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## JESSIE KIMBROUGH-SUGICK NAMED AS INAUGURAL AETNA/DISPARITIES SOLUTIONS CENTER (DSC) HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES FELLOW

BOSTON- The Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital, with generous support from The Aetna Foundation, has selected Jessie Kimbrough-Sugick as the inaugural Aetna/DSC HealthCare Disparities Fellow. Dr. Kimbrough-Sugick is the first fellow to be selected through this new program created in 2007.

The Aetna/DSC HealthCare Disparities Fellowship Program was created to prepare health care professionals with the tools and skills to develop strategies to address/racial and ethnic disparities in health care. Aetna/DSC Disparities Fellows will learn from a cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary staff at the DSC with expertise in racial/ethnic data collection, performance measurement and reporting, disparities interventions, evaluation, and cultural competence. The fellowship is a hands-on working experience, focused on action-oriented approaches to addressing disparities. Fellows will play a major role in one of the on-going projects of the DSC, as well as participate in various national, regional, and local activities of the DSC ([www.mghdisparitiessolutions.org](http://www.mghdisparitiessolutions.org)). In addition, the Fellows will get to shadow DSC faculty, and get regular, customized, one-on-one instruction on individual faculty member's area of expertise.

Dr. Kimbrough-Sugick recently completed an MPH program in Health Management and Policy at Harvard School of Public Health. Before obtaining her MPH, she spent two years at Henry Ford Health Systems, where she practiced as a primary care physician. She has lectured for faith-based collaboratives designed to empower racial and ethnic minorities through health education, as well as community service activities that focus on mentoring disadvantaged children and introducing them to the health care profession. She attended Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed her medical training in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

Supported by a grant from The Aetna Foundation, the Aetna/DSC HealthCare Disparities Fellowship is open to health care professionals at the post-doctoral level (PhD), post-residency level (MD/MPH), or graduate level (RN/MPH, NP etc.). Fellows are selected on the basis of their practical experience in one or more areas including disparities reduction projects; quality improvement; and community-based research, program, and evaluation; among others. Inquiries about applications should be directed to Aswita Tan-McGrory, Operations Manager, The Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital, at tel. 617-643-2916 or email [atanmcgrory@partners.org](mailto:atanmcgrory@partners.org).