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# NBNA “All of Us” Research Program

**Eric J. Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, FAAN**  
President, National Black Nurses Association



**T**he National Black Nurses Association supports the *All of Us* Research Program. The National Black Nurses Association is pleased to present to you the work of NBNA Chapters for the NIH *All of Us* Research Program. *All of Us* aims to enroll 1 million or more persons living in the United States which will reflect the diversity of the country. This historic research effort will create a robust research resource that will help make precision medicine a reality for all.

The NBNA Chapters that participated in this program conducted sessions with nurses, nursing students, other health providers and the community.

They delivered presentations that spoke to the importance of *All of Us* in finding medicines and other modalities that could work for African-Americans and other individuals of color. They talked about how we can pass down a better health future for generations to come. They discussed confidentiality and trust issues based on past history citing the Tuskegee Experiment and the story of Henrietta Lacks, use of her cells without her permission. They discussed how their data will be used and if they would directly benefit from modalities derived from the research.

Take a look inside this Special Issue on the NIH *All of Us* Research Initiative. The chapters provided creative ways to engage NBNA members, nurses in a variety of practice states and the community, from the young to the seasoned and those from different backgrounds and races.

NBNA we are the on the cutting edge of something absolutely phenomenal. To all the chapter presidents, chapter champions, the chapters and their community partners, NBNA salutes you for educating so many people about this national research program. To learn more about this important national research program, go to [JoinAllofus.org/together](https://www.joinallofus.org/together).

Sincerely,

**Eric J. Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, FAAN**  
President

# Bayou Region Black Nurses Association

**Bayou Region Black Nurses Association** had the opportunity to be a part of “NBNA *All of Us* Research Initiative.” Our members and communities were able to learn the importance of medicine and treatment developed from trials can focus on minorities and people of color. Two sisters shared how research is important and needed on African American’s related to Alzheimer’s. They reported their mother is currently dealing with Alzheimer’s and if only they had different medicine to make it easier.

We were able to incorporate the *All of Us* Research Project with Our Annual Prayer Breakfast. The theme was “Your Health and the Power of Prayer”. The individuals were very interested in precision medicine and getting to see it first hand how everything works. To summarize the whole experience and the message we presented to the community was: Imagine, how would you like to take a medicine that was design to treat high blood pressure and diabetes for people who looked just like YOU, and the medicine was proven to be effective with minimal to no side effects VERSUS taking medications that has been tested on other ethnic groups. Now, what would you do ??? Forty-five percent of the individuals stated they would join the program.

Salina James  
President



**Melissa Brown, Derika Gray, Rochelle Borne, and Sharon Mack** waiting on participates.



**Dr. Charlene Smith, PHD, RN, Yolanda Dent, RN DON of Orleans Juvenile Center (Guest Speaker), and Salina James, President, BRBNA.**



**Participates waiting for program to start.**



**Video Presentation about *All of Us* Program.**

# Bayou Region Black Nurses Association



Individuals look on during *All of Us* Presentation.



Individuals take time out to pose with members of BRBNA.



Dr. Charlene Smith presenting the *All of Us* Program.



Jason Gray, Derika Gray, Dr. Charlene Smith, Rochelle Borne, Salina James, Sharon Mack, and Melissa Brown members of BRBNA.

# Birmingham Black Nurses Association

## PRECISION MEDICINE INITIATIVE

October 1, 2018 – February 10, 2019

### NURSES GEARED TO HELP ADVANCE PRECISION MEDICINE

On January 24, 2019, more than sixty-three individuals joined the Birmingham Black Nurses Association (BBNA) for an *All of Us* Educational Event/Open House to learn the latest regarding the NIH *All of Us* Research Program.

These individuals consisting of registered nurses, nurse practitioners, nursing faculty, nurse educators, nurse managers, nurse coordinators, nursing students and other health professionals, all had one goal in mind, how can we who are on the frontlines of healthcare delivery help advance precision medicine?

The presentation by Lindsey M. Harris, DNP, FNP-BC, engaged the nurses, nursing students and other health professionals so that they would be aware and knowledgeable of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) *All of Us* Research Program whose ambitious goal is to enroll more than 1 million participants in a historic research effort,

creating a robust research resource that will help make precision medicine a reality for all.

Attendees were also provided with *All of Us* educational brochures to share with colleagues, family and friends.

