

# Maryland's Annual Statewide Health Equity Conference

**Reshaping Social Justice,  
Public Health, and  
Healthcare Delivery for a New  
Future Beyond COVID-19**

*Conference Co-Sponsor:  
University of Maryland, School of Public  
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**Virtual  
Event!**

**Thursday,  
Dec. 3, 2020**

**9 a.m.  
to 4 p.m.**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Dear Friends:

I'm honored to welcome you to the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Annual Health Equity Conference: *Reshaping Social Justice, Public Health and Healthcare Delivery for a New Future Beyond COVID-19*.



Going into 2020, I doubt that many of us could have imagined the immense challenges we now have to face as a nation and, in fact, as a global community. The onset of COVID-19 has presented us with unique obstacles and barriers. However, our citizens have demonstrated the resiliency and tenacity in this fight against COVID-19 that is so characteristic of our state.

Today's conference will present information on Maryland's COVID-19-related data, as well as our response—including statewide activities and contact tracing efforts. Additional topics include addressing the social determinants of health in minority communities, reconfiguring public health for improved minority health impact and addressing health disparities in clinical practice from an inpatient and outpatient perspective. These are just a few examples of the information and best practices that will be presented during the conference.

This event is an excellent opportunity to hear from professionals representing health equity partners, state government, managed care organizations, community-based organizations, academia and other health-focused groups.

It is my hope that you use what you will learn from this conference to inform your ideas and your work to improve health and healthcare for all of our citizens.

Thank you for your commitment and continued effort to improve the health of all Maryland communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Hogan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Hogan  
Governor

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Annual Health Equity Conference hosted by the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD). This year's conference—*Reshaping Social Justice, Public Health and Healthcare Delivery for a New Future Beyond COVID-19*—will highlight information related to Maryland's COVID-19 response, as well as other topics related to our healthcare system during the pandemic.



The goal is to foster substantive discussions on how to improve both access to and quality of healthcare, reduce the overall burden of health disparities and to promote health equity.

MHHD has implemented internal and external collaborative approaches to respond to the pandemic through developing COVID-19-related data collection and analysis stratified by race and ethnicity, providing self-isolation and quarantine support for positive cases and developing communications and messaging designed to reach minority communities. Additionally, MHHD's grant-funded programs are on the ground in our communities working to implement evidence-based programs to address priority areas such as diabetes and pre-diabetes care, pregnancy and birth outcomes, breastfeeding care, cancer care and obesity, to connect individuals to healthcare and ultimately, to reduce health disparities.

Collectively, we can make more impactful improvements to healthcare in our state. Thank you for your participation and best wishes for a productive conference.

Sincerely,

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Boyd K. Rutherford  
Lieutenant Governor



## **BACKGROUND**

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) 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 MDH resources, providing health equity consultation, impacting external communications, guiding policy decisions, and influencing strategic direction on behalf of the Secretary of MDH.

## **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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*Reshaping Social Justice, Public Health, and Healthcare Delivery for a New Future Beyond COVID-19*

December 3, 2020

<p><b>9 - 9:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <p><b>Noel Brathwaite</b>, PhD, MSPH, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD), Maryland Department of Health (MDH)</p> <p><b>Mark Martin</b>, PhD, MBA, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD), Maryland Department of Health (MDH)</p> <p><b>GREETINGS</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam</b>, Former Senator District 44</p> <p><b>The Honorable Josaline Pena-Melynk</b>, Delegate, District 21, House of Delegates</p> <p><b>OPENING</b></p> <p><b>Dennis R. Schrader</b>, Chief Operating Officer and Medicaid Director, MDH</p>
<p><b>9:30-9:35 a.m</b></p>	<p><b>FORMER MDH DEPUTY SECRETARY FRAN PHILLIPS RETIREMENT RECOGNITION</b></p> <p><b>Robert R. Neall</b>, Secretary, MDH (Retired)</p> <p><b>Jinlene Chan</b>, MD, MPH, FAAP Acting Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services, MDH</p> <p><b>Fran Phillips</b>, RN, MHA, Secretary for Public Health Services, MDH (Retired)</p>
<p><b>9:35-10:20 a.m</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTH EQUITY EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AWARD</b></p> <p><b>INTRODUCTION OF RECIPIENT</b></p> <p><b>Arif Griffin</b>, PhD MBA, Senior Program Specialist, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD), Maryland Department of Health (MDH)</p> <p><b>**AWARD RECIPIENT **</b></p> <p><b>Alejandra Ivanovich</b></p> <p><b>SHIRLEY NATHAN-PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY LECTURE AND AWARD</b></p> <p><b>INTRODUCTION OF RECIPIENT</b></p> <p><b>Stephen Thomas</b>, PhD, Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland</p> <p><b>**AWARD RECIPIENT AND LECTURER**</b></p> <p><b>Aletha Maybank</b>, MD, MPH, Chief Health Equity Officer, and Vice President, American Medical Association</p>
<p><b>10:20-10:30 a.m</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Break &amp; Virtual Exhibit Hall</b></p>

