aging and Policy, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno

Disparities in Alzheimer’s Disease: Prevalence, Supports, and Services

Alzheimer’s disease is a major public health issue. This presentation will discuss the current state of Alzheimer’s disease, the challenges faced by caregivers, and potential solutions to address these issues.

DEBORAH KUHLS, MD
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

An Innovative Approach to Addressing Oral Health Disparities in the Older Adult Population

The older adult population in Nevada is facing several challenges related to oral health. This presentation will discuss an innovative approach to address these challenges and improve oral health outcomes for older adults in Nevada.

FRANK JONES, DDS, MBA
Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Osteopathic Medicine, University of Nevada School of Medicine

Suicide in Nevada: Disparities, Predictive Factors, Opportunities and Challenges for Intervention

Suicide is a significant public health issue in Nevada. This session will explore the factors that contribute to suicide in Nevada, the challenges faced by mental health professionals, and potential solutions to address these issues.

DEBORAH KUHLS, MD
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Legal Approaches to Combating Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation are significant issues that affect older adults in Nevada. This session will explore legal approaches to address these issues and prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

STACEY TOVINO, JD
Lindy Professor of Law, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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