Partners from the Southern *All of Us* Network, Annee Cook, communications lead, Sharonda Hardy, engagement program manager, and Edrika Miskell, engagement research coordinator at the University of Alabama – Birmingham (UAB), were on hand to provide attendees with the latest statistics and community services.

The Birmingham Black Nurses Association and area nurses are ready to engage and educate potential participants regarding the *All of Us* Research Program and Precision Medicine. Who better to lead this charge than the most trusted profession for the past sixteen years-NURSES?

## Birmingham Black Nurses Association (BBNA) *All of Us* Educational Event/Open House January 24, 2019



Lauren Smith, BBNA Student Representative, Kimberly Ayers, BBNA President-Elect, Deborah Thedford-Zimmerman, BBNA President, Lindsey Harris, BBNA Immediate Past President and Taylor Washington, BBNA Treasurer.



Lindsey Harris, DNP, FNP speaks on *All of Us* Research Program

# Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Mary F. Williamson, Champion, BBNA *All of Us* Research Program, Annee Cook, Communications Lead, Southern *All of Us* Network, Sharonda Hardy, Engagement Program Manager, Southern *All of Us* Network, Erika Miskell, Engagement Research Coordinator, UAB *All of Us* Research Program.



Lindsey Harris, DNP, FNP, BBNA Immediate Past President, presenter & Sharonda Hardy, Engagement Program Manager, Southern *All of Us* Network engage attendees.



Nurse attendees ready to learn.



Pictured from left to right-Event attendee, Deborah Thedford Zimmerman, BBNA President, Evivan Bell, BBNA member, Alean Nash, BBNA membership chair.

# Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Mary F. Williamson, Champion BBNA *All of Us* Research Program, Deborah Thedford-Zimmerman, BBNA President.



Deborah Thedford-Zimmerman, BBNA President engages attendees.



# Black Nurses Association, Miami

Through the support of the National Black Nurses Association, the Miami Chapter hosted (3) three information sessions and tables on the *All of Us* Research Program between November 2018 and February 2019. Attendees included professors and students of Broward College's RN-BSN program, Allied Healthcare Professionals, Senior Citizens from the National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and Youth Community Center, and community health nursing students and professors from the Miami Dade College Benjamin Leon School of Nursing.

Attendees expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn more about the program and were engaged with message of program participants being treated as partners in research as well as the program's goal to rebuild trust in communities historically treated unethically within the realm of medical research. The NIH's commitment to maintain participant confidentiality and the numerous opportunities available to researchers via database access were among the highlights noted by attendees.

Patrise Tyson, President  
Dr. Marie Etienne, Chapter Champion



**Left to Right: Miami BNA 2nd Vice President Dr. Marie Etienne; Dr. Linda Simunek, Dean of Broward College RN-BSN Program; Nena Forte, Board Member of National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and Youth (NANAY); Patrise Tyson, President Miami BNA.**



**Miami BNA BOD Members along with Community Members at the NANAY Community Center.**

# Black Nurses Association, Miami



Miami BNA President, Patrise Tyson (Center) with Seniors at the NANAY Community Center.

# Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Inc.

## Greater New York City – Black Nurses Association, Inc. Breaks Bread with the “All of Us” Research Project

On November 14, 2018 the Greater New York City – Black Nurses Association used the occasion of its annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner Meeting to literally break bread with the “All of Us” Research Project. Hosted by Columbia University – School of Nursing in their beautiful new simulation center located on the Upper West side of the city it was a meeting of 61 mainly nursing professionals. After partaking in a pre-Thanksgiving Day meal complete with turkey trimmings and over delightful desserts the group heard about the “All of Us” Research Project. For this first presentation organized by our chapter we partnered with the “All of Us New York City Consortium”.

In our plan for this cycle of NBNA presentations we purposively targeted local healthcare professionals of color for this initial gathering. Our special guest presenters from the New York City Consortium were Kolbi Brown, BA (NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem) and Kelly Williams, MBA, BS, RN (Weill Cornell Medicine). They presented to the group using a beautiful colorful slide deck that spoke specifically first to the history of nurse’s involvement in these types of research initiative’s before delving into the details of the “All of Us” Research project. There was an emphasis placed on the scientific underpinnings of the initiative and how nurses are uniquely positioned to help get the word out to others. The group was very engaged and a great deal of questions ensued after the presentation that our guests answered. In fact, we ran over time but it was okay because we all got to take home some delicious leftovers. This was a great way to break bread and learn at the same time.