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

<p><b>10:30 – 12:30 p.m</b></p>	<p><b>MORNING BREAKOUT SESSION I</b></p> <p><b>Lecture: COVID in Maryland (Data)</b>  <b>David Mann, MD, PhD, Epidemiologist, MHHD, MDH</b></p> <p><b>Lecture: COVID in Maryland Response (Statewide Activities)</b>  <b>Jinlene Chan, MD, MPH, FAAP</b>          Acting Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services, MDH</p> <p><b>Lecture: COVID in Maryland Response (Contact Tracing)</b>  <b>Katherine Feldman, MD, Chief Public Health Scientist and Director, Contact Tracing Unit, MDH</b></p>
<p><b>12:30-1:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break &amp; Virtual Exhibit Hall</b></p>
	<p><b>LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR EACH TRACK</b></p> <p><b>Track 1:</b> <i>Understand the role of racism, residential segregation and other social Determinants of Health in producing health and economic disparities</i></p> <p><b>Track 2:</b> <i>Describe how community health workers and collaboration with community based organizations can address social determinants of health to improve population health for minorities, particularly in the areas of diabetes and mental health</i></p> <p><b>Track 3:</b> <i>Use existing tools and technology to identify social determinants of health needs and make appropriate referrals to address them for patients in outpatient and inpatient settings</i></p>
<p><b>1:00 – 1:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION I</b></p> <p><b>Addressing the Social Determinants of Health In Minority Communities (Impact of Racism)</b>  <b>Sherita Hill-Golden, MD, MHS, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medicine</b></p> <p><b>Reconfiguring Public Health for Improved Minority Health Impact (Community Health Workers - COVID-19)</b>  <b>Moderator: Kimberly Hiner, MPH, Deputy Director, Office of Population Health Improvement</b>  <b>Lilian Amaya, Lead Community Health Worker, Health Care for the Homeless</b>  <b>Tiffany Scott, Community Health Worker Coordinator, Diabetes Self-Management Coordinator, Central Maryland Area Health Education Center</b></p> <p><b>Addressing Health Disparities in Clinical Practice (Tools for SDH Screening in Practices)</b>  <b>Howard Haft, MD, MMM, FACPE</b>          Executive Director at Maryland Primary Care Program, MDH</p>
<p><b>1:45-2:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Break &amp; Virtual Exhibit Hall</b></p>

<p><b>2:00 –2:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION II</b></p> <p><b><i>Addressing the Social Determinants of Health In Minority Communities (Residential Segregation)</i></b>  <b>Brian Smedley</b>, A.B, M.A, PhD, Director, American Psychological Association</p> <p><b><i>Reconfiguring Public Health for Improved Minority Health Impact (MD Diabetes Action Plan)</i></b>  <b>Anne Langley</b>, J.D, MPH, Director, Center for Population Health Initiatives, MDH</p> <p><b><i>Addressing Health Disparities in Clinical Practice (Clinical Practice Transformation Outpatient)</i></b>  <b>Jean Drummond</b>, MA, PA, President, HCD International</p>
<p><b>2:45-3:00p.m</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Break &amp; Virtual Exhibit Hall</b></p>
<p><b>3:00 –3:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSION III</b></p> <p><b><i>Addressing the Social Determinants of Health In Minority Communities (Education and Employment)</i></b>  <b>Angela Henneberger</b>, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, School of Social Work</p> <p><b>Bess Rose</b>, PhD, Statistician, University of Maryland, School of Social Work</p> <p><b><i>Reconfiguring Public Health for Improved Minority Health Impact (Mental Health)</i></b>  <b>Aliya Jones</b>, MD, Deputy Secretary, Behavioral Health Administration, Maryland Department of Health</p> <p><b><i>Addressing Health Disparities in Clinical Practice (Clinical Practice Transformation Inpatient)</i></b>  <b>Geoff Dougherty</b>, PhD, MPH, Deputy Director, Population Health, Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission</p>
<p><b>3:45 – 4:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>CLOSING PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Noel Brathwaite</b>, PhD, MSPH, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD), Maryland Department of Health (MDH)</p>

## 10th Annual Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Lecture Series

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**Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH,  
Chief Health Equity Officer, and Vice President,  
American Medical Association**

***Presented by MHHD and the University of Maryland School of Public Health Center for Health Equity***

Dr. Maybank currently serves as the American Medical Association's (AMA) Chief Health Equity Officer. Her responsibilities include launching the AMA's Center for Health Equity which will work to embed health equity across the organization so that health equity becomes part of the practice, process, action, innovation, and organizational performance and outcomes. She is also tasked with building organizational capacity to elevate the importance of and to sustain the AMA's health equity efforts.

Dr. Maybank is a highly proficient physician with demonstrated excellence in public health, health communications/media, preventive medicine, and leadership. Dr. Maybank was an Associate Commissioner at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and serves as the Director of the Center for Health Equity. The Center for Health Equity aligns efforts in advancing health equity across the city and ensures the deployment of resources to reduce health and mental hygiene disparities across all neighborhoods in NYC. The Center focuses on these key areas: leveraging community assets to better integrate primary care and public health to serve the health needs of communities; building interagency collaboration to implement multi-sectorial approach to addressing the root causes of health disparities; and increasing organizational capacity that strengthens the agency's lens of addressing health equity. Previously she led the Brooklyn District Public Health Office as Assistant Commissioner.





