



## **BHPOC Work Group on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Behavioral Health**

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**Co-Chairs: Alice Forrester and Selma Ward**

### **Agenda**

**May 16, 2023 11:00 AM via ZOOM**

*The BHPOC is committed to creating to an environment that provides equal access to behavioral healthcare in a culturally competent capacity, with particular attention to social and racial justice.*

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

Topic: Committee on Diversity, Inclusion & Equity in Behavioral Health Zoom Meeting

Time: May 16, 2023 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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## **I. NATIONAL STANDARDS for CULTURALLY and LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES (CLAS) in HEALTH and HEALTH CARE, SEET LLC**

The enhanced National CLAS Standards were developed in response to health and health care disparities, changing demographics, and legal and accreditation requirements. This seminar will show how the CLAS Standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by establishing a blueprint for individuals as well as health and health care organizations to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Participants will understand the legislative, regulatory and accreditation mandates as well as the federal requirements and penalties regarding the implementation of the CLAS standards. Participants will also learn how to utilize the CLAS standards as guidelines that inform, guide, and facilitate best practices related to culturally and linguistically appropriate health services. It is imperative for providers to know how to improve professional communication skills as well as build strategies to improve the patient/provider relationship and quality of patient care.

## **I. New Business, Announcements, Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 11:00 AM via ZOOM**

<https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/clas/standards>

<https://plan4children.org/connecting-to-care/culturally-and-linguistically-appropriate-services/>