

HERI OPERATIONS

The following staff operate HERI:

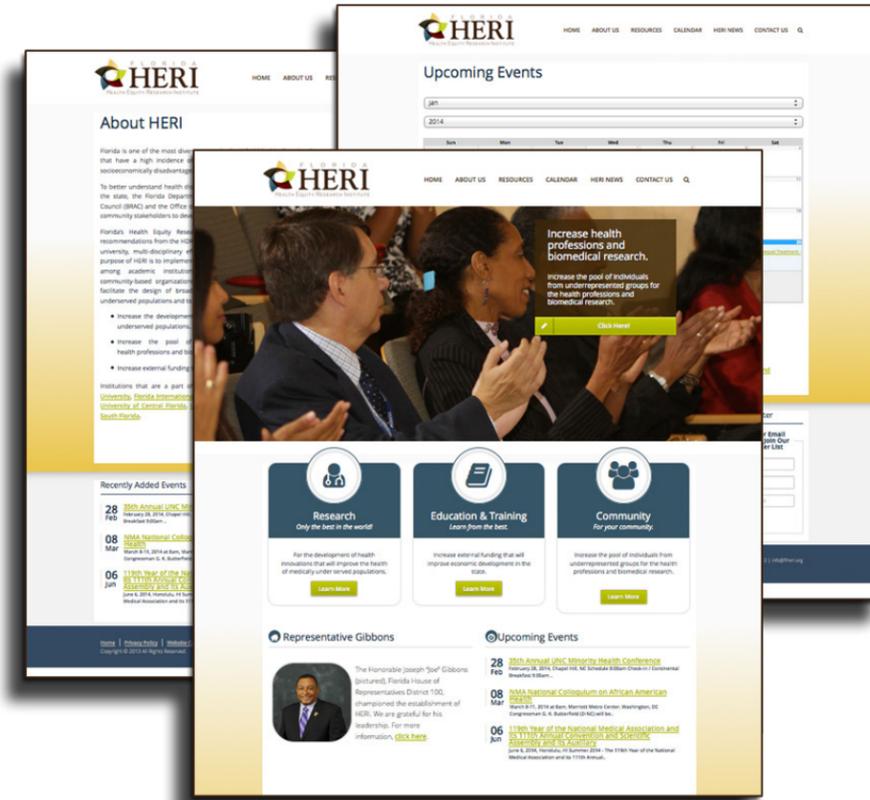
- B. Lee Green, PhD, Moffitt Cancer Center: *Director, Administrative Core*
- Folakemi Odedina, PhD, University of Florida: *Director, Research Core*
- Cynthia Harris, PhD, DABT, Florida A&M University: *Director, Education & Training Core*
- Penny A. Ralston, PhD, Florida State University: *HERI Liaison*



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UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS THROUGHOUT FLORIDA



Both Florida HERI's Steering Committee and the Community Leadership Board are in the process of being developed and include representatives from across the state of Florida.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Bethune-Cookman University
- Duval County Health Department
- Edward Waters College
- Florida A&M University
- Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease
- Florida Department of Health
- Florida International University
- Florida State University
- Hispanic Services Council
- Moffitt Cancer Center
- 100 Black Men
- University of Central Florida
- University of Florida
- University of Florida-Jacksonville
- University of Miami
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida
- YMCA of Florida's First Coast

These higher education institutions and community organizations participated in the development of a health disparities initiative in Florida, starting with the Health Disparities Research (HDR) Agenda for Florida and continuing with the establishment of HERI.

YEAR ONE PROGRESS REPORT

FLORIDA HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

ABOUT FLORIDA HERI

To better understand health disparities and develop approaches to promote health equity in the state, the Florida Department of Health, including the Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) and the Office of Minority Health, convened a group of more than 30 scholars and community stakeholders to develop the Health Disparities Research (HDR) Agenda for Florida.



Florida's Health Equity Research Institute (HERI) was established to implement the recommendations from the HDR Agenda through proactive collaborations among academic institutions, health care providers, government organizations, community-based organizations and funding organizations. Thus far, 17 universities and community organizations are affiliated with HERI. Under the leadership of Florida State University, (*Penny Ralston, PhD*), HERI was approved by the Board of Governors.

For more information, visit FLHERI.org.

The Honorable Joseph "Joe" Gibbons, Florida House of Representatives District 100, championed the establishment of HERI.

We are grateful for his leadership.



SUMMIT

- Held the inaugural Florida HERI Summit September 19-20, 2013 in Tampa with 123 participants, including faculty and students from higher education institutions as well as representatives from community-based, health-related and other organizations.
- Discussed implementation of the Florida HDR Agenda that addresses health promotion, health outcomes and the role of genetics in cancer. To review the HDR Agenda, please visit www.flheri.org.



“Florida should be leading the efforts around disparities - HERI might be the effort to get us where we need to be.”

- Summit Participant

RESEARCH

- Partnered with University of Florida to implement a Research Core (RC) under the leadership of Folakemi T. Odedina, PhD.
- Designated a RC Coordinator (*Shannon Pressey, MS*).
- Established a RC subcommittee.
- Developed a Funding Opportunity Announcement to foster multi-institutional and community-based health equity research projects in Florida.
- Partnered with Solix, Inc. to solicit, review and identify competitive research proposals with potential for federal funding.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Solicited applications for the establishment of the Community Engagement Core (CEC) to manage the Community Leadership Board and provide community input on all Florida HERI activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Partnered with Moffitt Cancer Center to launch the Administrative Core under the leadership of B. Lee Green, PhD, Director.
- Established a Steering Committee and Community Leadership Board as well as coordinated selection of members.
- Partnered with Vistra Communications to design and develop the Florida HERI logo and website to provide information to students, educators and professionals.
- Planned and implemented statewide HERI Summit.
- Designated a Program Director (*Desiree Rivers, PhD*) to oversee HERI activities.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Partnered with the Florida Alliance for Health Professions Diversity and Florida A&M University (*Cynthia Harris, PhD, DABT*) to implement the Education & Training Core (ETC) which includes training and mentoring culturally diverse students by faculty from various state and private academic institutions.
- Collaborated with NIH-funded National Research Mentoring Network to serve as regional site for mentorship of underrepresented minority students and faculty in biomedical research.
- Invited by the Aetna Foundation to submit a research training proposal (\$100K) to support a faculty and student mentoring program for the state of Florida.