***Dennis R. Schrader, Chief Operating Officer and Medicaid Director,  
Maryland Department of Health***

Dennis R. Schrader has served in several challenging executive roles over the past 33 years since moving to Maryland after active duty Navy service in 1987.

Mr. Schrader has served Governor Hogan as Deputy Secretary, Transportation, Appointments Secretary, and Acting Health Secretary before his current role.

In sixteen years at the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation, he held several key executive roles and was been publicly credited with being a key member of the executive team that transformed the University of Maryland Medical Center into its current status as a prominent, nationally recognized institution. He led the Medical Center through five successful JCAHO Environment of Care reviews, while continuously improving the Medical Center's capabilities.

As Maryland's first Director of Homeland Security under Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. he is credited with the initial establishment of the office, as well as introducing efforts to develop information sharing capabilities and interoperable communications within the state.

He was subsequently recommended by Secretary Chertoff and appointed by President Bush to serve as Deputy Administrator of the National Preparedness Directorate of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after being confirmed by the United States Senate on August 17, 2007. While at FEMA after Hurricane Katrina, he led the interagency effort to revise and update the National Response Plan that resulted in the current National Response Framework. This was a major policy document with national impact. While at the Medical Center, his work also included development of medical preparedness plans for mass casualty incidents.

He designed and implemented full scale exercises in collaboration with the Air Force to include a phosgene based scenario, facilitated the hospital's decision process regarding the use of smallpox vaccine, and led the hospital's preparation and response to the anthrax scare. He also installed mass decontamination capability at the Shock Trauma Center.

He was engaged in the early WMD efforts for the 120 cities in Baltimore and contributed to the MEMS development program at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He developed a relationship with TATRC at Fort Detrick and was a Reserve staff member at Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA).

During his tenure at Maryland there were four specific bio related events that Dennis participated in a leadership capacity:

- There was an Avian flu outbreak on Maryland's Eastern Shore that required significant tri-state and multi-agency coordination and the destruction of tens of thousands of chickens.
- The Spinach E coli event required close monitoring of Maryland's health status to monitor E coli incidents.
- As a member of the National Capital Region Senior Policy Group:
- Collaborated in the Unified incident management to determine course of action for the Bio Watch false positive for Tularemia on the Mall after September 24th activities that involved tens of thousands of people. This included significant crisis action discussions with DHS OHA and HHS CDC.
- Collaborated in after action process for Pentagon White Powder events in Arlington/Fairfax Counties

## SPEAKER AND PRESENTER BIOS

Mr. Schrader has also been an elected County legislator in Howard County Maryland from 1994-1998. His early professional career included 5 years as a manufacturing supervisor with Chevrolet Motor Division and as a U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer. He served tours in Guam, Diego Garcia, and Sicily. His first hospital assignment was at Bethesda Naval Hospital as the Assistant Public works Officer from 1985-1987. He remained on active duty until 1987 and on reserve status until 2007. He retired from the Navy with the rank of Captain.

A native of Buffalo, NY, Mr. Schrader received his B.A. from Kettering University with a focus in engineering, and M.S. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He resides in Columbia, MD with his wife Sandra, a former Maryland State Senator.



***The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Maryland Senate, Former Vice-Chair  
{Education, Health and Environmental affairs.}***

Senator Nathan-Pulliam is currently retired after being elected to two terms in the Maryland State Senate representing District 44. She previously represented District 10 as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1994-2014. She is the first Caribbean-born person and first African 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 no longer operates two health care companies. She has been a leading advocate for improved health care and health disparities reduction in Maryland and

Nationwide. Senator Nathan-Pulliam has sponsored hundreds of bills, including legislation creating the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities within the Department of Health in 2004. She served 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 was a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, and the Past-Chair of the Women Legislators of Maryland. Senator Nathan-Pulliam was educated in Jamaica, England and the United States 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. She is a member of the American and Maryland Nurses associations. Among her numerous awards and honors she was named a visionary pioneer by the University of Maryland school of nursing. A scholarship Endowment was created in her name. The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Lecture Series was created by the University of Maryland School of Public Health Center for Health Equity and the Maryland Department of Health. Additionally, Sen. 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. She is a founding member of the Jamaican Association of Maryland, The Black Mental Health Alliance, and a lifetime member CAIO. In 2014 in its entirety the History Makers were inducted into the Library of Congress. Senator Nathan-Pulliam was recently inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing-2018. Recently named to the Board of Visitors for UMSON-2020.



***Lillian Amaya, Lead Community Health Worker, Health Care for the Homeless***

Lillian Amaya currently serves with Health Care for the Homeless as a Lead Community Health Worker. In her role, Ms. Amaya oversees a team of four Community Health Workers that provide direct and regular supervision to the Community Health Workers. Ms. Amaya also oversees the Community Health Workers' navigation of clients through the housing process inclusive of Baltimore City's Coordinated Access system, relocation services, and other housing resources.

She also collaborates with the Director of Community Services and Director of Grants Management to track and report all outcomes for funding sources, and she also actively participates on an integrated, multidisciplinary team to develop and implement an integrated treatment plan, within the context of an individual or family's unique social needs. Ms. Amaya has previously served as a Lead Service Coordinator and Bi-Lingual Service Coordinator for House of Ruth Maryland.