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN  
President, GNYC-BNA, Inc

## The Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Inc. Takes the “All of Us” Research Project to Church

It may seem like an unusual setting for a research presentation but on January 26, 2019 the Greater New York City Black Nurses Association had the honor of being hosted by the congregation of St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York for its second organized presentation of the “All of Us” Research Project. This large community-based church located in a predominantly Black area of Brooklyn traditionally left out of such scientific initiatives was the perfect setting. The gathering was held in the church’s new community LIFE Center equipped with a high-tech A/V system. After weeks of social media advertising, Sunday morning church announcements and local bulletin postings a group of nearly 50 community church members came to hear about the “All of Us” project.

It was a cool afternoon and the event was advertised as an invitation to a FREE Lunch presentation. So, the lunch had to be on point and was ordered from local well known black owned restaurants and featured a soul food menu with a Caribbean kick. For this special community presentation, we tuned to two of our own chapter members to lead the discussion. With the training garnered from the first presentation and materials from the All of Us NYC Consortium, Sandy Cayo, DNP, RN, FNP-BC (GNYC-BNA Treasurer) and Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN (GNYCBNA President) delivered a sermon like down to earth presentation of the “All of Us” research project. It included all of the basics on the project with a full acknowledgment of the historical mistreatment of people of color communities by the medical establishment. This open and honest discussion about the long-term benefits to communities of color enrolling in the project prompted a great deal of back and forth robust dialog. It was unlike any other time I had ever gone to church but I certainly left lifted and can’t wait to go back as they have extended an invitation for us to return and educate others about the project.

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN  
President, GNYC-BNA, Inc

# Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Inc.



Dr. Cayo and Crowd *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.



Dr. Sandy Cayo presenting *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.



Dr. Fields presenting.



Camille and Selena.

# Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Inc.



Dr. Johnson asking question at *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.



Dr. Johnson KAPPA MBBA *All of Us* January 2019 GNYC.



Dr. Natalia Cineas and two others at *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.

# Greater New York City Black Nurses Association, Inc.



Dr. Kamila Barnes serving *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.



Dawn Smalls participates *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.



Dr. Fields presenting *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.



Dr. Selena Gilles and Camille *All of Us* GNYC January 2019.

# Bay Area Black Nurses Association, Inc.

**The Bay Area Black Nurses Association, Inc. (BABNA)** has experienced positive feedback from participating in the *All of Us* Research program. We were honored to educate the community about precision medicine, the benefits of joining, and addressing the trust issues within the African American community.

During this incredible term, the chapter was able to schedule four events. In October, we were able to kick off our first recruitment and *All of Us* Kick-off presentation. We presented to a multidisciplinary group of RNs, LVNs, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacist, and Doctoral prepared Nurses representing a variety of professional settings, such as community clinics, leading HMOs, and prestigious Universities. Less than twenty percent of the audience was knowledgeable about precision medicine prior to the presentation.

Our largest presentation occurred on January 29th, 2018 at Word-A Family of Churches in Oakland, California. There were 231 individuals in the audience. The presentation was led by Kim J. Scott, MSN, MBA, RN, past BABNA President and National Board Member. Addressing the mistrust of the health care industry and research among the AA community resonated with the audience. Ms. Scott stated, “we cannot forget about the past, however we can be optimistic about the future of restoring trust, and contributing to research to improve the health of all.”

Greg Woods, President  
Kim J. Scott, MSN, MBA, RN  
Chapter Champion  
NBNA Board Member



# Miami Chapter “All of Us” Education Session



BNA Miami member Nadia Willy welcoming an attendees with a handshake.



BNA Miami Interim President, Patrise Tyson, (right) and 2nd Vice President, Dr. Marie Etienne, encouraging attendees to share information from the session on social media.

The Miami Chapter-Black Nurses Association (Miami-BNA) was honored to hold (2) two Education Sessions for the “All of Us” Research Program. The attendees at the first session held on **June 23, 2018** included nursing students, nursing professionals across the degree spectrum, and community members.

The second session held on **June 25, 2018**, was primarily directed toward community health nursing students. There was considerable discussion on the issue of trust among **African Americans** due to past wrongs; such as the “**Tuskegee Experiment**”. A question emerged, as to whether or not there was a strategic plan to help rebuild that trust with **African Americans**. Education regarding the past; explanation of research regulations that emerged from this unethical past experience; and education on the impact of minority underrepresentation in medical research is necessary to help the community make informed decisions, when considering participation in “**All of Us**”. One attendee stated, that she understood the benefit of the program and would like to participate; but, simply cannot get past the unethical history in her mindset. Through conducting these sessions, the **Chapter** has been contacted by the local “**All of Us**” **Health Care Provider Organization Principle Investigator**; who would like to collaborate with **Miami BNA** on future educational events. Similarly, a **Dean** of a **local RN-BSN** program who attended wants to get the students involved in educating others about the program. A resounding comment was that these sessions should just be the beginning of more to come.



