D4.0: Community Health Bailouts! Diverse approaches to improving health in diverse populations in hard economic times

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**Abstract:**
**Overview:** This symposium will focus on the impact of the current economy on diverse populations and Community/Public Health nursing research and practice implications. Research has shown that chronic stress, poverty and unemployment lead to higher rates of stress, violence and crime, obesity, diabetes, and some cancers, and disabilities in at risk and high risk populations. Moreover, the increased prevalence of chronic disease, psychological distress and disability in vulnerable populations, is further complicated by issues with ethnic/racial, gender, cultural, age, and geographic diversities of the groups. These factors create additional challenges for community and public health nursing practice, research, and program implementation.

Presenter #1: Dr. Carolyn Blue, Professor, will present a randomized controlled trial that tested a motivational interviewing (MI) intervention for African Americans at risk for diabetes and the efficacy of the intervention in improving physical activity and dietary practices in this high risk population. Presenter #2: Dr. Louise Ivanov, Associate Professor, will present an exploratory study that examined the health care practices (Mammography, Pap smears, and Self Breast Examinations) of former Soviet Union (FSU) immigrant women in Germany and the United States (US). Presenter #3: Dr. Susan Letvak, Associate Professor, will present a phenomenologic study of the experiences of older nurses who work full time in nursing while experiencing pain and/or depression. Older nurses with health problems are especially vulnerable during poor economic times. Presenter #4: Dr. Sarah Kelly, Assistant Professor, will present research on the current economy and Gang Violence Prevention Programs and cost effective interventions for Community/Public Health providers to reduce gang violence in the community. Presenter # 5: Dr. Debra Wallace, Professor, will present on the Community/Public Health approaches that address the needs of the rapidly increasing US Latino/Hispanic populations and the current economy, including nursing education, innovative service learning, health system outreach, policy and allocation decisions, and volunteer and lay community services.

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