## MSM Prevention Research Center to Participate in Engage for Equity Project



The Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center (MSM PRC) community and academic partners have been selected to participate among community based participatory research (CBPR) leaders across the country in phase two of the <u>Engage for Equity Project</u>. It builds from the recently completed NIH study, Research for Improved Health (RIH), through which a CBPR conceptual model was tested, developed, and psychometrically validated through quantitative process and outcome measures.

Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH, principal investigator, Rhonda Holliday, PhD, MA, core research project principal investigator, and **LaShawn Hoffman**, Community Coalition Board chair, will represent and engage with community-academic partnership in bi-directional learning associated with best practices in CBPR and other community-engaged approaches. The MSM PRC's core research project is titled: A Multi-Method Approach to STI and HIV/AIDS Prevention among Urban Minority Youth. The specific evidence gaps in the intervention research and analysis that will be addressed are the effects of gender, the effectiveness of multi-component interventions, and the effectiveness of including parents in intervention efforts.

For more information on the Engage for Equity Project, visit <a href="http://cpr.unm.edu/research-projects/cbpr-e2.html">http://cpr.unm.edu/research-projects/cbpr-e2.html</a>.

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