BNA Miami Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Millicent Richards, reading literature before the session starts.



Literature table.



# Miami Chapter “All of Us” Education Session



BNA Miami members and attendees at the end of the session.



Attendees viewing a video about the *All of Us* Research Program.

# Miami Chapter “All of Us” Education Session



Attendees actively listening to the presentation.



BNA Miami Members in red along with colleagues from the community including Joan Howard (front left), President of the Jamaican American Nurses Association and Dr. Linda Simunek (front right), Dean of Broward College, RN-BSN Program.

# Chicago Chapter NIH “All of Us” Research Program

On June 9, 2018, the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association (CCNBNA), hosted its 1st Annual Prayer Breakfast in conjunction with the *All of Us* Research Program at the Chicago Lakeshore Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Educational information was provided to the attendees of the Prayer Breakfast; as part of a partnership of the National Black Nurses Association with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The purpose of *All of Us* Research Program Educational Event was to educate nurses, nursing students and other health professionals, family and friends regarding the program and precision medicine.

The *All of Us* Research Program is a major new research effort created to advance precision medicine in the United States. The program is seeking to enroll one million or more participants who will share their health information, creating a research database that will help doctors identify and treat diseases more quickly and precisely based on a patient’s background, lifestyle, environment and genetic makeup.

Reverend Evelyn Collier-Dixon, RN, MS, MDIV. a member and a past president of the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association was the speaker for the event. Reverend Collier-Dixon was able to inform more than one hundred healthcare professionals, family and friends regarding the impact of precision medicine on disease prevention and treatment, the components of the *All of Us* Research Program

and the importance of understanding and participation in the *All of Us* Research Program. Nurses and other healthcare professionals will play a critical role in engaging and ensuring our communities are well informed about this program.

The Chicago Chapter NBNA held a second *All of Us* power point presentation by Reverend Collier-Dixon regarding the program and precision medicine. This event was held at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Illinois. The Lutheran School of Theology is a part of the University of Chicago. This meeting was attended by more than fifty nurses, seminary students, community based organizations and sororities who were all proud to receive the *All of Us* information and have committed to work with CCNBNA to ensure that this information is shared with the community.

Both events were an overwhelming success that helped to bring awareness to nurses, nursing students, healthcare providers, family and friends. The Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association was proud to have been engaged in the *All of Us* Research Program and will continue to promote this Research Program.

Ms. Ellen Durant, President  
Ms. Ethel L. Walton, Vice President  
Rev. Evelyn Collier-Dixon, Champion



Right to Left: Ms. Ellen Durant, President, Dr. Donna Calvin, Ms. Ada Brown-Walls.

# Chicago Chapter NIH “All of Us” Research Program



Reverend Evelyn Collier-Dixon, RN, MS, MDIV. Speaker & Presenter of *All of Us* Research Program (Prayer Breakfast)



Dr. Cora Johnson and guest, Carolyn Owens and guest, Vice President, Ethel L. Walton and guest (Prayer Breakfast)

