“Addressing the Nation’s Behavioral Health Pandemic: The Need for a Population Health Perspective”

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Changes are taking place rapidly across the healthcare landscape, and recent societal challenges – such as the COVID-19 pandemic and growing trauma caused by racial injustice – have exacerbated our nation’s longstanding need for a more effective approach to mental health and substance use disorders. These challenges highlight the need for a fundamental shift in how we think about and address behavioral health. A population health perspective provides a framework to address many of the recent and historical challenges that we face. This presentation will describe why a population health approach is needed and what it looks like – both conceptually and practically. The talk will also specifically address long-standing health disparities and offer strategies to improve health equity. Moreover, the presentation will touch upon some of the implications that a population health paradigm has for the future of our scientific research and training.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to the risk of suicide, overdose, and alcohol-related chronic liver disease mortality:
1) Define a population-based approach for addressing behavioral health needs.
2) Describe two of the implications of a population health paradigm on scientific research and training.
3) Describe how a population-based framework enables behavioral health professionals to reach diverse, underserved populations.

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