

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF
MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

Maryland's 14th Annual Statewide **HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE**

BRIDGING **HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS COMMUNITIES**

Coordination, Collaboration, & Opportunities in Maryland

DECEMBER 7, 2017 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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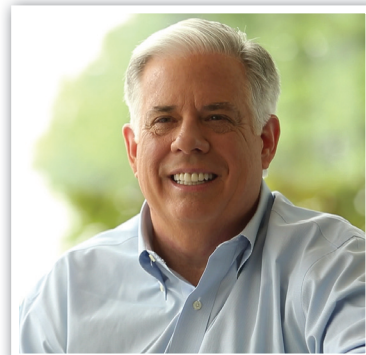
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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Dear Friends:

Welcome to 14th Annual Maryland Health Equity Conference, “*Bridging Health Equity Across Communities: Coordination, Collaboration, & Opportunities in Maryland*,” hosted by the Maryland Department of Health’s Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. The goal of today’s program is to highlight health programs in the state that work to achieve health equity through collaborations across different sectors and community engagement.



The Department of Health recently launched a \$7.2 million initiative to reduce lead poisoning and improve asthma, two conditions related to environmental conditions in housing. Healthy Homes for Healthy Kids expands lead identification and abatement programs through collaboration between the Departments of Health and Housing and Community Development. Another program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention & Environmental Case Management, strengthens local health department programs that help families and health care providers to identify and eliminate sources of lead exposures and asthma triggers in homes. The most recent report released by the Department of Health showed lead poisoning in Maryland has dropped to its lowest recorded level, and the number of children tested has significantly increased. Along with the release of the report, our administration proclaimed the last week in October as Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Maryland.

Additionally, in 2016, our administration partnered with Baltimore City for Project C.O.R.E., a multi-year initiative to demolish vacant and derelict buildings in Baltimore and replace them with green space or redevelopment opportunities. Many of these homes were built prior to 1960 and have a high probability of being a lead-based paint hazard.

These are just a few examples of collaboration and coordination that you will hear about today. It is our hope that the strategies being presented will have a multi-generational impact and will improve health outcomes in families and communities throughout the state. Thank you for your participation and best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Larry Hogan". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Larry" and last name "Hogan" clearly distinguishable.

Governor Larry Hogan

MESSAGE FROM THE LT. GOVERNOR

Greetings:

It is a great honor and pleasure to welcome all of you to the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities' 14th Annual Health Equity Conference.

Community insight is necessary for achieving health equity. Communities know that they need to be healthy; therefore, equity cannot be achieved without thoughtful community engagement. This includes a range of approaches from community outreach to shared leadership to ensure that efforts are diverse, inclusive and accessible. As we work closely together, we hope to outline many strategies which will effectively provide health equity opportunities for all Marylanders.

The Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities has implemented internal collaborative approaches to address health priorities including smoking cessation, diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. Additionally, through Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance programs, community-based organizations focus efforts around health priority areas to reduce health disparities in communities throughout the state.

Everyone must have the opportunity to be as healthy as possible and it takes a collaborative approach to ensure this opportunity for all Marylanders.

Thank you for your continuous effort and dedication.

Sincerely,



Boyd K. Rutherford
Lt. Governor of Maryland



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities was established in 2004 by statute, under the Maryland Health General Article, Section § 20-1001 to § 20-1007, to address minority health disparities in Maryland.

MISSION:

To address the social determinants of health and eliminate health disparities by leveraging the Department's resources, providing health equity consultation, impacting external communications, guiding policy decisions and influencing strategic direction on behalf of the Secretary of Health.

VISION:

To achieve health equity where all individuals and communities have the opportunity and access to achieve and maintain good health.



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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<p>REGISTRATION CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND EXHIBIT HALL (Location: Camelia Room)</p>
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	<p>WELCOME (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p>Stephanie Slowly, MSW, LCSW-C, Acting Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health</p> <p>CONFERENCE MODERATOR INTRODUCTION Cheri Wilson, MA, MHS, CPHQ, Diversity & Inclusion, Cultural and Linguistic Competence, Health Equity Subject Matter Expert</p> <p>OPENING & GREETINGS The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Senate, District 44, Maryland General Assembly Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health</p>
9:20 AM – 9:40 AM	<p>MARYLAND'S PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p>Howard Haft, MD, MMM, CPE, FACPE, Interim Executive Director, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange</p>

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<p>9:40 AM - 11:00 AM</p>	<p align="center">SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY LECTURE (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p align="center">INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENT Stephen B. Thomas, PhD, Professor, Health Services Administration, University of Maryland School of Public Health and Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland, College Park</p> <p align="center">**AWARD RECIPIENT & KEYNOTE ADDRESS**</p> <p>E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland and John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, Dean of the School of Medicine</p>
<p>11:00 AM – 11:15 AM</p>	<p align="center">MORNING BREAK & EXHIBITS (Location: Camelia Room)</p>
<p>11:15 AM – 12:15 PM</p>	<p align="center">PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING POPULATION HEALTH (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p align="center">Facilitators:</p> <p>Stephanie Slowly, MSW, LCSW-C, Acting Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health</p> <p>Daniel Bones Gallardo, MPH, Public Health Advisor, Regional Minority Health Consultant, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Region III, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</p>
<p>12:15 PM- 1:15 PM</p>	<p align="center">LUNCH (Location: Embassy Room) & EXHIBIT HALL (Location: Camelia Room)</p>
<p>1:15 PM – 2:15 PM</p>	<p align="center">MARYLAND’S TWO GENERATION APPROACH (Location: Terrace Room)</p> <p align="center">Moderator:</p> <p>Courtney Lewis, MPH, Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Maryland Department of Health</p> <p align="center">Speakers:</p> <p>Arlene F. Lee, Executive Director, Governor’s Office for Children Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.</p>
<p>2:15 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p align="center">AFTERNOON BREAK & TRANSITION (Location: Camelia Room)</p>

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AFTERNOON CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A: Collaborative Opioid Overdose Prevention Efforts in Maryland

(Location: Terrace Room)

Moderator: **Hoai-An Truong**, PharmD, MPH, FAPhA, FNAP, Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Panelists:

Clay Stamp, Executive Director, Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC) and Senior Emergency Management Advisor to the Governor and Chair of the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council

Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin, LCSW-C, Director, Health Promotion and Prevention, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health

Kip Castner, MPS, Chief, Center for HIV/STI Integration and Capacity, Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health

B: Bridging Health Equity Across Communities: Insights from National Minority Health Month 2017 Community Conversations

(Location: Wayne Room)

Moderator: **Namisa Kramer**, MS, Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance Program Administrator, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health

Panelists:

