



## MICHIGAN COUNTIES VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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### Stories of Why: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Antiracism

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM



#### Zoe Lyons

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Zoe Lyons is the County Director for the Jackson office of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She has worked in human services field for 30 years. Zoe has worked as a Children's Protective Services worker and then trainer, an investigator for the Office of Children's Ombudsman and in the MDHHS Central Office as the Manager over Children's Protective Services program office for the state. The last 10 years she has been the Director in MDHHS offices in Hillsdale/Branch and Ingham Counties as well as Jackson. She is a member of the MDHHS DEI Council and together with people from her office and the community, Jackson is part of the Children's Service Agency-Antiracism Transformation Team. Zoe has a degree in Psychology from Michigan State University.

#### Session Description:

This session will bring you the personal stories of how individuals came into the work of antiracism and DEI. It will share the story of an organization that struggled with how to get started and what they did first. It will leave you with a way to begin thinking about your own life story and where you want your story and your organization to go next.