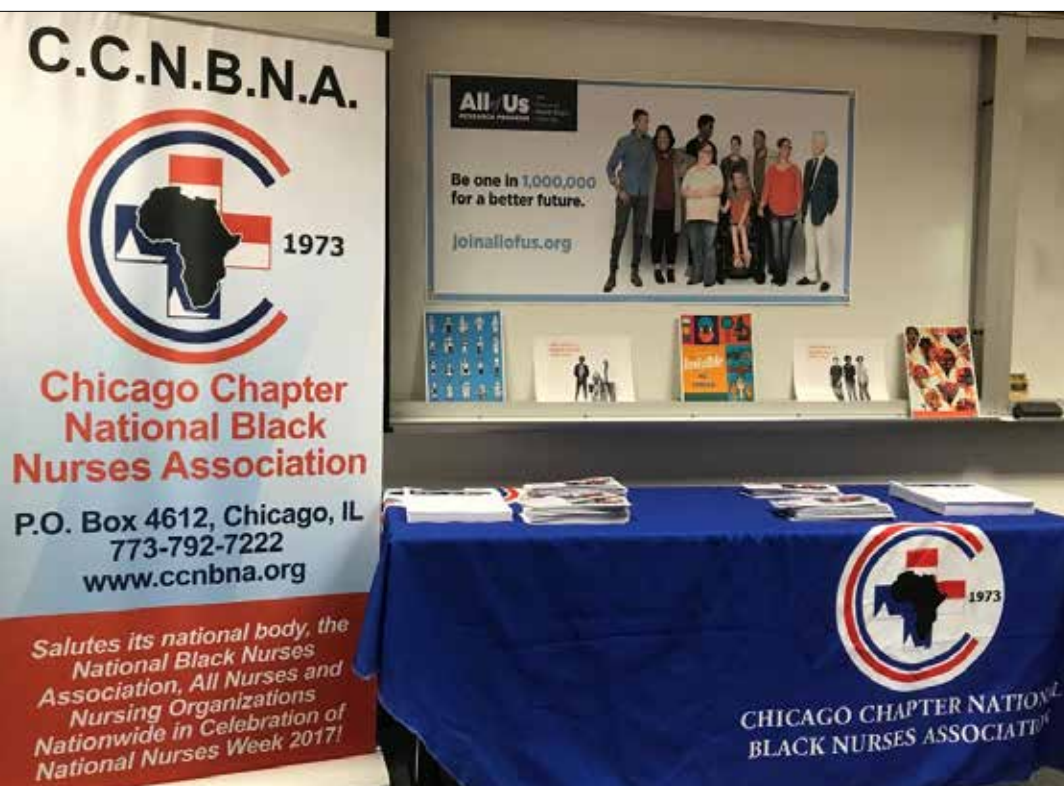


Ms. Betty Lewis, 4th President of Chicago Chapter NBNA (Prayer Breakfast)



Mr. Chuck Ellison, Mickle Ward-Ellison & Dr. Ruby Reese (Prayer Breakfast)

# Chicago Chapter NIH “All of Us” Research Program



Live Power Point Presentation of *All of Us* Research Program



Theological Seminary students -  
Lutheran School  
of Theology



Ms. Dorothy Stiggers, Life-time  
CCNBNA member



Dr. Mildred Taylor, CCNBNA member  
- Health Policy Committee member &  
Nominating Committee, Chair

# Chicago Chapter NIH “All of Us” Research Program



Ms. Ethel L. Walton, Vice President & Ms. Lee Coleman, 2nd Vice President



Ms. Vanessa Willis, CCNBNA member and Chair of Ways & Means



Ms. Fallon Flowers, CCNBNA member and Student - Both Milleniums



Ms. Marilyn Richards, CCNBNA member, Hospitality Chair

# Birmingham Black Nurses Association “All of Us” Research Program

On June 11, 2018, the Birmingham Black Nurses Association (BBNA), Inc., provided an educational event regarding the NIH *All of Us* Research Program, as part of a partnership of the National Black Nurses Association with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The purpose of *All of Us* Research Program Educational Event was to educate nurses, nursing students and other health professionals regarding the program and precision medicine.

The *All of Us* Research Program is a major new research effort created to advance precision medicine in the United States. The program is seeking to enroll one million or more participants who will share their health information, creating a research database that will help doctors identify and treat diseases more quickly and precisely based on a patient’s background, lifestyle, environment and genetic makeup.

James J. Cimino, MD, Director of Informatics Institute, Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), School of Medicine was the speaker for the event. Dr. Cimino was able to inform more than forty-four healthcare professionals regarding the impact of precision medicine on disease prevention and treatment, the components of the *All of Us* Research Program and the importance of understanding and participation in the *All of Us* Research Program. Nurses and other healthcare professionals will play a critical role in engaging and ensuring our communities are well informed about this program. For this reason, BBNA was proud to partner locally with the Southern *All of Us* Network to provide this event.



