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HIGHLIGHTS

**Projects in Process Seminar Series
(PiPSS)**

**Three-Part Workshop Series on Housing,
Homelessness, and Health**
A joint presentation with MA CTSA's

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EVENTS



Join Us for Projects in Process Seminar Series (PiPSS)

Fridays from 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Scholars and trainees in the T, K, MSCI, and Millennium programs, present in our annual “Projects in Process Seminar Series (PiPSS)”. The series is designed to provide an opportunity to present work in a structured format and in a forum of peers and faculty, with the goal of ensuring the continuous, professional feedback and cross-fertilization that is required for excellence in research.

[Zoom Link](#)

Presenters for January 12, 2024



Nate Hafer
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"How UMCCTS
Resources Can
Help Advance Your
Research
Project"

"Library Resources"

"Chronic Conditions
and Treatment
Patterns in Colon
Cancer Among Older
Adults"

**HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH:
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HOUSING AND HEALTH
AND WHAT IS BEING DONE?**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM EST

Via Zoom (Registration is Required!)

REGISTER

Hear from the experts about the current status of Housing, Homelessness and Health in Massachusetts, how these issues are connected, what is being done, models of community development and pending legislation that could address some of the issues, as well as community perspectives.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Tom Byrne, MSW, PHD., is an Associate Professor at the Boston University School of Social Work and an Investigator at the Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Healthcare Outcomes and Implementation Research and National Center on Homelessness among Veterans.



Jenczka Roman, MPH., is the Assistant Director of Advocacy and Communication at MPHA. She joined the organization in 2020, after graduating from Boston University School of Public Health with a dual concentration in Community Assessment, Program Development, Implementation and Evaluation, and Health Law and Policy.



Elizabeth González Suárez, MA., is vice president of Community Life for The Community Builders (TCB), a position she has held since 2016. TCB is a place-based model that uses healthy and stable housing as the platform for connecting residents to services, resources, and opportunities so they can thrive, including opportunities in early education, economic mobility, youth development, community engagement, voting access, healthy living, and resident leadership.

This is the first seminar in a 3-part series on Housing, Homelessness and Health: Evidence, Policy, and Impact. The series is for all interested parties, especially community members. Each session will focus on a different topic related to the housing crisis. You can join any or all of them, and do not need to have attended earlier sessions to take part fully in a later seminar. Watch for dates and details!



REGISTER

Real-time Captioning will be provided



Research Meeting

Wednesday, January 10
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Brief Description: This study reveals disparities in palliative care usage among blood cancer patients during their terminal hospitalizations. Analyzing the National Inpatient Sample (NIS), the research identifies sociodemographic and hospital-related factors on the receipt of palliative care. The palliative care was absent in 46% of cases, shedding light on the urgent need for targeted interventions to bridge these gaps and ensure equitable access to optimal palliative care services

Presenter:

Tien-Chan Hsieh, MD, Fellow,
Hematology Oncology
Division, UMass Chan

Title:

Disparities in Palliative
Care Use for Patients with
Blood Cancer Who Died in
the Hospital

Click below to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting
ID: 937 1668 5400 password: 492717

[Zoom Link](#)

FUNDING

ARPA-H continues to grow: Funding available

The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health
(ARPA-H, <https://arpa-h.gov/>)

is a research funding agency that supports transformative biomedical and health breakthroughs – ranging from the molecular to the societal – to provide health solutions for all.

The ARPA-H Agency-wide Open Broad Agency Announcement (Open BAA) seeks funding proposals for research aiming to improve health outcomes across patient populations, communities, diseases, and health conditions. The BAA calls for proposals to outline breakthrough research and technological advancements.

Proposals should investigate unconventional approaches, and challenge accepted assumptions to enable leaps forward in science, technology, systems, or related capabilities.

The Open Broad Agency Announcement is here -
<https://sam.gov/opp/caf109b75a0449418ead3630cef1915e/view>



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