Nathaniel Scroggins, MOTA Project Director, Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC)

Ashyrra Dotson, MOTA Project Director, Associated Black Charities (ABC)

Elizabeth Chung, Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF)

C: Collaborations for Workforce Development: Community Health Workers in Maryland

(Location: Maryland Room)

Speakers:

Tiffany Rivers, Community Health Worker, CHW-MD CHW Network - Baltimore Chapter
Gracy Villacis, Community Relation and Community Health Worker, Asian American Center of Frederick

Tessie Peifer, Volunteer Coordinator and Community Health Worker, School Based Liaison Team Lead, Asian American Center of Frederick

Dwyane Monroe, Program Coordinator, Institute for Public Health Innovation

Adrienne Crowell, Program Coordinator, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Center for Health Studies, Prince George's Community College

Melissa A. Clark, Associate Director, Area Health Education Center (AHEC) West

2:30 PM –
4:00 PM

7th Annual Shirley Nathan-Pulliam **HEALTH EQUITY** LECTURE SERIES

2017 AWARD RECIPIENT



**E. ALBERT REECE,
MD, PHD, MBA**

**Vice President for Medical Affairs,
University of Maryland**

**John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers
Distinguished Professor**

**Dean, University of Maryland
School of Medicine**

*Presented by the Maryland Department of Health's Office of
Minority Health and Health Disparities and the University of
Maryland School of Public Health Center for Health Equity*

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, is the Vice President for Medical Affairs, University of Maryland, the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor, and Dean of the School of Medicine. He is also a professor in the departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medicine, and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. He is a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences.

Originally from Jamaica, West Indies, Dr. Reece completed a Bachelor of Science degree with honors (Magna Cum Laude) from Long Island University; a M.D. degree from New York University School of Medicine; a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from the University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica; and a MBA degree from the Fox School of Business & Management of Temple University. He completed an internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University Medical Center, and a postdoctoral fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine. He remained on the full-time faculty at Yale for almost 10 years, during which he served as Clinical Instructor from '82 to '84; Assistant Professor from '84 to '87; and received accelerated promotion to Associate Professor in 1987. In November 1990, at the age of 39, he was recruited by Temple University to serve as the Abraham Roth Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Between 2001 and 2006, he served as Vice Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and dean of the College of Medicine. In 2006, he was recruited by the University of Maryland to serve in his

current capacity. In 2010, Dr. Reece served as Acting President of the University of Maryland.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Dean Reece is actively involved in research and education. He is a sought after Visiting Professor and Lecturer at numerous institutions both nationally and internationally. He has also published extensively in the scientific literature: 12 books including revisions; 5 monographs; and more than 500 articles, chapters, and abstracts. He recently served as Chair of the Council of Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges. He serves or has served on many governmental and civic organizations and committees such as, the FDA, the IOM, the NIH, the Secretary of Health & Human Services Committee on Infant Mortality, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the Massachusetts General Hospital Scientific Advisory Committee, the Board (Chairman) of the Nelly Berman Classical Music Institute, and the Agnes Irwin School for Girls. He receives numerous special recognitions and awards including, the Distinguished Leadership Award in 2009 and the 2010 Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Health Sciences from his alma mater, New York University School of Medicine, and the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from Loma Linda University.

Dean Reece is married to Sharon Reece, MA, JD, LL.M., a visiting associate professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law. They have three daughters: Kelie (PhD); Brynne (DDS), and Sharon-Andrea.

SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary, Department of Health, State of Maryland

Dennis R. Schrader has been serving as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health since being appointed by Governor Hogan in December 2016. He is a senior executive with extensive experience in major health facility project planning and national security and logistics management. Previously, he was the Secretary of the Governor's Office of Appointments in 2016 and Deputy Secretary at the Maryland Department of Transportation in 2015.

In addition, Secretary Schrader served as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (2007-2008, confirmed by the U.S. Senate); Director of the Maryland Office of Homeland Security (2003-07); and executive roles at the University of Maryland Medical System (1987-2003) with a focus on major project management, facility planning and construction, including the following four major building programs Shock Trauma Center (1989), Gudelsky Building (1994), Schaeffer Rehabilitation Center (1996), and Weinberg Building (2003). Secretary Schrader retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of Captain.

Secretary Schrader currently serves on the Howard Community College Board, and was previously elected to the Howard County Council (1994-98). By profession, he is a registered engineer (civil). He is married to former Senator Sandra B. Schrader. They have one child.



The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Senate, District 44, Maryland General Assembly

Senator Nathan-Pulliam is currently serving her first term in the Maryland State Senate representing District 44. She previously represented District 10 as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1994-2015. She is the first Caribbean-born person and first Afro-Caribbean American registered nurse elected to the Maryland General Assembly. Senator Nathan-Pulliam worked for many years as a quality assurance coordinator, head nurse, and team leader at hospitals in Baltimore and currently owns and operates two health care companies that provide personal care services to clients in their homes and adult medical daycare services for the elderly and disabled.

She has been a leading advocate for improved health care and health disparities reduction in Maryland. Senator Nathan-Pulliam has sponsored hundreds of bills, including legislation creating the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities within the Department of Health. She currently serves on several committees, including the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee, the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. The Senator is a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, and the Women Legislators of Maryland.

Senator Nathan-Pulliam holds an AA from Baltimore City Community College, a BSN from the University of Maryland, and a Masters in Administrative Science from The Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School. Among her numerous awards and honors is the naming of the Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Lecture Series by the University of Maryland School of Public Health Center for Health Equity and the Maryland Department of Health. Additionally, Senator Nathan-Pulliam has been named one of Maryland's Top 100 Woman by The Daily Record three times, which led to her induction into the Circle of Excellence. Her 2014 interview with The HistoryMakers was recently made a part of the collection of the Library of Congress.

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Stephanie Slowly, MSW, LCSW-C, Acting Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health

Stephanie Slowly joined the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities in July 2016 and currently serves as the Acting Director. Prior to joining MHHD, Ms. Slowly served as the Deputy Chief of Programs and Training Capacity for the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Ms. Slowly has more than 10 years of clinical social work, healthcare, and program implementation experience. As the new Acting Director, Ms. Slowly is committed to engage internal and external stakeholders in innovative approaches to address the health disparity needs throughout the state of Maryland.

Ms. Slowly received her Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology and Masters of Social Work from Norfolk State University and is a Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical through the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners.