**Mary F. Williamson, MSN, RN BBNA Champion -*All of Us* Initiative  
James J. Cimino, MD, UAB Director of Informatics Institute  
Annee Cook, Communications Lead Southern *All of Us* Network**



**James J. Cimino, MD**



**BBNA Welcomes Event Attendees Deborah Andrews, MSHSA, RN  
BBNA Treasurer Lindsey Harris, DNP, FNP-BC BBNA President Deborah  
Thedford-Zimmerman, MSN, RN BBNA President-Elect**

# Pittsburgh Black Nurses In Action “All of Us” Research Program

There was more than the expected 50 local nurses at our, Pittsburgh Black Nurses In Action (PBNIA) train-the-trainers event held June 21, 2018, at the Eddie Merlot Restaurant in downtown Pittsburgh PA. There were various support and collaborative colleagues present forming a multidisciplinary/interprofessional community entity that will work in synchrony to introduce the multicultural and multiethnic population to *ALL OF US* Research Program of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of the US Department of Health and Human Services UDDHHS). The goal of our meeting was to educate each other towards a better understanding and subsequently participate to encourage and effect enrollment into the NIH *ALL OF US* Research Program.

The effort in this regard did not begin at the dinner itself. PBNIA spent several chapter meetings discussing the history and significance, positive and negative, of the believed lack of people of color inclusion and enrollment into biophysical health research (Katz & Warren, 2011). The discussions included informing each other members of the absolute need for people of color involvement in the research process so that we can take ownership for addressing our own risk factors, health issues, conditions and diseases that interfere with us achieving our best quality of life. Further, some members brought forward the notions that there have been and are moral problems in the ongoing research initiatives and health care practices in the US (Gert, Culver & Clouser, 2006).

Proceeding from these meetings and discussions, one chapter member was tasked to further become familiar with NIH *ALL OF US* (AOU) Program and reach out to as many co-professionals as possible to come together to inform ourselves of the AOU initiative. This person was named by the funding organization, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), as the chapter champion for an initiative to bring the professional community together. The champion embarked on a face to face campaign to connect with every possible black health professional organization in the local area to encourage their nurse employees or network to attend and participate in the train-the-trainer dinner to be held at the Eddie Merlot Restaurant in downtown Pittsburgh, PA. The local black medical association, Gateway Medical Society, Chi Eta Phi, the National Dental Society, Student National



**Dr. Byers, Dr. Jones, student Jennifer Allison**



**Attendees**

Medical Association, *All Of Us* Pennsylvania, including black health researchers, social workers, psychologist and pharmacists, as well as the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and Allegheny Health Network (AHN) were asked to convene with us in order to represent the social determinants of health in approaching members of our



# Pittsburgh Black Nurses In Action “All of Us” Research Program



at risk and underserved communities in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area.

The evening and dinner included a lengthy formal presentation of the tenets of the NIH *ALL OF US* Program followed by a Q & A and discussion session that included stories and inciteful concerns and attitudes of those present related to recruitment and retention in the program. The follow up time after presentation had questions about integrity of the data collection process, storage and protection of the information obtained, enrolling and withdrawing from the program, incentives to join, the future of the research over the proposed ten-year time span for the data collection and research initiatives, individual personal control over the data and its use, and types of research the research volunteers may want to have done. Ultimately the group agreed that it was very essential to disseminate results of the enrollment process and any research undertaken based on this massive research database. Some of the participants expressed gratitude that there was frankness and openness embedded in the presentation and discussion.

Finally, the speakers and participants were tasked by representatives of the *ALL OF US* Pennsylvania consortium

to investigate the program further to determine their own comfort with the program and then, if they understood and agreed with the necessity and timeliness of the program, that they would become active participants in the recruitment of their community members to enroll in *ALL OF US*. In addition, some of the evenings participants queried if somehow it would be possible to determine if their collaborative efforts could be quantified back to this gathered body.

Submitted by  
Dr. Claudia Kregg-Byers  
Chapter Champion

Dr. Dawndra Jones  
Chapter President

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# Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles

The Council of Black Nurses Los Angeles held an information session to over 50 of Los Angeles' community members for National Institute of Health's (NIH) *All of Us* Research program. We had CBN chapter members Dr. Ruby Gabbidon, Yolanda Mcmillan, and Alexandria Jones-Patten present this extraordinary opportunity to be a change agent in the way research is conducted and utilized. One of the goals of NIH for this research is to get one million participants for the study and turn patient care into a more individualized form. Patrons from the event were very interested in signing up for the study and had questions on how to sign up family members and friends who may not be able to sign up for themselves. The Council is grateful for both the opportunity to partner with NIH and NBNA's willingness to allow us to charter this information to our community. We look forward

to more opportunities with NIH and other local and national partners to include all of us in something so important to our community's health and well-being.

