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**MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF GREATER DALLAS ROLLS OUT
TASKFORCE TO ELIMINATE RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION**

Community partners to build solutions in eliminating racism and discrimination.

DALLAS, March 26, 2021 – Mental Health America of Greater Dallas in partnership with community partners announces the Mental Health and Diversity Taskforce. The purpose of the taskforce is to develop mental health solutions for eliminating racist and discriminatory actions within our community. The group will develop community based mental health solutions to aid policy changes in private and public institution and focus on positive outcomes for communities of color and LGBTQ+ communities.

“Education is only a piece of the solution for eliminating racism and discrimination,” said Bonnie Cook, Executive Director of Mental Health America. “Policy changes are the root of creating mental health wellness opportunities in communities that have suffered for generations.”

The Taskforce plans to release a report with recommendations for private and public policy change to aid the community’s efforts for increasing mental health wellness and closing disparity gaps by July of 2021. MHA-Greater Dallas is honored to work with a diverse set of professionals and community volunteers representing North Texas, including:

Access and Information Network (AIN)

Children’s Health

City of Mesquite

Office of Human Rights, City of Dallas

Dallas CASA

Dallas County Juvenile Department

Dallas County Public Defender’s Office

Elev8 Movement

Ethos Equity Consulting

Family Compass

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health

Loving Yourself Well Counseling Services

Metro Dallas Youth Committee

Metrocare Services

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Momentous Institute

Our Friends Place

Parkland Hospital

Slcume Mental Health Ministry

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

**Texas Department of Public Safety, Victim
and Employee Support Services**

Uplift Education

Mental Health America of Greater Dallas serves as a catalyst to identify, assess, and respond to the community's mental health needs. As a facilitator and coordinator for local mental health service providers, MHA-Greater Dallas operates through strategic planning and immediate responses to community crises as they arise. In addition to our efforts to supply information, education, and advocacy related to mental health issues, we also provide preventive programs designed to equip high-risk populations (including children, the homeless, and the indigent) with information and skills to combat stress and adversity.

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