***Noel Brathwaite, PhD, MSPH, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health***

Dr. Noel Brathwaite joined the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) on Dec. 6, 2017 as Director. He is an international public health expert who gained experiences working with health issues in the United States, the Caribbean and parts of West and East Africa. Prior to joining MHHD, he organized the Greater Los Angeles Health Network to collaboratively tackle urban and suburban issues of health that continue to disproportionately impact people of African descent. Some of his other past experiences include leadership positions with Florida Department of Health; the University of Miami School of Medicine, Cancer Center; Morehouse School of Medicine International and Public Health Program; and as Director of Research in Trinidad.

Originally from the Caribbean, Dr. Brathwaite's research interests include the impact of geography and lifestyle on chronic disease, health and premature mortality in small island developing states, and health system resiliency. He has published a number of health-related articles in peer review journals. He is a graduate of Loma Linda University; earned a Doctorate from the University of Maryland; and pursued Postdoctoral studies at Johns Hopkins University and also at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, (CAMH) affiliated with the University of Toronto, Canada. His vision is to work collaboratively with the MHHD team and other stakeholders to position the MHHD as a transformative and innovative agent that significantly lowers health disparities within the next decade. His goal is to advance prevention, equal health care access, quality treatment and improved health for all populations in Maryland.

## SPEAKER AND PRESENTER BIOS



***Jinlene Chan, MD, MPH, FAAP, Acting Deputy Secretary of Public Health, Maryland Department of Health***

Jinlene Chan, MD, MPH, is the Acting Deputy Secretary of Public Health and Chief Medical Officer with the Maryland Department of Health. She oversees the Department's public health programs including infectious and chronic disease prevention and control within the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, the State Laboratories Administration, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Office of Provider Engagement and Regulation, the Vital Statistics Administration, Office of Population Health Improvement and the State Anatomy Board.

She previously served as the Health Officer in the Anne Arundel County Department of Health in Annapolis, Maryland where she developed and implemented initiatives to improve the behavioral health care system in Anne Arundel County by working closely with mental health, social services and criminal justice partners as well as working on infant health initiatives, chronic disease prevention programs, and public health emergency preparedness planning.

Dr. Chan completed her medical training at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC and residencies in pediatrics and general preventive medicine at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Chan also holds a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

***Geoff Dougherty, Population Health Deputy Director, Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission***

Dr. Geoff Dougherty currently serves as the Deputy Director for Population Health for the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission. In this role, Dr. Dougherty has developed a research agenda for the organization, including identifying projects with policy relevance to the commission, prioritizing projects, and implementing specific research plans. He has also managed and provided scientific oversight for large contracts with external research organizations, as well as conducting epidemiologic, economic and other quantitative analyses to address a range of health policy issues and their implications for the Maryland hospital payment system and the all-payer model. Additionally, Dr. Dougherty has represented the commission on statewide task forces related to health. Dr. Dougherty also serves Associate Faculty for the Department of Epidemiology where he develops lectures on epidemiologic and statistical methods for inclusion in the department's Foundations of Social Epidemiology graduate course. Dr. Dougherty also serves as the Senior Scientific Consultant for the U.S. News and World Report. Dr. Dougherty has previously held roles with Miami Herald, St. Petersburg Times, Chicago Tribune, Chi-Town Daily News, Chicago Reader, and Chicago Current.

Dr. Dougherty earned a PhD in Epidemiology and MPH from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Dougherty also earned a BA in History and Politics from The Colorado College.



***Jean Crowder Drummond, Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, HCD International***

Jean Drummond currently serves as the Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer, HCD International, a 25 year-old health care management and technology consulting firm. She has participated in numerous Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) national forums to develop policies for health care delivery system transformation and payment models, managed over \$50 million in revenue for various health and non-health related projects, provided quality improvement initiatives with several national and local managed care health insurance plans to include Chartered Health Plan and United Health Plan, successfully completed professional service contracts with many hospitals in the District of Columbia and Maryland to include Howard University, Washington Hospital Center and Johns Hopkins, managed over 50 prime and subcontracts with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services operating divisions to include the Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, Health Resources Services Administration and others, and recruited and hire over 400 professional staff to accomplish contractual obligations and achieved a 100% contract renewal rate secondary to successful achievement of project goals.

***Katherine Feldman, Chief Public Health Scientist and Contact Tracing Unit Director, Maryland Department of Health***

Dr. Katherine Feldman currently serves as the Chief Public Health Scientist and Contact Tracing Unit Director for the state of Maryland Department of Health (MDH). Dr. Feldman currently provides leadership and direction to stop the spread of infectious diseases through effective contact tracing involving MDH, 24 local health departments and a centralized call center. She also provides vision and direction for new Contact Tracing Unit at the Department and leads the building of the contact tracing infrastructure, including people, processes and technology, for statewide implementation. She also oversees multiple multi-million-dollar contracts in support of contact tracing information technology and call center capabilities. Dr. Feldman has also served as the Principal Epidemiologist for the MITRE Corporation, MDH State Public Health Veterinarian and Chief, Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases, Assistant Director, Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, FoodNet Senior Epidemiologist, California Emerging Infections Program, Preventive Medicine Fellow, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (assigned to the California Department of Health Services), and Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Dr. Feldman earned a Board Certification and Epidemiology Specialty Certification from the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in California. She has also earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with distinction from Cornell University, Master of Public Health, Epidemiology University of California (Berkeley), and a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science from Columbia University.