Cheri Wilson, MA, MHS, CPHQ, Diversity & Inclusion, Cultural & Linguistic Competence & Health Equity Subject Matter Expert

Cheri C. Wilson, MA, MHS, CPHQ received a BA in Russian from Howard University, an MA in Russian Area Studies from the University of Minnesota, was a PhD candidate (ABD) in Russian history at the University of Minnesota, and received an MHS in Health Finance and Management from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is multilingual—fluent in Russian, speaks French and Spanish, and has a reading knowledge of German. Ms. Wilson is a nationally recognized diversity and inclusion, cultural and linguistic competence, and health equity subject matter expert. Most recently, she was the Director, Corporate Office of Diversity & Inclusion at RWJ Barnabas Health in New Jersey. Previously, Ms. Wilson

was an Assistant Scientist in the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions and an Acting Assistant Director of the Quality Improvement Department at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Ms. Wilson is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ), a Past President of the Maryland Association for Healthcare Quality, and a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.

Cheri Wilson educates clinical and support staff in healthcare, health, behavioral health, human and social service organizations, public health, medical, and nursing students, K-12 students as well as community members. She has presented at national, state, and local conferences on the issues of cultural and linguistic competence, unconscious/implicit bias, overcoming language barriers, health and healthcare disparities, health equity, and the social determinants of health. The focus of her work is primarily upon the intersection between cultural competence, health and healthcare disparities, health equity and patient safety and healthcare quality. Ms. Wilson is particularly interested in health and healthcare disparities and health equity as they relate to racial/ethnic, language, and gender and sexual minorities and the provision of culturally competent patient-centered care in language understandable to all patients.

SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



Howard Haft, MD, Interim Executive Director, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Dr. Haft has been licensed to practice medicine since 1974. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Rhode Island, attended Medical School at Pennsylvania State University, and completed post-graduate Internship and Residencies at Brown University, and received a Master's degree from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Haft is Board Certified as a specialist in both Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. Following his residency at Brown, he held an academic position at the University of California, Davis as an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry. He is recognized by the American Board of Physician Executives as a Certified Physician

Executive (CPE) and as a Fellow of the ACPE. He served as an Adjunct Professor in the McDonough Graduate School of Business and as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Dr. Haft was the Founder and the Chief Medical Officer of Conmed Healthcare Management, a publicly traded company providing a full complement of health care services to inmates in county detention centers nationally. He served as the President of Maryland Healthcare, a multispecialty clinic in Southern Maryland, as President of the Maryland Foundation for Quality Healthcare, and as Medical Director of Health Partners, Inc. Dr. Haft has also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Ellis Medical Group in New York. He currently serves as Deputy Secretary for Public Health at the Maryland Department of Health and Interim Executive Director for the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

Dr. Haft served as a Board Member of the American College of Physician Executives (2012-14), Health Partners (2000-2015), CRISP (2015-16), and Med Chi (2011-2015).



Stephen B. Thomas, PhD, Professor, Health Services Administration, University of Maryland School of Public Health and Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland, College Park

Stephen B. Thomas, Ph.D., is one of the nation's leading scholars on community-based interventions designed to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities. Dr. Thomas is a tenured Professor in the Department of Health Services Administration in the School of Public Health and Founding Director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland in College Park. He applies his expertise to address a variety of conditions from which minorities generally face far poorer outcomes, including

cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and HIV/AIDS. Currently, he is principal investigator of the Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity, and Health Disparities Research, funded by the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Dr. Thomas has received numerous awards for his professional accomplishments including, but not limited to, the Alonzo Smythe Yerby Award from the Harvard School of Public Health and the David Satcher Award from the Directors of Health Promotion and Education. His work has been recognized as one of the scholarly contributions leading to the 1997 Presidential Apology to Survivors of the Syphilis Study Done at Tuskegee. His current research focuses on the translation of evidence-based science on chronic disease into innovative community-based interventions designed to accelerate the elimination of racial and ethnic health disparities. More specifically, he has focused on understanding how social context shapes attitudes and behaviors of underserved, poorly served, and never-served segments of our society toward participation in health promotion and disease prevention activities. Dr. Thomas is particularly interested in how the legacy of the Syphilis Study at Tuskegee (1932–1972) has impacted trust and influenced the willingness of African Americans to participate in medical and public health research.

SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



Daniel Bones Gallardo, MPH, Public Health Advisor, Regional Minority Health Consultant, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Region III, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Daniel Bones Gallardo is the Regional Minority Health Consultant in OASH-Region III. In his role, he addresses disease prevention, health promotion, risk reduction, and health equity for racial/ethnic minorities, vulnerable, disabled, and marginalized communities in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Danny has been with HHS/ OASH for eight years. He began in the Immediate Office and later in the Office of Health Care Quality serving under the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health. In his role, he was responsible for coordinating the successful HHS efforts in the Health-Care Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Initiative promoted by the Affordable Care Act. In 2012, Danny joined the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) to assist in the development of the Adverse Drug Event Prevention Initiative, which modeled the HAI programmatic efforts, while strengthening the continued HHS efforts to reduce the socioeconomic burden of HAIs.

Prior to moving to OASH-Region III in October 2017, Danny focused on two major ODPHP initiatives. He coordinated the efforts of the Healthy People Federal Interagency Workgroup, responsible for placing individual biology of disease within the context of the entire life course, as well as the social and physical environments where people live, work and play. In this way, the Healthy People initiative is able to capture the critical and modifiable determinants of health that most impact length and quality of life. Secondly, he co-led the Reducing Racial/Ethnic and Other Disparities in Preventable Adverse Health Outcomes research. The research and outcomes intend to strengthen several areas of the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities and National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity.

Prior to joining HHS, Danny managed the Leaders in International Health Program for the Pan American Health Organization, the Americas Regional Office for the World Health Organization.

Danny received a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, with a Minor in International Studies and Chemistry. He holds a Master of Public Health from The George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services.



Arlene F. Lee, Executive Director, Governor's Office for Children

Arlene F. Lee re-joins the Governor's Office for Children after a successful term at the National Academy of Science as the board director for the Committee on Law and Justice (CLAJ) where she worked to improve government decision making and public policy, and to promote the understanding and dissemination of research in matters involving law and justice. Prior to joining CLAJ, Ms. Lee was the Director of the Policy and the Center for the Study of Social Policy where she focused on helping federal and state elected officials develop research-informed policies and funding to improve results for children and families. In this capacity, she oversaw PolicyforResults.org, a leading national resource for results-based policy. Ms. Lee previously was the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children from 2005 until 2007, where she chaired the Children's Cabinet and was responsible for administration of the Children's Cabinet Fund. She has served as the Deputy Director of the Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Director of the Federal Resource Center for Children of Prisoners and Youth Strategies Manager for the Governor's Office Crime Control and Prevention. Ms. Lee started her career as an attorney representing children and youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and became the first director of the Kent County Local Management Board. She is the author of numerous articles and co-authored The Impact of the Adoption and Safe Families Act on Children of Incarcerated Parents. She has a B.A. in Sociology from Washington College and a J.D. from Washington College of Law, American University.

