



**MEET  
THE SAMHSA  
MFP/ANA 20-21  
NATIONAL  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

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Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN, MFP alumna (class of 2009), will chair the NAC for a second two-year appointment. As Chair, Dr. Brawner plans to advance the MFP/ANA Mission by working alongside others to devise innovative strategies to equip Fellows to address current and future mental health and substance use conditions among racial and ethnic minority populations. This includes creation of transdisciplinary, cross-sectoral collaborative opportunities and implementation of novel mentorship and training activities to prepare the next generation of behavioral health practitioners, scholars, policymakers, educators and leaders.



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John Lowe  
PhD, RN, FAAN  
(Immediate Past Chair)

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The MFP is governed by a National Advisory Committee dedicated to advising MFP staff; developing partnerships with professional, academic, and clinical institutions; and soliciting support by individuals and groups for the initiative. The Committee's efforts strengthen the MFP by building sustainable infrastructure and long term partnerships while expanding the MFP/ANA presence into more communities across the nation. The National Advisory Committee's major function is to: advise ANA MFP Program staff on strategies and activities to achieve the goals of the SAMHSA MFP/ANA grant; review and score applications and select MFP Fellows; monitor and evaluate Fellows' progress toward attainment of a doctoral or masters' degree; reappointment of continuing Fellows by reviewing Fellows' progress reports, transcripts, dissertation proposals, quality improvement projects, and clinical practice proposals; making recommendations regarding the Fellows' tenure in the program; participate in a mentoring relationship with MFP/ANA Fellows; develop innovative recruitment strategies in consultation with Program staff; and, recommend program content for Institute offerings, webinars, and other enhanced learning experiences.

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Substance Abuse Mental Health  
Services Administration (SAMHSA)  
Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)  
American Nurses Association (ANA)



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The SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program at the American Nurses Association provides opportunity for minority psychiatric nurses to attain masters and doctoral degrees in mental health and substance use disorders to provide direct care, research, education, and health advocacy to minority and underserved populations across the life span.