

## Agenda

8:00am-8:30am

### MORNING SESSION

Continental Breakfast, Registration & Exhibitors  
(Lecture Hall Lobby)

### OPENING REMARKS

**Gregson H. Pigott, MD, MPH**

Director, SCDHS Office of Minority Health  
Conference Host  
County Executive's Office

**Touro Law School**

**James L. Tomarken, MD, MSW, MPH, MBA**  
Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of  
Health Services

8:45 am—9:35am

**Overview of Maternal and Child Health  
Nationally and Locally (Health across the  
life span)**

**Tia D. Welsh, MD, MPH, FACOG**  
Regional Director of Women's Health  
HRH Care—Suffolk County

9:35am—10:35am

**Addressing Maternal/Child Health  
Outcomes Through Education and  
Advocacy**

**Martine Hackett Ph.D., MPH**  
Associate Professor, Department of Health  
Professions, School of Health Sciences and  
Human Services, Hofstra University

Questions & Answers - morning speakers

10:40am—11:30am

This panel will explore  
ways to achieve  
optimal maternal &  
infant health outcomes:

**Moderator:** Martine  
Hackett

**Panel Discussion – Best Practices in  
Maternal/Child Health :**

**Diana Garretto, MD, FACOG**  
Assistant Professor - Stony Brook University  
Hospital.

**Florence R. Rolston, MD**  
Hamptons Gynecology & Obstetrics - Stony Brook  
Southampton Hospital

**William Onyebeke, MD, FACOG** -Clinical Assistant  
Professor, Donald and Barbara Zucker School  
of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

**Tia D. Welsh, MD, MPH, FACOG**  
Regional Medical Director of Women's Health –  
HRH Care

**Satya Polavarapu, MD**  
Interim Chief of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Good  
Samaritan Hospital

11:30am—12:00pm

**LUNCH**— Touro Law Center Cafeteria  
Kosher and Vegetarian meals will be available

### AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Choose 2 of 4 Sessions

I: 12:00pm—1:00pm  
II: 1:05pm—2:05pm

**1: How Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and  
other environmental factors impact pregnancy and early brain  
development:**

**Joaniko Kohchi, MPhil, LCSW, IMH-E® Director - Institute for  
Parenting / Infant Mental Health & Developmental Practice Degree  
Program**

**Chanel Porchia-Albert, Founder and Executive Director, Ancient  
Song Doula Services**

**2: Breaking down barriers to breastfeeding in communities of  
color:**

**Wendi Andria, MSN, RNC-OB, IBCLC, Lactation Coordinator,  
Southside Hospital**

**Rita Ferretti, BSN, RN, C-NIC, CBC, IBCLC, Lactation Consultant,  
Good Samaritan Hospital**

**Ehasuyi Gomes, MPH, M.S., (Community Voice)**

**3: Women's Health Across the Lifespan to Promote Positive  
Health Outcomes:**

**Ellen Higgins, LCSW, Program Coordinator - Suffolk County De-  
partment of Health Services, Maternal Infant Community Health  
Collaborative (MICHC)**

**Dr. Heather Findletar Hines, CNM, DNP &**

**Dr. Lisa Rimpel - Stony Brook Medicine**

**4: Understanding and Identifying Developmental Milestones  
and Early Intervention Resources and Strategies**

**Melissa Passarelli, Director of Programs - Docs for Tots**

**Sheila Ventrice, Acting Director - Suffolk County Department of  
Health Services, Division of Services for Children with Special  
Needs**

**2:10pm—2:30pm Wrap Up & Evaluations**

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disabilities, please call:  
(631) 854-0378**

Complete a separate form for each participant.

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### **Registration Deadline November 8, 2019**

**Name**

**Title**

**Organization**

**Address**

**Phone**

**Email**

Yes, I would like lunch

### **\*AFTERNOON SESSIONS (choose 2):**

- How Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and other environmental factors impact pregnancy and early brain development
- Breaking down barriers to breastfeeding in communities of color
- Women's Health Across the Lifespan
- Ages & Stages / Early Intervention

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Email: [omh@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:omh@suffolkcountyny.gov)

To Register online, visit

<https://health.suffolkcountyny.gov/hd2019/>

### Main Conference Goal:

To educate professionals and community members on the disparities & inequities that exist in maternal and child health outcomes, especially for people of color, while highlighting recommendations that can assist in mitigating these inequities.

### Educational and Performance Improvement Objectives:

Upon completion of the conference attendees will be able to:

- Identify factors that lead to maternal & infant mortality and associated disparities
- Identify ways in which medical professionals and the health care system can aid (or hinder) positive health outcomes for women and children
- Discuss the link between poor maternal and child health outcomes and current public health challenges (Untreated Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences, late treatment/intervention for Developmental Disabilities, etc.)
- Highlight best practices that promote positive health outcomes for women and children, particularly in communities of color

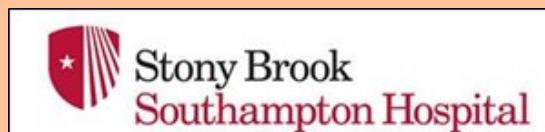
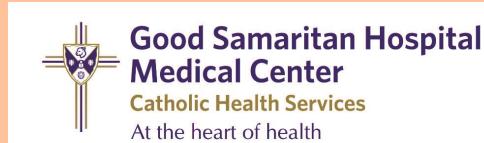
### Target Audience:

Physicians, Nurses, Midwives, Doulas, Public Health Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Social Workers, Community Health Workers, Attorneys, Policymakers, Medical, Law, and Public Health Students, Community Members, Leaders and Advocates

\*No Continuing Education Credit Offered



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**Suffolk County Department of Health Services**  
Office of Minority Health  
Bureau of Public Health Nursing,  
Maternal Infant Community Health Collaborative  
In Partnership with:  
Smart Start Suffolk

**Present the 14th Annual  
Taking the Road to Eliminate  
Health Disparities Conference**  
"The Health of Women, Infants and Children...  
Reflects the Health of a Nation"  
A look at Maternal and Child Health Outcomes



STEVEN BELLONE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Suffolk County  
Department of Health Services  
JAMES L. TOMARKEN,  
MD, MPH, MBA, MSW  
Commissioner

**Friday, November 15, 2019**  
8:00 AM–2:30PM  
Touro College  
Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center  
225 Eastview Drive  
Central Islip, New York 11722

**Conference is Free of Charge**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED**  
**Registration is required**