As a result of her work, Ms. Less was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and has received three Governor's Citations.

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Duane Yoder, President, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.

Duane Yoder has served as President of the Garrett County Community Action Committee (GCCAC) since 1980. Previously, he was employed in similar roles in Southern and Eastern Maryland. His work has primarily focused on strategies that support low income persons in gaining economic security and improving their quality of life.

During his tenure as President, Garrett County Community Action has emerged as one of the most successful rural community development corporations in Maryland and as a state leader in implementing innovative early child education and family development strategies. GCCAC worked closely with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Aspen Institute to implement a two-generation approach in Garrett County, which was designated, along with the Human Resources Commission in Allegany County, as one of ten Rural Impact sites in the U.S. to pilot two-generation efforts.

Duane has spent his adult life working on anti-poverty issues using community action as the vehicle. He received his Bachelor's degree from Eastern Mennonite University and did graduate work at the Universities of West Virginia and Maryland.



Hoai-An Truong, PharmD, MPH, FaPhA, FNAP, Associate Professor, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, University of Maryland Eastern Shore Bloomberg

Hoai-An Truong has been a public health pharmacist and educator for more than twelve years. Dr. Truong provided patient-centered care in interprofessional clinics of the Primary Care Coalition as well as developed and implemented population-based programs to improve community health for underserved populations. He also served as coordinator and preceptor for pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, and public health students on several medical missions to Haiti and Vietnam in collaboration with several non-profit organizations.

Dr. Truong is currently an associate professor at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. His areas of interest and research include health and wellness, medication and patient safety and adherence. He was founding chair of the Eastern Shore Collaborative for Interprofessional Education (ESCIPE), an interprofessional, inter-institutional initiative with Salisbury University. He has published more than twenty peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and presented at many national and international conferences. He is co-editor and co-author of a book *The Pharmacist in Public Health: Education, Application, and Opportunities*. He is the past president of the Maryland Pharmacists Association and past president of the Maryland Public Health Association.

Hoai-An received the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award from the U.S. Public Health Service, Excellence in Innovation Award from the Maryland Pharmacists Association, and was inducted as a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association and Fellow of the National Academies of Practice.

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Clay Stamp, Executive Director, Opioid Operational Command Center (OOOC) and Senior Emergency Management Advisor to the Governor and Chair of the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council

Clay Stamp is the Senior Emergency Management Advisor to Maryland's Governor, Larry Hogan, and Chair of the Governor's Emergency Management Advisory Council. Mr. Stamp currently serves as Executive Director of the Opioid Operational Command Center, working with the emergency management system to effectively and efficiently coordinate statewide efforts in combating the heroin and opioid crisis in Maryland. Mr. Stamp is also the Director of Talbot County Department of Emergency Services.

Mr. Stamp has extensive experience working in disasters, including the World Trade Center attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and the civil unrest in Baltimore, and previously served under Governor Robert Ehrlich as Deputy Director of the Maryland EMS system and member of his senior homeland security group. Mr. Stamp came up through the ranks in Ocean City, Maryland as a young paramedic firefighter, becoming the first Emergency Management Director and eventually the Director of Emergency Services, where he shepherded the development of many cutting-edge services.

Mr. Stamp currently resides in Easton, Maryland with his wife.



Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin, LCSW-C, Director, Health Promotion and Prevention, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health

Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin is the Director of Health Promotion and Prevention in the Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration. Her team's focus is on behavioral health issues that intersect with public and somatic health, including prevention and early intervention, overdose prevention, gambling services, and workforce development.

Within the area of prevention, Ms. Rebbert-Franklin has developed and implemented strategies in line with evidence showing effectiveness. Using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's model of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention, specific activities have occurred at the state and local levels, including: developing and enhancing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; creating a network of local overdose fatality review teams; developing and implementing naloxone training and certification programs for third parties; creating local coalitions for strategic planning; implementing Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in hospital Emergency Departments and Federally Qualified Health Centers; and developing a hospital Emergency Department-based outreach intervention for survivors of overdoses. Ms. Rebbert-Franklin is also assuming responsibility for mental health activities, including suicide prevention, the statewide hotline, and mental health first aid.

Ms. Rebbert-Franklin previously served as the Acting Director for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration. She was responsible for planning, policy development, quality assurance, and outcomes measurement of state-funded substance-use-disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services. In this role, she created and implemented strategic plans to increase capacity and access to all levels of care, fill gaps in services, expand capacity for medication-assisted treatment, and created a reimbursement pathway for recovery services. She developed a Strategic Prevention Framework model in most jurisdictions in the state. Ms. Rebbert-Franklin also served as the Chief of the Baltimore County Bureau of Substance Abuse where she was responsible for grant-funded substance-related disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery services within the county. She has also managed a large hospital-based medication-assisted outpatient treatment program and provided clinical services to those with co-occurring (mental health and substance use) disorders.

Ms. Rebbert-Franklin is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland, School of Social Work.

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Kip Castner, MPS, Chief, Center for HIV/STI Integration and Capacity, Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health

Kip Castner has been involved in environmental causes, civil rights, adult literacy, and HIV since 1990. He received his master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland in 1996. He currently serves as Chief, HIV/STI Integration and Capacity in the Maryland Department of Health Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau. During his time at the Department of Health, he oversaw HIV prevention community planning, including serving as Community Planning Group Chair from the Department of Health for four years; managed local planning efforts for Ryan White Part B resources to serve persons living with HIV/AIDS; and oversaw the design, implementation, and management of HIV prevention programs targeting injection drug users, same gender loving men, transgender persons, persons living with HIV, and high risk heterosexuals.

Currently, he oversees the integration of sexual health programming in behavioral health. Kip enjoys developing curricula to break new ground in the field of HIV. He is author of RISE (Rewriting Inner Scripts), a mental health intervention for African American same gender loving men, and Non-Racially-Identified RISE, an adaptation for all gay men. RISE and NRI-RISE serve as protease inhibitors for the psyche, interrupting the repetition of internalized oppression, and facilitating increased utilization of needed health services. He is also leading the establishment of Syringe Services Programs and HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) capacity for the Department of Health.



Namisa Kramer, MS, Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance Program Administrator, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health

Ms. Namisa K. Kramer was born in Sierra Leone, West Africa. She attained her Primary and Secondary school education in Sierra Leone and moved to the United States in 1989. While in the U.S., Ms. Kramer attended the University of New Mexico and attained a BS. Degree in Community Health Education, with a Minor in Nutrition and Child Development. She then attained her MS degree in Health Education and at the same time pursued a certification in Tropical Medicine and Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.

