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A Virtual Colloquium Addressing Health Equity in Virginia:

An Interdisciplinary
and Intersectoral Strategy
Dialogue

August 26, 2021

8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

COVID-19 and other social factors have accelerated and sharpened the public’s call for health equity, “a fair and just opportunity [for all people] to be as healthy as possible (RWJF)”. When health equity is related to poverty, discrimination, education, safety, and housing, then the needle can be moved to impact overall wellbeing. This Colloquium is a forum for interdisciplinary and intersectoral participants to understand the state of health equity in Virginia, explore obstacles to fair and just health care, and to generate policy solutions that favor the health of all Virginians.

Colloquium participants will be able to:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articulate a more comprehensive and standardized working definition of health equity. 2. Contribute to one or more policy initiatives that would advance Virginia’s health agenda. 3. Use insights from national equity studies to develop a stronger personal mindset and | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ability to persuade others about the issue, strategy, and desired outcomes of improved health. 4. Build a coalition of interprofessional and intersectoral colleagues to gain perspective, share agendas, and influence social change. |
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PROGRAM AGENDA

General Session: The Landscape and the Need for Health Equity

8:00 – 8:10	Welcome from Program Directors: The Structure, Process, and Outcomes for the Day
8:10 – 8:40	Robert Winn, M.D., Director – VCU Massey Cancer Center. “Framing and Explaining the Journey to the Health Equity Movement”. Dr. Winn is a notable scientist, practitioner, and leader in cancer care. He has received national and international acclaims for his efforts to empower underserved patient populations, improve health care delivery, and ensure equal access to cancer care.
8:45 – 9:15	Beth O’Connor, M.Ed. – Executive Director Virginia Rural Health Association. “Virginia’s Healthcare Landscape: Where You Live Matters”. O’Connor acknowledges the unequal distribution of health resources, payment inequities, poverty, and other factors in rural Virginia and is part of the national coalition of rural health associations.

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9:20 – 11:20

Moderated Breakout Sessions: Virginia's Health Equity Landscape and Policy Solutions



Group I: Neighborhood (Housing)

Moderator: Sarah Raskin, Ph.D., medical anthropologist, with expertise on the health care safety net.

Panelists:

Kate Howell, PhD or **Ben Teressa**, PhD From the RVA Eviction Lab, housed at VCU within in the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, focus on researching housing eviction to inform local governments and community-based organizations. (Invited)

Harinder Dhindsa, MD, MPH, MBA, is Professor, Chair and Chief of Emergency Medicine and the Division of EMS for VCU Health.

Genevieve Beard, PhD, RNC-OB, CNE is a clinical assistant professor at VCU's School of Nursing. With expertise in community health.

Mike McKinsey (Invited)



Group II: Built Environment: Broadband

Moderator: Shelly Smith, DNP, RN, FNAP, clinical associate professor and director of the translational fellows program with the L.Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs.

Panelists:

Vimal Kirti Mishra, MD, director office of telemedicine.

Scott Johnson, lobbyist and General counsel for the Medical Society of Virginia.

Evan Feinman, chief broadband advisor for Gov. Northam, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Terry Jones, Ph.D., RN, associate professor VCU School of Nursing.



Group III: Economic Stability (Jobs, Unemployment, Poverty)

Moderator: Makeina Douglas Glenn, Ph.D., director of the Grace E. Harris Leadership institute and public policy analyst and expert in racial equity.

Panelists:




Delegate Del Mark Sickles, member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Chair – Health, Welfare, & Institutions.

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA, Virginia Department of Health Commissioner with expertise in population health.


Elsie Harper-Anderson, Ph.D., associate professor and Ph.D. program director – L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, with expertise in labor employment and the regional economy.

Kimberly Davis, MS, RN, CNE, clinical assistant professor at VCU School of Nursing with expertise in community health nursing and care coordination.

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	<p>Moderator: Amy Cook, Ph.D., associate professor and chair, criminal justice programs at the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, with expertise in substance abuse, overdose and crime.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Delegate Dawn Adams, in addition to her role in politics, directs the department of behavioral health and developments services as a nurse practitioner and is a small business owner.</p> <p>Omar Abubaker, DMD. (invited)</p> <p>Paula Hill Collins, DNP, RN, clinical director of The Health Wagon, dedicated to serving vulnerable populations and is a champion for health care equity.</p>
	<p>Group V: Community Dwelling Elderly</p> <p>Moderator: Holly Buchanan, DNP, ANP-BC is an Associate Professor of Nursing at James Madison University.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Senator Jen Kiggans, in addition to her political role where she serves on the rehabilitation and social services committee, is a nurse practitioners with expertise in adult-geriatric care.</p> <p>Sheryl Garland, MHA is Chief of Health Impact for the VCU Health System with expertise in health equity and outreach.</p> <p>Amol Karmarkar, Ph.D., PT, is a professor in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation and engineering director of research for the Sheltering Arms Institute. He has expertise in leveraging big data, such as medical claims data sets.</p> <p>Christian Bergman, MD is assistant professor at VCU and Chairs the Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine State Based Public Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee.</p>
	<p>Group VI: Healthcare Access: Payment Parity</p> <p>Moderator: Joel Bundy, MD, chief quality and safety officer at Sentara Healthcare, with expertise in systems thinking, health metrics, and health equity.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Karen Kimsey, MSW, director, department of medical assistance services with expertise in complex care and Medicaid, addictions, and developmentally disabled.</p> <p>Andrew Barnes, Ph.D., associate professor of health behavior and policy at VCU with expertise and training behavioral economics.</p> <p>Beth Bortz, MPP, president and CEO at Virginia Center for Health Innovations with expertise legislative analysis, quality improvement, and non-profit leadership.</p> <p>Rebekah Compton, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, is director of ambulatory quality improvement and associate medical director of the UVA family medicine primary care clinical. She has expertise in women's health and the care of refugees.</p>

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9:20 – 11:20	Group VII: Educational Opportunity
	<p>Moderator: David Naff, Ph.D., assistant director of research and evaluation for the Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium with expertise in educational equity, socioeconomic status and educational outcomes, and program evaluation.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Senator Siobhan Dunnivant, MD, who serves on the education and health committee. In addition to her political role, she runs a health-care business and practices in obstetrics and gynecology.</p> <p>Mallory Hudson, RN-C, MSN, BSN is a school nurse at Cold Harbor Elementary School with expertise in the health needs of children.</p> <p>Michele Cosby, PsyD, LCP, pediatric psychology at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. She has expertise in family therapy, risk assessment, and crisis intervention.</p> <p>Julie Cox, MA, LPC is a crisis clinician with the Chesterfield Community Services Board who specializing in suicide assessment and prevention.</p>
Promoting the Outcomes and Future Challenges	
11:20 – 11:35	Instant Recap – Highlights from Group Sessions
11:35 – 11:55	Jean Giddens , Ph.D., RN, FAAN, dean, VCU School of Nursing. "The National Academy of Medicine and Health Equity: Cues to How Virginia Could Benefit from National Directives."
11:55 – 12:15	Susan Gooden , Ph.D., dean, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government & Public Affairs. "The Next Steps – Through the Lens of Interdisciplinary, Multi-Sector, and Community Engaged Policy Development."