



Summer 2019

TAMCD Newsletter

President's Message



Dear Professional Members,

Welcome to Tennessee Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development (TAMCD). Thank you for being an intricate part of our professional association. It is an honor to serve as TAMCD's 2019-2020 President and I am grateful to come behind the past President Tiffany Hilson to continue the journey. My plan is to build and strengthen relationships within our organization and within our community.

I encourage each of you to support me by becoming more involved within the association. As professional members, our work is never ending. We advocate, stand in the gap and build relationships just by the amazing work we commit to doing each day, one client after another. I truly believe in the village concept; "Where would I be if it wasn't for the village that helped me find my voice." Let's continue to be a voice for social justice and multiculturalism through our great works.

I am happy to have been part of these TAMCD 2018-2019 activities and accomplishments:

- Collaborations and planning via the annual meeting at TCA's fall conference, emails, conference calls and area meetings
- Volunteer services at TAMCD pre-con and WTCA Summer Conference
- Serving as the secretary of TAMCD
- Revision of the 3-Year Strategic Plan

As TAMCD embark on this new fiscal year, plans are to continue thriving - utilizing the newly revised 3-Year Strategic Plan and continue partnering with WTCA and TCA for co-sponsoring pre-conferences on Multicultural & Social Justice Counseling Competencies (MSJCC) and an array of diversity-related workshops. This will aid TAMCD in accomplishing the mission to build membership, strengthen leadership, and advance multicultural and social justice counseling services for the benefit of all clients across the state.

I look forward to seeing each of you during our upcoming fall conference, WTCA dinner meetings, and TAMCD's quarterly and annual meetings. As a leader, I promise to continue to grow and represent TAMCD with HONOR, INTEGRITY, RESPECT and RELIABILITY.

Sincerely,

Julia G. Cole, BA, M.Ed.
President
TAMCD

TAMCD Membership Campaign

Please see invitation to join TAMCD on the postcard ad below. Individuals recruiting the most members by TCA's 2019 Fall Conference will receive a \$50 gift certificate plus \$50 cash (President's Gift of Appreciation) at TAMCD's annual meeting. The winner must show proof of recruits with at least ten members.



**Tennessee
Association For
Multicultural
Counseling and
Development
(TAMCD)**

MISSION: To build membership, strengthen leadership, and advance multicultural and social justice counseling services for the benefit of all clients across the state.

VISION: Multicultural competent leaders, school and practicing professional counselors successfully connecting with and serving diverse populations.

Join TAMCD to help build culturally informed and supportive schools, social agencies, and communities in Tennessee.

TAMCD's 3-Year Plan includes professional development - your passport to becoming a multicultural competent counselor, teacher, administrator, social worker, therapist, pastor, etc. See benefits on back. For more information, visit www.tcacounselors.org/tamcd.

Major Benefits for TAMCD Membership and Engagement

1. TAMCD offers members the opportunity to be pro-active by having a voice to communicate on behalf of clients.
2. TAMCD offers an opportunity to lead and become a stronger advocate for multicultural and social justice competent professionals for better service delivery.
3. TAMCD provides an increased awareness of beliefs, values, attitudes, and biases that might limit effective practices with clients and support systems.
4. TAMCD strengthens one's commitment to professional improvement through actions and advocacy.
5. TAMCD builds sensitivity and greater empathy toward diverse populations for better service delivery to clients and support systems.
6. TAMCD provides a wide array of prevention and intervention strategies to respond to the diverse needs of populations served in our multicultural/multiethnic schools and communities.

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Lookout for These In-coming Leaders

- President: Julia Cole, Professional School Counselor, Shelby County Schools, juliagabriellecole31@gmail.com

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- Treasurer: Dr. Hattie Isen, Retiree (SCS & FHU) and President, Art for Life's Sake, jeankofi@gmail.com

Up-coming Events

Leadership Development Institute	Saturday – Sunday, July 20 -21, 2019	
TCA 62 nd Annual Conference	November 7-10, 2019	Nashville Airport Marriott
TAMCD Annual Meeting	November 8, 2019	

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