Ms. Kramer worked for seven years with the Maryland Department of Health as a Community Health Educator at the Center for Health Promotion, Education and Tobacco Use Prevention. She then left in 2011 for her beloved country, Sierra Leone, during the economic downturn where she worked for three years as the first female Monitoring and Evaluation Officer with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. During the Ebola outbreak, Ms. Kramer returned to the U.S. and briefly secured a job with the Maryland Department of Aging as the Human Services Specialist Supervisor. She then applied for a position with the Minority Health and Health Disparities Office, where she is now the Health Disparities Initiatives Director.

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Nathaniel Scroggins, MOTA Project Director, Minority Outreach Coalition (MOC)

Mr. Nathaniel Scroggins is a resident of Great Mills, Maryland in St. Mary's County. After completing high school in Baltimore, MD he enlisted the U. S., Navy where he served from December 1966 to October of 1988, retiring with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and selecting St. Mary's County as his home. Based on prior experience in the county, having been stationed earlier in his career at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Patuxent River Maryland, Mr. Scroggins accepted employment with DynCorp International in Patuxent River, Maryland and in 2001 transferred within DynCorp International to Joint Base Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs Maryland. He retired from DynCorp in April 2015.

In 2001 Mr. Scroggins saw the need in the community for outreach volunteers to assist in addressing the social determinants of health and eliminate health disparities. By providing time for health equity discussions and relaying the Local Health Department community goals and objectives, he has been able to better inform residents of the guiding policy decisions and strategic directions that affect them and their communities. This includes their needs, assets and capacity through health education that would impact the lives of his community.

Mr. Scroggins continually serves St. Mary's County and all Maryland residents in several volunteer areas. He is a 33rd Degree Mason and member of James A. Mingo Consistory #334 in Accokeek, Maryland, under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Masons of Maryland. He is a member of James H. Harris Camp #38 Sons of the Union Veterans, Civil War, Knights of Columbus, Past Potentate and member of Tuwa Temple #228 in Annapolis, Maryland - Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shine, a member of Pride of St. Mary's Lodge #1120 the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOE of W). Mr. Scroggins is a Past Master and member of Joseph A. Egans Lodge #104, Valley Leek, Maryland. He is a Past President and active member of the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) Lexington Park, Maryland and Deputy Grand Lecturer for the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) under Myra Grand Chapter of Maryland and its jurisdictions.

Mr. Scroggins is the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) representative for the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) and the Director for the Minority Outreach Coalition of St. Mary's County, Inc., a 501C3 organization providing workshops, seminars and health education to St. Mary's County and its minority population. This is done in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, St. Mary's MedStar Hospital and St. Mary's Health Connection. Mr. Scroggins is one of two selected as the Maryland's Rural Health Association 2017 Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Scroggins is instrumental in several community projects and Vice-Chair of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership, a community-driven coalition of 200 plus public and private partners working together to address priority health issues for St. Mary's County, Maryland in the areas of Tobacco Cessation, Healthy Living and Eating, Behavior health and Access to Care.



Ashyrra Dotson, MOTA Project Director, Associated Black Charities (ABC, Dorchester)

A native of Dorchester County, Maryland, Ashyrra Dotson has been a positive advocate for Minority Health and Health disparities for the past 13 years. Ms. Dotson has made great strides during her tenure with Associated Black Charities (ABC) as the Community Health Strategist and Program Director for all Dorchester County programs and services. She has established lasting partnerships within the community as well as developed strong inroads with Faith and community based organizations. Mrs. Dotson manages multiple grant programs, including the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance, all of which have allowed ABC to continue to gain tremendous experience and build valuable collaborative relationships

that support the outreach efforts of identifying and developing solutions for health equity and closing the disparity gaps among marginalized populations in and around Dorchester County. In addition to the above, Ms. Dotson has aided ABC in building a framework for education and outreach in the areas of hypertension, diabetes and obesity awareness through the reduction of socio-

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economic barriers that impact communities of color. Ms. Dotson coordinates Dorchester County's first team of Community Health Outreach Workers and is actively involved in laying the groundwork for relationship building between the communities served and the services needed. Ms. Dotson is a respected and well-known part of the Dorchester community for her role in care coordination, resource connection, intervention and prevention strategy development. She also convenes and facilitates advocacy priorities among and for communities of color with both local and state policy makers.

Ms. Dotson sits in a position of responsibility with the Dorchester Community Wellness Coalition, and serves as an Executive Board member for the Dorchester Community Partnership for Children and Families (formerly the Local Management Board), the Maryland Food Bank Regional Council, Visions America C.D.C. Executive Board and the Regional Living Well Advisory Board, where her work reaches further into the community serving the underlying needs of those individuals and communities challenged by health disparities. Ms. Dotson has completed the intense Community Leadership Training under the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and has her Master's in Social-Psychology. Mrs. Dotson is supported in her work by her husband of 28 years, her four wonderful children and 10 beautiful grandchildren.



Elizabeth Chung, MOTA Project Director, Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF)

Mrs. Elizabeth Chung is a native of Hong Kong, China and immigrated to the United States in 1970. She has been a strong advocate for minority health for the past 30 years. Her primary focus has been cultural competency and language access for the Limited English Proficiency population. She was the Project Director and author for the Southeast Asian Regional Community Health, a regional Federal Maternal and Child Health Project. She also served as a Federal consultant to develop Train the Trainer on Substance Abuse Prevention for API community.

Mrs. Chung is currently the Executive Director of Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF), which has been a lead agency for the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance Program with the Maryland Department of Health which aims to outreach, educate and promote capacity building within the community to reduce health disparities. While AACF has been engaged in promoting public health with local coalitions, Mrs. Chung has been involved in several areas at the state level, including: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) Navigator Advisory Committee; Standing Advisory Committee (SAC); and Community Health Worker Work Group. Mrs. Chung currently also serves as the Commissioner for Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiative. She was appointed to the Maryland Community Health Resource Commission in 2014. Mrs. Chung is an advisory committee member with the Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform and is actively participating with the Health Literacy Maryland Steering Committee, Center for Health Literacy at the University of Maryland. She has also served on the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Workgroup with the Maryland Health Disparities Collaborative. In 2017, Mrs. Chung began to serve as Board of Director for the Frederick County Health Care Coalition. Due to her active volunteer services for the community, Mrs. Chung has received numerous awards and recognitions.

Mrs. Chung received her MS in Public Health - Nutrition from the Pennsylvania State University. Mrs. Chung resides in Frederick, Maryland with her husband, Dr. Stanley Chung who is a retired Orthopedic Surgeon.

