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QEM CONDUCTS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM FOR FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

(WASHINGTON, DC) The QEM Network has planned a professional development workshop for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the Mid-Atlantic Region, designed to increase their capacity to: undertake responsive curriculum reforms; conduct research on equity in juvenile justice; and pursue external funding opportunities. This symposium will take place on Monday, July 15th and Tuesday, July 16th beginning at 10:30 in the morning at the conference center located at 600 New Jersey Avenue in Washington, DC.

“This activity presents HBCUs with an opportunity to explore and engage in a subject area that needs the specific skill set, sensitivity, and historical point of reference that this group of educators can bring to the discussion,” said QEM’s President and CEO, Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D. “The recent news events involving America’s criminal justice system and its treatment of minorities makes this an especially felicitous discussion that should prove to be enlightening and educational,” he added.

QEM’s expert cohort of presenters will address the Opportunities and Innovations in Juvenile Justice Reforms; Building a Practice-focused Criminal-Juvenile Justice Curriculum or Program; Creative Mechanisms for Dismantling Structural Racism and Eliminating Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System (Race, Power, Policies, and Practices); Opportunities for Advocacy, Social Change, and for Incorporating Race-equity Lens and Youth Development Framework in the Curriculum; Leveraging Partnerships and Capacity to Conduct Meaningful Research and Ensure Sustainability; Publishing and Disseminating Juvenile Justice-related Research Findings; “Telling Our Stories to a Diverse Audience.”
Specific Information to Advance Participant’s Abilities to Obtain Funding and/or Establish Partnerships during which participants will receive hands-on guidance. The symposium will close on Tuesday with a working lunch titled Diversity is Our Reality. This will focus on the “Marginalization of Black LGBTQ/SGL Youth in Schools and in the Juvenile Justice System.” Participating Minority Serving Institutions include: Howard University, University of the District of Columbia, Delaware State University, Virginia State University, Bowie State University, and Prairie View A&M University.

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