## SPEAKER AND PRESENTER BIOS



***Sherita Hill Golden, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Johns Hopkins Medicine***

Dr. Sherita Hill Golden is the Hugh P. McCormick Family Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism and Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for Johns Hopkins Medicine. She holds joint appointments in the Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology, and Clinical Research, in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and in the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality. She served as Director of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Inpatient Glucose Management Program from 2003-2018 and as Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine from 2015-2019. Dr. Hill Golden graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude from the University of Maryland, College Park and Alpha Omega Alpha from the University of Virginia School of Medicine before training in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. During her endocrinology fellowship she received a Master of Health Science degree in Clinical Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health where she was elected to the Delta Omega Public Health Honorary Society.

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The author of more than 180 articles, Dr. Hill Golden's epidemiological research interests focus on two areas: (1) endogenous sex hormones as risk factors for CVD, type 2 diabetes, and insulin resistance in post-menopausal women and (2) mental health complications of diabetes and the biological, hormonal, and behavioral factors that might explain these associations. Her health services research focuses on understanding and eliminating diabetes health disparities and implementing and evaluating systems interventions to improve patient safety and quality of care in hospitalized patients with diabetes.



***Arif Griffin, Senior Program Specialist, Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities***

Dr. Arif Griffin currently serves as a Senior Program Specialist with the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) where he oversees several funded programs. Dr. Griffin a native of Long Island, New York and has over 26 years of experience in behavioral health, community affairs, HIV/AIDS education/prevention, programming development, policy implementation, human resources, grant writing/monitoring, and fiscal oversight that has equipped him with a unique set of skills to helm an organization addressing HIV/AIDS prevention, care and overall health and wellness needs of diverse communities. These skills have enabled him to work

successfully to bring about organizational and social change using innovative strategies and collaborative networks. Dr. Griffin is part of a research team that specializes Trauma Systems Therapy (TST), a that focuses mental health treatment model for children and adolescents who have been exposed to trauma.

Dr. Griffin has earned a PhD in psycho-linguistics from the Harvard Graduate School of Science and recently earned a Doctor of Medicine Psycho-neurology also from Harvard School of Medicine.



***Howard M. Haft, MD, MMM, CPE, FCAPE, Executive Director at Maryland Primary Care Program, Maryland Department of Health***

Dr. Haft has been licensed to practice medicine since 1974. He received his degree from the University of Rhode Island, attended Medical School at Pennsylvania State University, completed post-graduate residencies at Brown University, and a master's degree from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Haft is Board Certified as a specialist in Internal and Emergency Medicine. Following his residency at Brown, he served as Assistant Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry at the University of California, Davis. He is recognized by the American Board of Physician Executives as both a Certified Physician Executive (CPE) and as a Fellow. 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 Founder and Chief Medical Officer of Conmed Healthcare Management, a company providing a full complement of health care services for correctional centers nationally. He served as 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 has served the State of Maryland as Deputy Secretary for Public Health (2015-18), Executive Director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (2017) and currently as the Executive Director of the Maryland Primary Care Program (Total Cost of Care Model) at the Maryland Department of Health. Dr. Haft served as a Board Member of the American College of Physician Executives (2012-14), Health Partners (2000-2015), CRISP (2015-18), and MedChi (2011-2015).



***Angela Henneberger, Director of Research, Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center***

Dr. Angela Henneberger currently serves as the Director of Research for the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center. She is a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Dr. Henneberger's research focuses on the ways in which aspects of peer relationships can be leveraged in prevention and intervention programs that aim to prevent problem behavior and promote positive adjustment in childhood and adolescence. Specifically, her research focuses on two interrelated themes: (1) applying advanced statistical methodologies to examine the complex impact of positive and negative aspects of peer selection and influence on the development of prosocial and aggressive behavior; and (2) incorporating findings on peer processes to strengthen the development, refinement, and evaluation of prevention and intervention programs. Dr. Henneberger previously served with the University of Baltimore as a Research Assistant Professor.

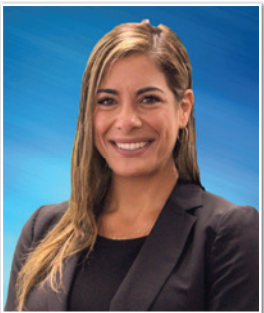
Dr. Henneberger earned a PhD from the University of Virginia in Educational Psychology, and a BS in Psychology and Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland.

## SPEAKER AND PRESENTER BIOS



***Kimberly Hiner, Office of Population Health Improvement Deputy Director, Maryland Department of Health***

Kim Hiner currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Maryland Office of Population Health Improvement, as well as providing temporary support to the COVID-19 Testing Task Force. She has also led the implementation of the certification process for Community Health Workers (CHW) in Maryland. Additionally, she serves as staff for the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee. Prior to joining the Office of Population Health as a Program Administrator, she served a variety of roles within the MDH. Kim has served with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) that included Community Health Worker workforce development projects, coordinating Maryland's Annual Health Equity Conference, recruiting and supervising public health interns/volunteers, coordinating outreach initiatives for MHHD, and serving as the Office's legislative liaison. Kim received a Master of Public Health from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University and a Bachelor of Science in Health Science from Towson University.