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Tiffany Rivers, Community Health Worker, CHW-MD CHW Network – Baltimore Chapter

Tiffany is a Community Health Worker (CHW) at a federally qualified health center. She is enthusiastic about learning and is eager to share her professional knowledge with others. In December 2016, she was voted by her peers to serve as chair for the Maryland Statewide CHW Network- Baltimore Chapter.

Tiffany began working at a federally qualified health center following work at several Department of Social Services. Prior to that she worked at the Office of Health Care Quality and the Maryland AIDS Administration/Prevention and Health Promotions. She studied sociology and social welfare at the

University of Maryland Baltimore County.

She has two children with her husband Rob, Madison and Dylan. Hanging out with her kids and husband is her favorite past time, though she also enjoys food, shopping and assisting others. Whether it's at work, church, mall or grocery store, she will give you her all. Tiffany is grateful for her life's journey and the trials and tribulations that have come her way – being raised by a single parent, losing her dad at the age of 6, living in Baltimore City and many other life events – have shaped her into the woman she is today!

Gracy Villacis, Community Relation and Community Health Worker, Asian American Center of Frederick

Gracy is originally from Ecuador and has been in the United States for nearly 15 years. She is very passionate about helping the community and her goal is to educate them about the vast services available that many may not be aware of due to language barrier. Gracy currently works as a Community Health Worker, a career which affords her the opportunity to continue educating and giving everyone opportunities for a better life – a passion of hers. She believes in teaching confidence and credibility to others, as well as giving love to her second country which has given her the opportunity of an American Dream.



Tessie Peifer, Volunteer Coordinator and Community Health Worker, School Based Liason Team Lead, Asian American Center of Frederick

Tessie Peifer is originally from the Philippines and relocated to the United States at age 23. Her interest in the Asian/Pacific Islander heritage and culture attracted her to the Asian American Center of Frederick. This passion is the reason why she is currently the Volunteer Coordinator for the organization. In this capacity, she recruits others that share the same passion for cultural diversity and understanding within the community.

Tessie also enjoys working with the community and empowering youths through volunteerism. She is currently taking the Community Health Worker and Lay Educator class with the hope of making even more of an impact on the life of others. Tessie has two daughters in college at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

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Dwyan Monroe, Program Coordinator, Institute for Public Health Innovation

As Program Coordinator of Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiatives with the Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI), Dwyan Monroe is part of a team that designs, plans, and delivers training for programs, institutions, and health systems incorporating CHWs and outreach initiatives in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia region. A former CHW, Ms. Monroe has more than 20 years' experience as an advocate for the field of Community Health Outreach and now serves as a CHW Master Trainer. She also manages all of IPHI's CHWs and provides leadership in the development and planning of the Center for the Community Health Workforce.

Prior to her current position at IPHI, Ms. Monroe served as the lead CHW training consultant for IPHI. She also provided expertise in outreach development planning, core CHW workforce training, focus group facilitation, and research program coordination for several non-profits, community-based organizations, chronic disease professional associations, and health institutions in Maryland, DC, Delaware, and New Jersey. These institutions incorporated CHWs as a part of their cost effective, culturally relevant, and innovative disease prevention and management programs. In 2006, she was appointed as the Director of the New Jersey Community Health Worker Institute – a statewide Health Resources and Services Administration funded initiative of the New Jersey Area Health Education Center – to strategically promote the effective utilization of CHWs as a part of the health care delivery team.

In collaboration with other CHW advocates, Ms. Monroe co-founded a local network aimed at maximizing the field of community health outreach by supporting training and career development for such an under recognized and underutilized health profession. She is a national advocate and trainer of CHWs who aims to establish and solidify recognition of the profession through organizations such as the Center for Sustainable Health Outreach, the American Public Health Association, as well as the American Association of Community Health Workers.

Ms. Monroe is a graduate of Hampton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She has completed numerous certificate programs in public health leadership, community and clinical health outreach and community base program development.

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Adrienne Crowell, Program Coordinator, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Center for Health Studies, Prince George's Community College

Adrienne Crowell is an Allied Health Program Coordinator in the Division of Workforce Development at Prince George's Community College. In this capacity, she manages all aspects of the delivery of instruction and training for entry-level, advanced, workforce development and continuing education, licensure or certification allied health programs, whether open to the general public, or by contract to a business, government agency or professional association. Prior to this position, Ms. Crowell served as Coordinator in the Skilled Trades Center providing facility maintenance support and managing construction-related programs. For 12 years as Chair, Technical and Support Staff Organization, Training and Development committee, Ms. Crowell coordinated professional development events for staff and faculty and continues to enjoy serving in various capacities within the college and community.

Ms. Crowell retired from the United States Air Force after 23 years of honorable service. As Superintendent, Pentagon Enlisted Training Flight, she managed Air Force specialty training support for over 6,800 personnel, 456 units and 40 unit managers in the National Capital Region, including the Office of Secretary of Defense, and Joint Chiefs of Staff. Selected for a special duty assignment at the Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL., she was responsible for the Instructor of Technology and Military Science Associate in Applied Science degree program, the most active joint-service program serving over 3,500 students and 1,200 education services counselors worldwide. As Chief, Logistics Support Squadron Training Management department at Andrews Air Force Base, Ms. Crowell directed, implemented and evaluated aircraft maintenance training programs for Special Air Missions in support of Air Force One and auxiliary aircraft used to transport White House and congressional dignitaries.

Ms. Crowell received her bachelor's degree in Management from the University of Maryland University College and her master's degree in Human Resource Development from Bowie State University.



Melissa A. Clark, Associate Director, AHEC West

Melissa A. Clark is the Associate Director at Maryland Area Health Education Center (AHEC) West. Melissa's duties include working with regional education and community-based organizations to promote careers in the health field, conducting summer health careers programs, working closely with the Community Health Worker (CHW) initiative across the state, and recruiting CHW trainees in Western Maryland. Melissa is the Chair of the Biomedical Sciences-Project Lead The Way Program Advisory Committee for Allegany & Garrett County Public Schools. She also serves on the Local Health Improvement Council in Washington and Garrett counties and is part of the Bridges to Opportunity initiative and the Maryland Rural Health Association. Melissa brings many years of non-profit experience and rural knowledge to her role at AHEC West.

Melissa is a graduate of Frostburg State University and Garrett College. She is a Leadership Allegany! graduate and has received many honors in her non-profit career with National Kidney Foundation of Maryland and March of Dimes. She is also active in many community organizations.

