Mental Health Disparities: The New Face of Psychiatric Treatment Facilities:

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Early Hospitals
Advances in Treatment
Deinstitutionalization
Stigma
Public Stigma

- If a person with a serious mental illness worked in your child’s school:
  - Very uncomfortable: 36%
  - Somewhat uncomfortable: 30%
  - Somewhat comfortable: 20%
  - Very comfortable: 10%

- Living next door to someone who has a serious mental illness:
  - Very uncomfortable: 13%
  - Somewhat uncomfortable: 34%
  - Somewhat comfortable: 29%
  - Very comfortable: 19%

- Working with someone who has a serious mental illness:
  - Very uncomfortable: 13%
  - Somewhat uncomfortable: 28%
  - Somewhat comfortable: 33%
  - Very comfortable: 21%
Substance Use Disorders
The New “Triage”
A Perfect Illustration
The Largest Psychiatric Facilities

Cook County Jail

LA County Jail
Out of sight...
America’s mentally ill held in:
Per 100,000 adults

Source: B.E. Harcourt, "An Institutionalisation Effect"
Shortage of Providers

Projected doctor shortage

Aging baby boomers, limited federal funding for residencies and other factors contribute to a widening gap between doctor supply and demand.

Physician demand

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SOURCE: ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES
Medical Education Debt

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Decommissioned Public Hospitals
Other Consequences of A Shortage of Mental Health Providers & Resources

- Less available psychiatrist led to misdiagnosis.
- Psychiatry services may be limited to one-time consultation services rather than ongoing care.
- Inadequate or inappropriate treatment.
- In the community African Americans are more likely to be involuntarily admitted for community treatment and involuntarily medicated.
- Black men are over-diagnosed with schizophrenia at least 5 times higher than any other group
Proposed Solutions

• Considering supporting H.R. 3717 introduced by Congressman Murphy of Pennsylvania that addresses the need for psychiatric, psychological, and supportive services for individuals diagnosed with mental illness and families in mental health crisis, and for other purposes.
• Mandated CIT training for all law enforcement officers to improve interactions in the community.
• Increase the utilization of mental health, veteran, and drug courts.
• Minimize the use of privately managed prisons.
• Reform mental illness treatment laws and practices so patients don’t suffer needless without needed treatment.
• Ensure community standards of the mentally within correctional facilities are maintained.
• Improve recruitment efforts by compensating providers appropriately on par with community psychiatrists for treating complex mental health problems, assuming personal risk, and working in stressful environments.
• Hire mental health workers within correctional facilities to engage patients in activities and monitor behaviors on the unit.
Recommended Viewing

• Frontline PBS series: Solitary Nation (air date April 22, 2014)
  & Prison State (air date April 29, 2014)
• “Black and Blue-Depression in the African-American Community”- Bluerock Productions
• “Gray and Blue: Depression in Older People”- Bluerock Productions
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said, “Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.”
QUESTIONS ?????