

Booker and Ogan Join the PCRI/ GoodNEWS Staff

The PCRI is proud to announce the addition of two new staff members. **Nekima Booker** and **Leilani Ogan** who joined the Family Medicine/Primary Care Research Institute staff in July, 2010. Both



will be working primarily with Dr. Mark DeHaven on the **GoodNEWS Project** in Dallas.

Mrs. Booker graduated from Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana in 2006 with a Masters of Social Work. She also received a Bachelors of Art in Sociology from Louisiana Tech University. She has worked recently with the University of Texas at Arlington as a health educator and student development specialist where she assisted in the development, coordination and implementation of various projects on the UTA campus and the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Nekima was also selected for the "Employee Spotlight" for her work and development on the "Fresh Start from Tobacco" campus program. She assisted in development of various community-based programs in Louisiana. We look forward to her devotion and commitment to the established GoodNEWS Project in a leadership position as Project Coordinator. Her previous experiences in project coordination, and her energetic attitude and passion for community-based health, services, and education will prove to successfully fulfill the goals of the GoodNEWS project.

Lielani Ogan received her Masters in Public Health from the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill with a major in Health Behavior and Health Education and a Bachelors of Science in Community Health from Texas A&M University, College Station.

Ms. Ogan worked with the Susan

G. Komen Foundation where she wrote curriculum, facilitated and coordinated workshops and helped maintain partnerships. She also worked with UNC as a Graduate Research Assistant and as a Health Promotion Specialist where she worked



on grantwriting and development of community-based participatory research (CBPR) projects with African American communities and development of social marketing materials and public service announcements and surveys for various student health and campus issues.

Her desire to work with communities with an emphasis on faith-based interventions is key to the success of GoodNEWS.

The PCRI extends a warm welcome to these bright and enthusiastic individuals. Their passion and desire to improve the health of the community that surrounds them is paramount in exploring and extending opportunities within the South Dallas area and beyond.