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OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Overview: The Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities was established in 2004 by statute, under the Maryland Health General Article, Section § 20- 1001 to § 20-1007, to address minority health disparities in Maryland. The mission of the Office is to address the social determinants of health and eliminate health disparities by leveraging the Department's resources, providing health equity consultation, impacting external communications, guiding policy decisions and influencing strategic direction on behalf of the Secretary of Health.

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CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

Overview: Located within the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland in College Park, the main focuses of the Center for Health Equity are to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities to achieve health equity among residents in the state of Maryland; and increase the inclusion of racial and ethnic minorities in health research through our Building Trust initiative.

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OFFICE OF POPULATION HEALTH IMPROVEMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Overview: The Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) seeks to transform public health through stewardship of data, partnerships, and funding initiatives to develop innovative health policy and improve the health infrastructure of Maryland. In pursuit of a healthy, thriving Maryland, the Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) envisions a health system that is stakeholder-driven, data-informed, and financially aligned with health in all policies. Our mission is to transform public health through stewardship of data, partnerships, and funding initiatives to develop innovative health policy and improve the health infrastructure of Maryland. The following strategic goals support this mission:

- Monitor the health status of communities and establish targets for improvement;
- Create and promote relevant state and national health policies;
- Develop advanced primary care models and improve access to primary care;
- Promote sustainable, evidence-based strategies in public health and health care to address multiple determinants of health;
- Fund and monitor the performance of local public health;
- Support community based organizations and local health;
- Maintain public health accreditation;
- Improve the quality of public health services;
- Increase access to care in rural communities;
- Promote healthy living in childhood and across the life course;
- Collaborate with Maryland State Department of Education to assure the physical and psychological health of school-aged children;
- Provide leadership and expertise to the development of School Health programming.

The Program focus areas are:

- Community engagement (Local Health Improvement Coalitions)
- Data (State Health Improvement Process)
- Health care transformation
- Local health department funding (core funding)
- Primary care
- Public health accreditation
- Quality improvement
- Rural health
- School health
- Workforce development

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ACCESS TO WHOLISTIC AND PRODUCTIVE LIVING INSTITUTE, INC.

Overview: Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute, Inc., is a 501(C) (3), non-profit, community based organization. Our mission is to promote sustainable health and improve the quality of life by addressing public health and public education needs. Access aims to prevent, reduce and eliminate inequalities among vulnerable, underserved and uninsured racial/ ethnic minority communities. We offer services in tobacco control, HIV/AIDS, community participatory research, consulting, training, health disparities (infant mortality, cardiovascular disease, obesity, hypertension, cancer) prevention, promotion, interventions/policy and advocacy.

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AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF MARYLAND

Overview: At Aetna Better Health of Maryland, we are dedicated to our HealthChoice members. To show our commitment to the communities we serve, our staffs build relationships with leaders in the community. We partner with organizations such as housing authorities, faith-based groups, WIC and child advocacy agencies. Because our members are rooted in the community, we understand the needs of those we serve.

When you join our plan, you'll get the benefits you expect. Things like coverage for doctor visits, hospital care, lab visits, x-rays and drugs from the pharmacy. Members enjoy no pharmacy copays and vision care for adults. Children can be part of the Ted. E. Bear M.D.® Club that rewards screenings and promotes healthy behaviors. Moms-to-be can join in our Promise Program to help healthy moms and babies.

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ASIAN AMERICAN CENTER OF FREDERICK - FREDERICK COUNTY MOTA

Overview: The Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) is the Frederick County Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance program. AACF “ENHANCES” community services through improving access, referral and information: assistance with health insurance enrollment, interpreter / translation services, sponsoring an annual community health fair, care-coordination, and conducting community outreach and health education. AACF “EMPOWERS” local communities through education and training: Citizen Integrated Services, interpreter training, mentoring, volunteer, and technical assistance and advocacy for health equity, higher education and workforce development. AACF is also engaged in coalition building. AACF “ENRICHES” Frederick’s cultural richness through multi-ethnic events and diverse programs. AACF has the most diverse workforce and Board of Directors.

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ASSOCIATED BLACK CHARITIES

Overview: Associated Black Charities (ABC) - Dorchester County is the Dorchester County Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance program. ABC addresses the conditions that contribute to health disparities among people of color in Maryland. We are also helping those who face barriers finding the resources they need to improve and/or maintain their physical and mental health. We are a leader in regional efforts that address health inequities among residents and aim to reduce the health disparities gap between all ethnicities in the health care industry.

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BALTIMORE CITY CANCER PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MARLENE AND STEWART GREENEBAUM COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

Overview: The Baltimore City Cancer Program is a community-based initiative of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, funded through Maryland’s Cigarette Restitution Fund Program. It was created in 2001 to help eliminate cancer deaths in Baltimore City through early detection, diagnosis, treatment and education. Since then, the program has screened more than 33,000 Baltimore City residents and provided more than 11,000 free clinical breast exams, 12,000 mammograms, 6,500 cervical cancer screenings, 3,000 oral cancer screenings, and 550 colonoscopies. Of those diagnosed with breast cancer, more than 70 percent have been diagnosed in the early stages of the disease, which compares favorably to the Maryland statewide average of 51 percent.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Overview: The Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration provides an integrated process for planning, policy, and services to ensure a coordinated quality system of care is available to individuals with behavioral health conditions. The Administration, through publicly-funded services and support, promotes recovery, resiliency, health and wellness for individuals who have or are at risk for emotional, substance related, addictive, and/or psychiatric disorders.

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HANDS OF HOPE, INC.

Overview: Hands of Hope, Inc. is the Anne Arundel County Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance program. Hands of Hope provides and makes accessible relevant education and information to underserved communities and women in order to equip, empower and inspire hope, health and wellness in the greater DMV area.

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HEALTH QUALITY INNOVATORS

Overview: Health Quality Innovators is a nonprofit consulting organization funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to be the Maryland Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO). HQI provides free services to rapidly improve care and population health outcomes through collaborative activities and technical assistance for health care providers, communities, patients and families.

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INNER COUNTY OUTREACH

Overview: Inner County Outreach (ICO) is headquartered in Aberdeen, Maryland and is the Harford County Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance program. ICO operates mainly in Harford County. We proudly serve the at-risk population of Harford County, fully accepting our social and moral responsibilities to heal the “breaches” in our community. Our 31 plus years of grassroots service has solidified our position as a leader in the fight against financial, familial, and health related brokenness in Harford County. ICO works diligently to ensure that every resident of Harford County, MD has full access to the benefits of living in this great county. Every family has worth; ICO’s programs are specifically designed to promote the health, happiness and success of all families regardless of their socioeconomic status. ICO was developed to meet the immediate needs of the most destitute in Harford County. As one of the oldest Harford County non-profit organizations, ICO seeks to nurture and develop families and youth. ICO assists them in moving from “instability to stability” and “risk to resiliency.” Our organization provides assistance to our clients in the following areas: Basic Needs- addressing food and shelter deficiencies, Youth Services- filling the gaps in education, mentoring, child care, and residential services and Health and Wellness- issues surrounding health education and awareness. Focusing on these categories of assistance, ICO is able to provide positive outcomes for “at-risk” families and children who find themselves caught in the cycle of poverty.