***Alejandra Ivanovich***

Alejandra Ivanovich has spent the past two decades championing the rights of diverse marginalized communities as an author, human rights activist, community leader, and healthcare advocate. She has used her love of community to create and improve organizational and social change using innovative strategies and collaborative networks. Ivanovich has worked at the grassroots, regional, and national level spearheading initiatives to transform communities ravaged by health disparities, injustice, and socio-political unrest. Since April 2020, Ivanovich has single handedly fed over 3,000 Baltimore County community members of Hispanic and LatinX descent. She has spearheaded a weekly food drive with local faith-based organizations which now feeds more than 800 individuals weekly. She has volunteered with the Baltimore County Police Department on community forums to reach out to Latinos and the immigrant community to address policing concerns, access to services, and advocate for diverse leadership. To ensure immigrants had access to resources in Baltimore County and nearby cities, Ivanovich re-launched Amigos of Baltimore County Facebook Page.

Alejandra Ivanovich has achieved her tremendous grassroots, regional, and national success all while overcoming many adversities herself. From days as a single parent of three children to owner/operator of small business while attending college, Ivanovich has used her life to create positive change for others. Ivanovich recognizes the value in individuals and marginalized groups while giving voice to various causes. She continues to use her talents to proactively advocate for diversity with inclusion, equity with empowerment, access with action, and outreach with respect.



***Aliya Jones, Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, Maryland Department of Health***

Dr. Aliya Jones currently serves as the Deputy Secretary for the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). Dr. Jones leads the Department of Health's team that assures clinical quality across state mental health and addiction programs, seven state psychiatric hospitals and problem gambling and suicide prevention programs. Serving approximately 278,000 people and 3,500 providers throughout the state, BHA has oversight responsibility for publicly funded inpatient and community behavioral health services to help individuals with substance-related, mental health and co-occurring disorders. BHA develops integrated processes for planning, policy and services to ensure a coordinated quality system of care is available to individuals with behavioral health conditions.

Dr. Jones earned her Doctor of Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and is licensed to practice in the State of Maryland. Dr. Jones is also a graduate of the Executive MBA Program at the University of Maryland Smith School of Business, completed an Administrative Psychiatry Fellowship at University of Maryland School of Medicine, completed an Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship at University of Maryland School of Medicine, served as Chief Resident (Outpatient and Consultation/Liaison Services), University of Maryland/Sheppard Pratt Psychiatry Residency Training Program, and earned her BA at Hampton University (Molecular Biology, Summa Cum Laude).

***Anne Langley, Center for Population Health Initiatives Director, Maryland Department of Health***

Anne Langley recently came to the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to serve as the Director of the Center for Population Health Initiatives. In this role she will help Maryland achieve specific population health improvement goals, with an initial emphasis on diabetes. Prior to joining MDH, Anne served as Senior Director of Health Planning and Community Engagement at Johns Hopkins Medicine. Anne managed certificate of need and related matters for the Johns Hopkins Health System. In addition, she led a community benefit reporting, planning and evaluation process. In 2009, Anne helped establish The Access Partnership ("TAP"), a program designed to improve access to effective, compassionate, evidence-based health care for uninsured and underinsured residents of East Baltimore. Anne received her MPH from Johns Hopkins University, and her law degree with a certificate in Health Law from the University of Maryland.

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***David A Mann, MD, PhD, Epidemiologist, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health***

Dr. Mann is the Epidemiologist at the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), at 75% FTE. His other 25% FTE is spent as an Instructor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health (DEPH) at the University of Medicine School Of Medicine (UMB SOM). Dr. Mann received his BA in Biology from The Johns Hopkins University in 1978, his MD from Harvard Medical School in 1982, and his PhD in Epidemiology from University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2007. Before coming to Maryland for epidemiology and public health training in 1998, Dr. Mann practiced primary care medicine in the greater Boston area for 14 years.

At MDH, Dr. Mann was a co-author of the Maryland Plan to Eliminate Minority Health Disparities, released in 2006 by MHHD; and principal author of the Maryland Chartbook of Minority Health and Minority Health Disparities Data, released in 2007, 2009 (2nd Edition) and 2012 (3rd edition) by MHHD. Between 2011 and 2017 Dr. Mann worked on the development, implementation and administration of Maryland's Health Enterprise Zone program. He has been an invited speaker on health disparities data at several venues. At DEPH in UMB SOM, Dr. Mann is the faculty leader of the Departmental Journal Club, participates in the Department's epidemiology teaching for medical students, and teaches the summer course in Chronic Disease Epidemiology for graduate students.



