

# Suffolk County Regional Multicultural Advisory Committee

## 2015 Annual Report

- January 19<sup>th</sup> Ongoing planning and discussion of April 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Melville, NY. Discussion with Suffolk County Office of Minority Health regarding co-sponsoring a Community Forum on Health
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Continued with planning for April Conference. Exploring location to hold Community Forum.
  - New member joined from Federation of Organization
  - Received update and feedback from NYS MAC member
  - Report from Suffolk County Mental Subcommittee meeting member
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Finalized plans for April 23, Conference.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference - Theme: "Recovery Is Possible, I Am Not My Disease. Commissioner Ann Marie Sullivan, MD- NYS Department of Mental Health, Art Fleischer, Director, Suffolk County Department of Mental Hygiene. Dr. Martha Carlin, PhD., Director, NYSOMH L.I.F.O. Attended and spoke. Keynote speaker, Joseph Swinford, Director of Stakeholder Engagement and Consumer Panel discussion of their Journey to Recovery.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Finalized Plans with Office Of Minority for June 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Forum.
- . Also finalized paperwork for co- sponsorship of Bi-County Conference.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Community Forum held at First Baptist Church, Bay Shore, NY. Theme: A Community Conversation on Mental Health and Wellness. Keynote speaker: Dr. Bernadette Marson, PhD. Forum was well attended.
- No Meeting July and August. Communication via phone and email.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Chairperson and Co-Chairperson attended the Bi-County Empowerment Conference.