Pastor Chad Ricks, President  
Alexandria Jones-Patten, Chapter Champion



# Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles



# Downtown Baltimore SON Black Nurses Association

**The Downtown Baltimore SON** educated nearly 200 nursing managers, students, faculty and staff on the NIH's *All of Us* research program. The chapter president, Bassey Etim-Edet, spoke at both the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) and the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON). The audience at both sessions were engaged and curious, most notably about how a city like Baltimore would be able to convince its minority residents (who have a healthy mistrust of medical research) to volunteer. The message that research participants would be partners—not subject or patients—really resonated with the crowd. Audience members were pleased to hear that the NIH was actively attempting to establish trust and not glossing over past missteps. People were curious to know more about how data would be controlled by participants and took comfort in the fact that the NBNA is supporting the initiative. The chapter's success in educating Baltimore's healthcare community would not have been achieved if not for the tireless support of its executive board and several key allies including UMSON's dean, Dr. Jane Kirschling and UMMC's Chief Nursing Officer, Dr. Lisa Rowen. Additional gratitude goes to Dr. Jeffrey Ash and Dr. Kathryn Lamp of UMSON.



From left to right: Sydney Brown, Dr. Jeffrey Ash, Bassey Etim-Edet, Natia Williams



Attendees at the UMSON event



Downtown Baltimore SON President Bassey Etim-Edet speaking at the UMSON event

# Downtown Baltimore SON Black Nurses Association



Attendees at the UMSON event



Setting up for the UMSON event



From left to right: Downtown Baltimore SON VP Natia Williams, President Bassey Etim-Edet, Secretary Sydney Brown



Attendees at the UMSON event



Attendees at the UMSON event



Signing in at the UMSON event

# Downtown Baltimore SON Black Nurses Association



Attendees at the UMSON event

**All of Us** The Future of Health Begins With You  
RESEARCH PROGRAM

**NBNA Education Session:**  
A Discussion on NIH's *All of Us* Research Program

**DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE  
BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION  
LUNCH & LEARN  
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF NURSING  
655 W. LOMBARD STREET, ROOM 150  
BALTIMORE, MD 21201**

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# Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

## Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association Family Fun Day

On June 2, 2018, the Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association held the Annual Family Fun Day. This year the “All of Us” Research Program sponsored the Family Fun Day. “All of Us” Flyers were sent out to the community and to the members inviting them to come attend the Family Fun Day to obtain information regarding the “All of Us” Research Program.

Many activities were provided for the attendees. Train rides, Balloons, Basketball, fishing, Jumpers – 3 different sizes and other items. A clown was present to perform magic tricks and to provide face painting for willing participants. A delicious Bar-B-Que with Ribs, Chicken, Sausage, macaroni salad, beans, potato salad, with all the trimmings and cake!

Councilman Chris Preston of Missouri City Texas was present to extend warm greetings. Local popular speaker Janice

Sanders explained the “All of Us” Research Program. There was huge interest on the concept of precision medicine. Many attendees were excited that the “All of Us” Research program is targeting everyone so that everyone will have better health care. Many attendees were not aware that minorities were underrepresented in research programs and they expressed a desire to help increase participation in the program. Participants had many questions, such as would they receive compensation for participation in the “All of Us” Research Program, could they stop the program at any time and what happens if they do not own or have access to a computer. Mrs. Sanders answered all questions adequately. The presentation was a success and many attendees expressed interest in the program.

Janice Sanders, President

Lola Denise Jefferson, Chapter Champion



**Councilman Chris Preston brings greetings to the audience**



**Madame President Marilyn Johnson greets the audience**

# Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



Charlie Terrell, Janice Sander, Councilman Chris Preston, Madame President Marilyn Johnson, and NBNA 1st Vice President Lola Denise Jefferson



The Group



# Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



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Janice Sanders speaks about the "All of Us" Research Program



The audience



The audience



The audience



The audience

# New Orleans Black Nurses (NOBNA) “All of Us” Educational Session

The New Orleans Black Nurses Association (NOBNA) hosted the “All of Us” education session on June 9, 2018 at the New Orleans East Hospital (NOEH). The session was well attended by health care professionals, community members and students. Ifeanyi Onor, Pharm D, BCPS, FNKF Clinical Associate Professor, Xavier University College of Pharmacy, presented the “All of Us” information and interacted with the audience, while interjecting information from his professional experiences. Juzar Ali, M.D. FRCP, FCCP, Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, a session participant, shared patient experiences when research information would have positively impacted patient outcomes and expedited treatment regimens.