***Mark Martin, PhD, MBA, Deputy Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Maryland Department of Health***

Mark Martin, PhD, currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities for the Maryland Department of Health. He has a passion for improving patient-centered care, health equity, and for strengthening the continuum of care in communities through public and private partnerships. He also provides leadership for the Health Education and Outreach arm of the Maryland Prevention and Health Promotion Administration Contact Tracing Unit and serves with the Maryland Mass Vaccination Planning Team. Dr. Martin brings combined 26 years of professional experience in public health, hospital operations, financial services and community and faith-based organizations to MHHD. Dr. Martin past career accomplishments include working to develop and lead a health system's multi-billion-dollar comprehensive community benefit program to ensure IRS compliance, as well as working to improve health care provider community outreach efforts to minority and vulnerable communities.

Dr. Martin earned a PhD in Leadership and Change from Antioch University where his seminal research focused on the role of servant leadership characteristics in developing an environment of empathic care in primary care setting. Dr. Martin has also earned an MBA and MHA from Pfeiffer University and a MA in Leadership from Antioch University. Dr. Martin's combined academic and professional experience continues to fuel his desire to research and develop innovation ideas to improve patient-centered care and the overall patient experience.



***The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, Maryland House of Delegates, District 21, Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties***

Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk represents Maryland Legislative District 21, which includes parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. After receiving her law degree, Delegate Peña-Melnyk pursued a successful legal career as a prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C., later as a defense attorney, and then as an advocate for neglected and abused children. Delegate Peña-Melnyk served two-terms on the College Park City Council before being elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 2007.

Delegate Peña-Melnyk is an effective legislator and has been the lead sponsor of over 50 bills enacted into law. Currently, she is Vice Chair of the House Health and Government Operations Committee and chairs the Public Health and Minority Health Disparities Subcommittee. She serves on the Government Operations and Health Facilities Subcommittee. Additionally, the Delegate is a member of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee. She is the House Chair of the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission.



***Frances B. Phillips, Former Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, Maryland Department of Health***

Frances B. Phillips, RN, MHA, formerly served as the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). As such, she worked very closely with Governor Hogan's office to provide public information, coordination of much of the state's efforts in its response to COVID-19. She was also responsible the delivery of multiple health surveillance, improvement and protection programs to Maryland residents, including the services of the Offices of the Medical Examiner, Health Care Quality, Controlled Substances Administration, Vital Statistics, Prevention and Health Promotion and Population Health Improvement, Preparedness and Response and the State Laboratory. She previously held this position from 2008 to 2013.

Prior to both of her appointments as Deputy Secretary, Ms. Phillips served as Health Officer for Anne Arundel County, Maryland from 1993 to 2008, including a period serving as Interim County Fire Chief, and a second term as Health Officer between 2017 to 2018. In addition to her public service, Ms. Phillips has held leadership positions on non-profit boards, served on the Maryland Health Care Commission and provided independent consultant services for an array of public, non-profit and academic clients.

Ms. Phillips holds an undergraduate degree in community health nursing from The Catholic University of America and a master's degree in health care administration from The George Washington University. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the University of Maryland's School of Nursing and an Associate in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Ms. Phillips is a resident of Anne Arundel County.

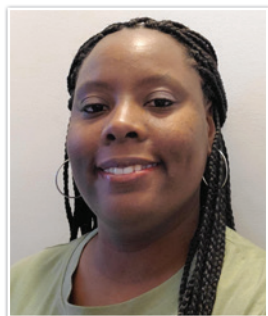
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***Bess Rose, Statistician, University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work***

Dr. Bess Rose currently serves as a Statistician with the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work. In her role, she is a researcher for the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center and provides statistical and analytic support for Promise Heights program. Prior to her current role, Dr. Rose was the Senior Study Director at Westat where she provided analytic support for policy and program analyses in PK-16 Education (U.S. Department of Education), data quality initiative technical assistance (U.S. Department of Education), Education Feedback Study (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation), evaluability assessment for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Vulnerable Populations Portfolio (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), evaluation of the Leadership and Community Capacity-Building Projects 2008-2015 (Appalachian Regional Commission), and Regional Educational Laboratory Peer Review (U.S. Department of Education).

Dr. Rose earned an Ed.D. from Johns Hopkins University School of Education, a M.Ed. from Western Governors University, an M.A. from the State University of New York Buffalo, and a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University.



***Tiffany Scott, Community Health Worker Coordinator, Central Maryland Area Health Education Center, Prince George's Community College***

Tiffany Scott currently serves as a Community Health Worker with the Central Maryland Area Health Education Center and with the Prince George's Community College as an Adjunct Instructor and Student Services Coordinator.

She previously served with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. in Baltimore, Maryland where she served as the primary contact point, advocate, and informational resource for community-based organizations supporting individuals and families with Sickle Cell Disease.



***Brian Smedley, PhD, MA, AB, Chief of Psychology in the Public Interest and Acting Chief Diversity Officer, American Psychological Association***

Dr. Brian Smedley currently serves as Chief of Psychology in the Public Interest and Acting Chief Diversity Officer, where he leads the American Psychological Association's (APA) efforts to apply the science and practice of psychology to the fundamental problems of human welfare and social justice. A national thought leader in the field of health equity, Smedley got his start in Washington, DC, as an APA Congressional Science Fellow, and subsequently served at APA as director of public interest policy. Most recently, he was co-founder and executive director of the National Collaborative for Health Equity, a project that connects research, policy analysis and communications with on-the-ground activism to advance health equity. He was also co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leadership National Program Center.