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JOHNS HOPKINS INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH, RESEARCH PARTICIPANT & COMMUNITY PARTNERS CORE

Overview: The Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR), established in 2007, is one of more than 60 medical research institutions working together as a national consortium to improve the way biomedical research is conducted across the country. The ICTR addresses obstacles in translating basic science discoveries into research in humans, translating clinical discoveries into the community and communicating experience from clinical practice back to researchers. We recognize the importance of engaging people who live, work and serve in the Greater Baltimore-Washington DC area. We welcome community members to join our Community Research Advisory Council, participate in Community Outreach, become a research volunteer or attend one of our community events.

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MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HEALTH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UNIT (HEAU)

Overview: Health Education and Advocacy Unit (HEAU) offers a free mediation service to consumers who have a billing, coverage or enrollment dispute with a private health insurance company. We also assist consumers who have billing disputes with providers and disputes with medical equipment suppliers.

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MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Overview: It is the mission of the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to ensure opportunity for all through the enforcement of Maryland's laws against employment, housing, public accommodations, and state contracts discrimination; to provide educational outreach services related to provisions of this law; and to promote and improve civil rights in Maryland.

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MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

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MARYLAND PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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OFFICE OF GENETICS AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Overview: The Office of Genetics and People with Special Healthcare Needs promotes family-centered, community based, culturally competent, and coordinated care for children and youth with special health care needs.

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OFFICE OF ORAL HEALTH, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Overview: The Office of Oral Health (OOH) was established in 1996 to address a myriad of dental or oral diseases affecting the State's neediest children and adults. The mission of OOH is to improve the oral health of Maryland residents through a variety of public oral health initiatives and interventions. The OOH has built awareness in our community and has made oral health a critical part in the daily lives of the citizens of Maryland. OOH is a leading public health division that is recognized as a best practice oral health program. Guided by data, we use evidence-based information to serve as an exemplary oral health resource to our stakeholders. Through our activities, initiatives and strong partnerships, all residents regardless of socio-economic status will be freed from tooth decay, and will have timely access to preventive dental services in the state of Maryland.

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SEEDCO

Overview: Seedco's mission is to advance economic opportunity for people, businesses, and communities in need. Founded in 1987, Seedco designs and implements innovative programs and services for workers, families, and businesses, specifically via workforce development, and work and family support programs, including health care access.

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TAKING EFFECTIVE ACTION, INCORPORATED

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Overview: The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions consists of four academic departments: Kinesiology, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Rehabilitation Services. Undergraduate programs include Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Services. Graduate programs include the master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), and the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD). Students are actively involved with faculty initiatives to improve the health and well-being of the community through health education/promotion. A variety of internship sites for student practical experiences are available.

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Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities 2017 Health Equity Conference

Bridging Health Equity Across Communities: Coordination, Collaboration, & Opportunities in Maryland December 7, 2017

CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

Please indicate how well the following learning objectives / learner outcomes were met.

Scale: 1=Not met 2= Not very well met 3=Somewhat met 4=Well met 5=Very well met

Describe state level programs that employ collaborative approaches to address health disparities	1	2	3	4	5
Explain how the social determinants of health and upstream factors affect health outcomes in Maryland's communities	1	2	3	4	5
Identify equitable community health approaches that leverage resources and engage community leaders and community members	1	2	3	4	5

Please rate each speaker and activity that you attended

Scale: 1=Very Poor 2=Poor 3=Fair 4=Good 5=Excellent NA=Not Applicable

Speakers	Knowledge of Subject Matter / Expertise	Organization/ clarity of presentation	Useful Information/ Content	Speaker / Participant Interaction	Use of Allotted Time	Audio/ Visual Aids & Effective Teaching Strategies
MARYLAND'S PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM						
Howard Haft, MD						
SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY LECTURE SERIES - KEYNOTE ADDRESS						
E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA						
PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING POPULATION HEALTH						
Stephanie Slowly, MSW, LCSW-C						
Daniel Bones Gallardo, MPH						
MARYLAND'S TWO GENERATION APPROACH						
Arlene Lee						
Duane Yoder						
CONCURRENT SESSION A: COLLABORATIVE OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION EFFORTS IN MARYLAND						
Clay Stamp						
Kathleen Rebbert-Franklin, LCSW-C						
Kip Castner, MPS						
CONCURRENT SESSION B: BRIDGING HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS COMMUNITIES: INSIGHTS FROM NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH 2017 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS						
Nathaniel Scroggins						
Ashyrra Dotson						
Elizabeth Chung						
CONCURRENT SESSION C: COLLABORATIONS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN MARYLAND						
Tiffany Rivers						
Gracy Villacis						
Tessie Peifer						
Dwyan Monroe						
Adrienne Crowell						
Melissa Clark						

Please check your major affiliation(s):

- ☐ Healthcare Professional ☐ Government ☐ Private Citizen ☐ Health Insurer ☐ Policy Maker
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☐ Other: _____

Please check all that apply:

- Are you Hispanic or Latino?** ☐ Yes ☐ No If YES, please specify origin _____
Please specify your race (choose all that apply)? ☐ Black or African American ☐ Asian ☐ White
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ Some other race
If some other race, please specify. _____
What is your ancestry or ethnic origin? _____
What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other: _____

Please rate the following:

Scale: 1=Very Poor; 2=Poor; 3=Fair; 4=Good; 5=Excellent

Registration Process	1	2	3	4	5
Facility Conducive to Learning	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Facility	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Lunch/Refreshments	1	2	3	4	5
Quality of Speakers/Panelists	1	2	3	4	5
Conference Met Your Learning Needs	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Quality of Conference	1	2	3	4	5

List three ways the conference can be improved _____

Suggest other topics or themes that you would like to see addressed _____

Suggestions for improvement / additional comments _____

Nursing Contact Hour Applicants, please complete:

Please circle your rating the following statement. **After attending the conference, my ability to describe and utilize the principles of the social determinants of health and discuss specific programs and strategies that address adverse social determinants of health has increased.**

1 – Strongly Disagree 2 - Disagree 3 - Neutral 4 - Agree 5 – Strongly Agree

Did you perceive any bias during the Conference? If so, please explain. _____

Initial that you have received confirmation disclosures _____

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