MSNJ Policy & Strategy Panel
Health Equity & Access

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

AGENDA

6:30 pm  Call to Order – Steve Orland, MD, PSP Co-Chair

6:31 pm  Review of PSP Minutes of May 19, 2021 – Steve Orland, MD, PSP Co-Chair

6:35 pm  Introduction of Topic & Speaker – Kennedy Ganti, MD, MSNJ President

6:40 pm  MSNJ’s Role as a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Leader in Health Care Part 1

  Robert C. Like, MD, MS  
  Emeritus Professor  
  Department of Family Medicine and Community Health  
  Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

7:20 pm  Q&A

8:00 pm  Conclusion & Adjournment – Kennedy Ganti, MD, MSNJ President

*See bio below
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Robert C. Like, MD, MS is an Emeritus Professor and the Founding Director of the Center for Healthy Families and Cultural Diversity, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Like received his MD degree from Harvard Medical School in 1979 and completed his residency and MS degree fellowship training in family medicine from Case Western Reserve University in 1984. He is a family physician with a background in medical anthropology, and has carried out fieldwork in the Azores Islands, Portugal; Beersheba, Israel; Zuni, New Mexico; and the Kingdom of Tonga in Western Polynesia.

Dr. Like has served as a member of the DHHS Office of Minority Health’s CLAS Standards National Project Advisory Committee, the OMH Regional Health Equity Council for Region II, and AHA Equity of Care National Advisory Committee; co-chair of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine’s Group on Multicultural Health Care and Education; Medical Society of New Jersey representative to the AMA/NMA/NHMA Commission to End Health Care Disparities, and on numerous national expert panels, committees, and task forces. He is also a W. Montague Cobb/National Medical Association (NMA) Health Institute Senior Fellow, and currently serves as Chair of the New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence.

Dr. Like was the principal investigator of an Aetna Foundation-funded study entitled, "Assessing the Impact of Cultural Competency Training Using Participatory Quality Improvement Methods." He previously served as director of the HRSA-funded NRSA Primary Care-Health Services Research Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in the Department of Family Medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He has also consulted to the European Union's Migrant-Friendly Hospitals initiative and was a member of the WHO Health Promoting Hospital’s Task Force on Migrant Friendly Culturally Competent Health Care.

Dr. Like is nationally known for his work in the areas of cultural competency, equity in health and health care, and health professions education. He previously served as the Director of the Patient Centered Medicine 1 course at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Dr. Like has received a variety of awards including the 2004 Distinguished Service in the Health Field Award from the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, the 2004 and 2007 Pfizer-American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation Visiting Professorships in Family Medicine, the 2020 Clement A. Price Human Dignity Award from Rutgers University, and the 2021 Adam Solomon Award from the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding. He is also a member of the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Stuart D. Cook, M.D. Master Educators’ Guild, and the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Academy of Medical Educators Institute for Excellence in Education.

Dr. Like has been actively involved in developing and directing UME, GME, and CME programs, and provides training and technical assistance relating to the delivery of patient-centered, culturally responsive care to diverse populations.