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*2007 Award Recipient*

## **Beny J. Primm, M.D.**

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The MayaTech Corporation's *Public Health Leadership Award* recognizes a public health professional, lay person, organization, or government agency that has exhibited a sustained commitment to the elimination of preventable death and disease for the community at large. This year's award recipient, Dr. Beny Primm, is being recognized for his longstanding dedication, service, scholarship, mentoring, advocacy, and leadership in the areas of prevention, education, and treatment of substance abuse and HIV infection throughout the nation. Dr. Primm's body of work has distinctively integrated education and public awareness within local communities on the impact of addiction and HIV prevention and continues to prompt public policy debate.

As a unique aspect of this award, the recipient extends recognition to an organization that conducts the work of public health at the community level. This community-based organization's programs should exemplify the importance of awareness, education, and prevention of public health concerns. Because community-based programs have become a central strategy in ensuring relevant information and proper treatments are disseminated in communities where the need is the greatest, The MayaTech Corporation will present the selected community-based organization with a \$5,000 grant to continue its initiatives.

Dr. Primm has named the All Healers Mental Health Alliance as this year's recipient of the grant to further its work, which ensures that prompt and sustainable mental health support is delivered to persons and caregivers who have survived catastrophic events in the United States.

For more information on this award contact  
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## *Dr. Beny J. Primm*

Beny J. Primm, M.D., has been the Executive Director of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation (A.R.T.C.) of Brooklyn, New York since its inception in 1969. As one of the largest, minority, non-profit community-based substance abuse treatment programs in the country, A.R.T.C. provides a multi-modality service and treatment program for approximately 2,300 men and women who are primarily members of severely underserved populations.

In recognition of his world-renowned authority on HIV, drug addiction, and AIDS, Dr. Primm was appointed to the Presidential Commission on the HIV Epidemic in 1987. In that capacity, Dr. Primm represented the United States at a meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) and at the International Conference for Ministers of Health on AIDS Prevention in London.

Dr. Primm has served as an adviser to the Office of National Drug Control Policy for several years and has served on special WHO committees addressing drug and alcohol problems. He is the chairman emeritus of the Board of Directors of the National Minority AIDS Council and is the first vice chairman of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

From 1989 to 1993 Dr. Primm was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to direct the Federal government's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), where he was responsible for the development of programs, policies, and initiatives relating to the treatment of addictive disorders and the improvement of the quality and effectiveness of substance abuse treatment as well as treatment capacity expansion for the United States and its territories.

Dr. Primm, widely published on the treatment of drug abuse and related disorders, is well-known for his total commitment to substance abuse treatment and the treatment of the psychological, social, and economic ills that fuel that disease. He teaches that all treatment modalities can be effective, that drug treatment must be mainstreamed with other human-focused disciplines, and that the integration of those disciplines is the bedrock for effective treatment.

On August 6, 2003, Dr. Primm was appointed to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS (PACHA). The Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the President and the Health and Human Services Secretary on research, prevention, and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Primm earned his medical degree from the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland.

## *All Healers Mental Health Alliance*

The mission of the All Healers Mental Health Alliance (AHMHA) is to establish a local and national network of culturally competent mental health professionals and allied associates, especially the faith-based community, who can work to facilitate, screen, identify, refer, monitor connectedness, and track disaster survivors with needs for mental health services. AHMHA's goal is to provide long-term mental health services by offering cutting edge Web-based telepsychiatry and other interactive technologies to develop care, consultation, and support for caregivers working for people living in poverty affected by all hazards and disasters, particularly people of color within the United States. In doing so, AHMHA's work will foster hope, recovery, and resilience among affected people.

### **AHMHA's History**

In September 2005, a group comprised of volunteer health professionals, faith-based leaders and information technologists representing national organizations committed itself to responding to the crisis brought on by Hurricane Katrina. National organizations included the American Psychiatric Association, Katrina Health Coalition, Black Psychiatrists of Greater New York and Associates, National Medical Association, Social Service Board of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, Full Circle Health, African American Healthy Marriage Initiative, Health Disparities Services, Association of Black Psychologists, Stream57, and UPRIS. The group became known as the Katrina Mental Health Coalition and is now renamed the All Healers Mental Health Alliance, with members from the Gulf Coast and across the United States.

*“Bringing Help and Hope in Times of All Hazards and Disasters”*



*[www.ahmha.org](http://www.ahmha.org)*



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