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Current Work and Research

John is currently serving Interfaith as the Clergy/Mental Health Coordinator. He is Co-Director for the Clergy/Mental Health Partnership and Clergy Disaster Training Network. These projects, with Dr. Jamie Aten and Dr. Sharon Topping of the University of Southern Mississippi, constitute an effort to create a program for training clergy to become certified emotional and spiritual responders in the event of a disaster or community need. John is also providing leadership to community mental health professionals and clergy in the development of partnerships between these disciplines. He currently serves as the moderator for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Primary/Mental Health Collaborative, chairman for both the Interfaith Clergy Retreat Planning Committee and 2009 Mental Health Summit Planning Committee.

He is involved in several research projects (funded by grants from the American Red Cross and Foundation for the MidSouth) to determine what barriers, if any, exist in the African American community in regards to mental health access and stigma. These projects are in partnership with Jackson State University and RAND). Mr. Hosey served as the coordinator for the 2008 Mental Health Summit in Biloxi, Mississippi (the Summit is designed to offer CEU credits for

mental health clinicians, social workers and school based counselors in the gulf coast region and to focus on the complimentary roles of clergy and mental health professionals).

Prior to joining Interfaith Mr. Hosey served in various clergy roles as chaplain for the Texas Youth Commission and Texas Department of Corrections under the auspices of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and as a senior pastor in several congregations. He also served as the staff benevolence counselor for an inter-city church in Glendale, Arizona. As both a pastoral counselor and community advocate, he has sought to bring about better understanding of the important link between access to mental health services and community/faith based organizations.

Education

John earned his undergraduate degree from The Criswell College in Dallas, Texas in Biblical studies and missiology. In 1996 he earned his Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina and is currently pursuing a second Masters Degree in Human Services with an emphasis in Mental Health Counseling from Capella University.

Recent Presentations

Good Morning South Mississippi (WLOX) – Ongoing recovery Issues related to mental health issues and Katrina

Sun Herald – Story on recovery related issues and the Mental Health Summit

MPB (Mississippi Public Broadcasting) – stigma and the role of faith based groups in mental health awareness.

Mississippi Primary/Mental Health Collaborative – partnership opportunities and training clergy to be emotional and spiritual first responders

SMVOAD – preparedness for emotional and spiritual needs and community chaplains for shelters

University Collaborative Strategy Meeting (USM, Gulf Coast Campus) – utilizing student volunteers in disaster recovery.

White House Faith Based/Community Organizations Conference in New Orleans

- The role of faith based groups in response and recovery
- The clergy/mental health partnership in issues related to community health.

Personal Vision Statement

To link faith based and mental health organizations in partnerships for improved access, education and collaboration, so that individuals and families seeking emotional and spiritual care will discover hope and healing.

