Diversity Program

Diversity Focus of the Mount Sinai Health System
Office for Diversity and Inclusion
The charge of the corporate Office for Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) is to support the Mount Sinai Health System in embracing the principles of diversity and inclusion as key drivers for excellence and innovation for unrivaled healthcare service delivery, medical and health education and research. ODI is led by Gary Butts, MD who is the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer. The organizational foundation of ODI is the Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs (CMCA), the diversity center of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS).

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The Center for Multicultural and Community Affairs (CMCA) is the diversity center of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS). The mission of CMCA is to eliminate health disparities through the use of innovative, integrative, and coordinated approaches in the areas of Community, Clinical Care, Education, and Research to improve the health of all populations by diversifying the healthcare workforce and influencing health policy and research. CMCA carries out its mission by serving as the interface for educational pipeline programs, minority affairs, institution-wide diversity initiatives, and academic support for medical students, minority faculty development, and culture and medicine programs at ISMMS. CMCA is directed by Gary Butts, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Medical Education, and Preventive Medicine, and the Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Programs, Policy, and Community Affairs at ISMMS. As the primary hub for policies and initiatives, which relate to supporting and advancing diversity at ISMMS, CMCA also monitors diversity trends for minority faculty, students, and trainees at the institution through its comprehensive database. CMCA was previously the only federally funded Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center of Excellence for Minority Health in New York State geared toward increasing the level of diversity in the healthcare workforce. CMCA has over 40 years of success in education pipeline programs that engage and prepare students in high schools and colleges for careers in the health professions. CMCA’s longstanding expertise in educational pipeline programs led to its funding by HRSA in 2008, 2012, and 2013 as the lead organization for the Northeast Regional Alliance Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), a partnership with the Columbia Medical School for Physicians and Surgeons, New Jersey Medical School, Hofstra University School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Hospital Department of Social Work Services, and the Manhattan Staten-Island Area Health Education Center to expose and prepare disadvantaged students to healthcare professions. CMCA provides strong, multi-faceted partnerships with local community organizations that allow integration of community-oriented care, research and service learning. CMCA is also actively involved in other institutional research efforts, including: 1) the Center for Community and Academic Research Partnership (CCARP), a key program in ISMMS’s Clinical and Translational Science (CTSA) program; 2) the CDC-initiated REACH to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in the United States; 3) the Mount Sinai Summer Institute for NeuroAIDS Disparities; 4) the Diversity in Biomedical Research Committee, an institution-wide initiative established by the Dean of Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai to assess and better utilize ISMMS’s resources in addressing the diversity of the research workforce and prioritizing minority health research endeavors; 5) and the institution-wide Diversity Council which is currently co-chaired by Drs. Gary Butts and Elizabeth Howell.

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