

# Team Up, Take Action: Partnering for Health Equity

## Morning Breakout Sessions

### *Improve Your Capacity to Provide Quality Care & Services to All by Becoming a Culturally Effective Organization*

Presenters: **Trinidad Tellez, M.D.**, Director, NH Office of Health Equity and **Amy Parece-Grogan, M.Ed.**, Cultural and Linguistic Competence Coordinator, NH Office of Health Equity

Culturally effective organizations enable, cultivate, and support the delivery of high-quality care and services for all people. This session will review disparities data and recognize that changes in policies and procedures are needed to improve equity in access, use and outcomes across social determinant of health domains. The session will explore the elements of a culturally effective organization and discuss helpful strategies and resources for implementing them. Participants will explore enhancements to their organization's policies and procedures, and consider how to operationalize the various evidence-informed elements of a culturally effective organization for systems improvement resulting in enhanced care and services for all.

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### *Finding and Using Data for Equity Improvement*

Presenter: **Aurora Drew, PhD**

In this workshop, participants will explore, use and interpret sources of publicly available health data for their communities. The focus will be on shared public health priority areas and health equity measures from accessible national and state data sources. In a series of group activities, participants will consider the strengths and limitations of data sources, and work in teams to find and interpret data for their region. **Optional but encouraged: bring a device (laptop/tablet/phone) that will connect to the internet.**

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### *Student Roundtable with Camara Jones, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.*

Students will have the unique opportunity to interact with Dr. Jones in a small group setting. They will be able to ask questions and share thoughts with Dr. Jones, a renowned subject expert regarding matters pertaining to all aspects of health equity. Dr. Jones is the immediate past president of the American Public Health Association.

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## **Photovoice as a Method to Engage Older Adults of Color and of Language Minorities in New Hampshire**

Presenters: **Anna M. Adachi-Mejia, PhD**, Director, Health Promotion Research Center at Dartmouth (HPRCD) The Dartmouth Institute and **Semra Aytur, PhD**, University of New Hampshire

Participants will be presented the results of a photovoice study designed to inform diversity, inclusion, and equity in older adult health initiatives. In this study, older adult participants from Bhutanese, Hispanic, and African American communities living in southern New Hampshire describe their point of view with their own photos and words. The project organizers have engaged in multiple key partnerships across a wide range of organizations involved in aging, equity, community-based participatory research, and community building with a shared goal of promoting the health, independence, and dignity of older adults.

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## **Navigating the Intersection of Public Health, Equity and Patient Family Engagement**

Presenter: **Tanya Lord, PhD, MPH**

With so many healthcare silos it can be difficult to determine where the intersections of different disciplines exist. Patient Family Engagement (PFE) has grown in the last several years into a new healthcare discipline. As the concept of partnering with patients in their own healthcare and within organizations begins to spread across the continuum of care it becomes more vital to look at PFE not as a separate initiative but as a strategy to achieve many healthcare and public health goals. This session will look at specific tools to address population health and healthcare equity goals using PFE strategies.

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## **Building a Culture of Health in Communities: One Neighborhood at a Time**

Presenter: **Anna Thomas, MPH**, Deputy Public Health Director

- Using the Rankings Population Health Model, explore how health equity is produced in communities using a social determinant of health framework
- Demonstrate how toxic stress and environmental injustice contribute to health disparities
- Show how authentic resident engagement and partnerships with business, first responders, civic and faith-based organizations can drive social change
- Review how collective impact and the application of evidence-based interventions can bring policy, system and environmental changes to scale
- Provide examples of best practice communities (Culture of Health Prize recipients, Promise Neighborhoods, Working Cities Initiative, etc.)

## ***Championing a Culture of Health Equity Across Policies, Planning, and Programming: Lessons from Connecticut and Vermont***

Presenters: **Kristin Sullivan, MA**, Manager, Public Health Systems Improvement, CT Department of Public Health; **Heidi Klein**, Director of Planning and Healthcare Quality, VT Dept. of Health; and **Martha Friedman, MPH**, Refugee Health and Health Equity Coordinator, VT Dept. of Health

Speakers from the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Vermont Department of Health will share their approach for assuring health equity is considered in all aspects of public health policies, planning and programming. Representatives will discuss specific examples of how they have done this at their departments, and share a wide array of strategies, practical tools, and resources developed to promote a culture of health equity.