The participants were very interactive and engaged. The speaker and NOBNA members encouraged participants to

share the information in their workplaces and communities. Everyone received “All of Us” informational brochures and were very complimentary of the session and thankful for the information.



**Juzar Ali, M.D. FRCP, FCCP Professor of Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans. Stressing the importance of minorities participation in research studies and sharing a patient experience.**



**Ifeanyi Onor, Pharm D, BCPS, FNKF Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy, Xavier University College of Pharmacy, New Orleans**



**“All of Us” Educational Session Participants New Orleans Black Nurses Association (NOBNA)**



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**Dr. Ali and Dr. Onor interact with the audience participants and answer questions surrounding “All of Us”.**

# Cleveland Council of Black Nurses “All of Us” Research Program

## Cleveland Council of Black Nurses

The Cleveland Council of Black Nurses, Incorporated presented the *All of Us* Research Program initiative on June 14, 2018. The event was held at The Avenue Care and Rehabilitation Center. We had a total of 40 attendees with a nice mix of nursing students, registered nurses and advanced practice nurses representing a wide variety of specialties from medical-surgical to psychiatry and critical care to community agencies in which this program is aimed at assisting to achieve overall population health. Marketing efforts for this educational encompassed email blasts, flyers, brochures, and face to face networking with a variety of organizations from colleges, professional organizations, diversity groups, hospitals, nursing facilities and a plethora of community healthcare providers to capture a wide range of consumers that may participate in this initiative. By utilizing the materials

provided by *All of Us* inclusive of the Slide Deck PowerPoint presentation, fact sheets and reference sheets, the event was very successful as evidenced by the comments received. Observations regarding the topic included the excitement of an initiative specifically focused on health concerns common to the minority population and the opportunity to engage in this activity as a participant or engage as a healthcare professional in the active phase of the research initiative to ensure an understanding of each specific culture. However, there still remained some hesitancy surrounding participation and trust that the data will be used to reduce disparities and yield an increase in access to medical and resources to the communities that need those most.

Stephanie Doibo, President  
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## Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association



### Summary of that activity

On Saturday, June 9, 2018, Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association (SNBNA, acronym moving forward will be used) hosting a NBNA Education Session highlighting the NIH's *All of Us* Research Program, discussion forum.

The discussion presentation forum was completed at Bone Fish Grill, 8701 W Charleston Blvd in Las Vegas, Nevada at 11 am to 2 pm. Dr. Angela Amar was the key note presenter for the discussion. Lunch was served.

SNBNA sent invites to all parties of interest via direct contact, email communication, telephonic correspondence and Evite app use. Total of confirm Survey Responders were 45, including local chapter members and previous executive board members.

After the presentation was completed each attendee received a survey to provide feedback on the NIH's discussion of *All of Us* Research, along with event. Please see below for the outcomes of the survey.

# Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association

## What messages did you find to be the most engaging?



1/26 Survey Responders decided after the educational session to become a participant; although, not required per NIH guidelines. (100% interest)

5/26 Survey Responders expressed > 75 % interest into the program

4/26 Survey Responders expressed 50 – 75 % interest into the program

3/26 Survey Responders expressed 25 – 50 % interest into the program

1/26 Survey Responders expressed 10 – 25 % interest into program

1/26 Survey Responders expressed < 10 % interest into the program 'concerned about the premise is individualized care; however, that should be occurring...not sure what the research will accomplish.

11/26 Survey Responders did not respond by choice or simply missed the question.

## What were common questions your community had?



18 of the Survey Responders addressed this question. Majority of responders wanted more information on the security of the PHI to ensure there was no breach. Some wanted to know why only English and Spanish versions were offered, as there are more languages in the United States or their communities. Others expressed concerns about the physicians' willingness to participate in the research. There was a question about how precisely this research will address the health care disparities. Several participants expressed interest in the cost of the program on the patients or if reimbursement was an option. The length of the program, communication with participants and how is this done effectively was questioned. Target audience/community and how the program is promoted to each prospective participant group was discussed.



National Black Nurses Association supports the NIH *All of Us* Research Program.

NBNA is educating NBNA members, nurses and other health care providers and the community about the program.

The NIH aims to register one million or more people in the U.S., half of which will be racial and ethnic minorities.

To learn more about this important national research program, go to [joinallofus.org/together](http://joinallofus.org/together)

Please give a shout out to our five chapters helping to spread the word and make a difference!

Bay Area BNA

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