Dr. Smedley was also Vice President and Director of the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, DC, a research and policy organization focused on addressing the needs of communities of color. Previously, Smedley was research director and co-founder of a communications, research and policy organization, The Opportunity Agenda, which seeks to build the national will to expand opportunity for all.

Dr. Smedley received a PhD in Clinical Psychology from UCLA and an AB degree in Psychology and Social Relations from Harvard University.



***Stephen B. Thomas, PhD, Professor, Health Policy and Management Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity, Other Affiliations: Center for Health Equity, Public Health Science***

One of the nation's leading scholars in the effort to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities, Dr. Stephen B. Thomas has applied his expertise to address a variety of conditions from which minorities generally face far poorer outcomes, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and HIV/AIDS. He is the Principal Investigator (with Dr. Sandra C. Quinn) on the Center of Excellence in Race, Ethnicity and Health Disparities Research, funded by the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Dr. Thomas has received numerous awards for his professional accomplishments, and over the years, his work has become 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 community-based interventions designed to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care. 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 (1932–72) has impacted trust and influenced the willingness of African Americans to participate in medical and public health research.

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### *Maryland Department of Health, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities*

**Overview:** The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (MHHD) 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 office's mission 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 MDH. MHHD's vision is to achieve health equity where all individuals and communities have the opportunity and access to achieve and maintain good health.

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### *Maryland Relay*

**Overview:** Telecommunications Access of Maryland (TAM) is a division of MDoD and operates the Maryland Relay and Maryland Accessible Telecommunications programs. Maryland Relay is a free, public service for individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or speech-disabled that enables them to communicate using the telephone. The Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) program offers a wide variety of solutions and tools — from amplified phones to Braille TTYs to tablets — needed to independently make or receive phone calls.

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### *Civic Works*

**Overview:** Civic Works strengthens Baltimore's communities through education, skills development, and community service. We are a non-profit working in Baltimore communities for over 26 years, and we are deeply committed to service.

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### **Maryland Rural Health Association**

**Overview:** The Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) was formed in 1995 as a result of a committee of rural health representatives interested in furthering rural health activities in the state. Twenty years later, MRHA is an established 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and advocate for the optimal health and wellness of rural communities and their residents. MRHA is a member organization comprised over 70+ organizations including local health departments, rural hospitals, federally qualified health centers, community health centers, area health education centers, health professionals, nonprofits, universities, etc. and representing over 20,000 community members throughout Maryland.

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### **Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc**

**Overview:** LifeStyles of Maryland is a nonprofit organization that support those in crisis. This organization was established in 1998, providing emergency assistance through partnership referrals. LifeStyles' signature programs include the Samaritan Program, a food and clothing Service and Safe Nights, an overnight homeless shelter program for individuals and families. We believe that meeting needs fosters a better quality of life for those who contact us.

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### **Maryland Attorney General's Health Education and Advocacy Unit**

**Overview:** The Maryland General Assembly established the HEAU as part of the Maryland Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in 1986. The HEAU was designed to assist health care consumers in understanding health care bills and third party coverage, to identify improper billing or coverage determinations, to report billing or coverage problems to appropriate agencies, including the Consumer Protection Division's Enforcement Unit. Based upon the HEAU's successful efforts in these areas, the General Assembly selected the HEAU to be the State's first-line consumer assistance agency when it passed the Maryland Appeals and Grievances Law. As a result, HEAU assists consumers to appeal their health insurance company's decision not cover or pay for a medical service. Lastly, HEAU assists consumers with appealing Maryland Health Connection decisions about enrollment with a qualified health plan or the determination of financial subsidies.

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### **Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.**

**Overview:** Founded in 1960, our mission is to enable people to live independently at home through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and support services, so that they may age in place with dignity. Our "more than a meal" approach is what distinguishes us from other home delivered meal programs.

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### ***Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling***

**Overview:** The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling (the Center) promotes healthy and informed choices regarding gambling and problem gambling through public awareness, training and education, prevention, technical assistance to the behavioral health care system, peer recovery support, research, and public policy. It does so by working closely with appropriate state stakeholders and community leaders from a variety of disciplines.

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### ***Aetna Better Health of Maryland***

**Overview:** ABHoMD is a Medicaid MCO via the state of Maryland's Health Choice Program. The plan offer medical, dental, vision, transportation and value added benefits to members at no cost to the member.

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### ***MDH Behavioral Health Administration***

**Overview:** The Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration develops an integrated process for planning, policy and services and ensures a coordinated quality system of care is available to individuals with behavioral health conditions.

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### ***The Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence***

**Overview:** The Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence was formed in 1998 to provide leadership within the health care community to promote a proactive and effective response to intimate partner violence (IPV) through screening, identification, education, intervention and treatment of IPV victims.

The Coalition offers presentations, seminars and conferences to educate Maryland health care providers and allied professionals about intimate partner violence-related issues. The Coalition also can provide expert consultation and technical assistance. We make available all of our educational materials for professionals, as well as outreach materials designed to inform patients about the health-related consequences of IPV.

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