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TATE REEVES  
Governor

May 23, 2023

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the Great State of Mississippi, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference. I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to improving health in Mississippi.

This year's theme, ***Equity and Innovation: Paving the Path to a Healthier Mississippi***, will be an excellent opportunity to improve upon the success of past years by bringing together nurses, physicians, educators, researchers, epidemiologists, and concerned citizens. The plans you set forth at this convention will pay dividends to our state and your communities for years to come. I am hopeful that this year's conference will be the most productive one yet!

Again, I am pleased to welcome you to the Empowering Communities for a Healthy Community Conference, and I commend all of you who worked to make this conference possible!

Sincerely,



Tate Reeves  
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Flowood, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful Sheraton Flowood Refuge Hotel and Conference Center for the Healthy Mississippi Conference. The heartbeat of Mississippi is made evident through the dedication and diligence provided by its citizens, businesses, and organizations. As a city, we commend the Mississippi State Department of Health, conference facilitators, and its supporters. We honor each of you for your dedication to supporting the positive, productive growth of a healthier Mississippi.

This conference is an example of the excellence that is happening within our city and across our state. As you make meaningful connections, I thank you for your unwavering commitment to walk in diligence and excellence. I applaud you for your determination to be a catalyst for progress and greatness.

Whether you have come from near or far, we encourage you to indulge in the cornucopia of restaurants, shops, parks, and historic landmarks that make this city the jewel it has become. I hope you stay inspired, engaged, grow your network, and ultimately have fun during your time here. If there is any way that we can continue to support your efforts, please feel free to let us know.

We graciously appreciate your service.

Regards,

Gary Rhoads, Mayor





MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Dear Conference Participants:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 10th *Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference!* This year's theme, "*Equity and Innovation: Paving the Path to a Healthier Mississippi*" embodies the spirit of the collective work within the Mississippi State Department of Health and across the state to improve health outcomes and the quality of life for all Mississippians.

The purpose of this conference is to provide local public health professionals with access to evidence-based education and training, dynamic qualified instructors and speakers, and peer networking which fosters creativity, collaboration, innovation, and excellence. I encourage you to connect and exchange ideas with other dedicated public health colleagues and build strategic partnerships.

I would like to thank our 2023 Conference Chair, Curriculum Committee, partners, exhibitors, and sponsors for your contribution towards making this event possible. We look forward to working with you in the future to create local opportunities for evidence-based education and training.

I look forward to engaging with each of you during the Conference, and I am confident you will leave inspired and empowered to facilitate change within your communities.



*Daniel Edney*

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM  
State Health Officer



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Dear Conference Attendees:

We are pleased to welcome you to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference! As the Chief of Community Health and Clinical Services, and the Interim Director for the Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity at the Mississippi State Department of Health, we are so excited to bring to you high-quality, evidence-based education, resources, and networking opportunities all in one location.

The theme for this year's conference, *Equity and Innovation: Paving the Path to a Healthier Mississippi*, focuses on the resiliency, strength, and the heart of Mississippi – its people! We are excited to take this journey with each of you, working together to achieve health equity through innovation.

We would like to thank the 2023 Curriculum Committee for assembling an exceptional educational program addressing public health topics and issues impacting Mississippians, delivered by highly qualified and knowledgeable instructors and presenters. This program intends to engage multiple sectors of the public health system including academia, advocacy, community, faith, healthcare, transportation, government, public safety, worksites and businesses, and many more. We are confident at the conclusion of this event, each of you will be inspired to apply the knowledge gained to improve the health and safety of all Mississippians.

To our many conference sponsors, partners, and participating programs, this event would not have been possible without you! Thank you for your contribution to making this a successful event.

We encourage you to attend all sessions, network with conference participants and vendors, make connections, exchange contact information, schedule follow-up meetings, and accept the call to action to pave the path to a healthier Mississippi!

Sincerely,

*Victor Sutton*

Victor D. Sutton, PhD, MPPA  
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May 23-26, 2023

Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Jackson, it is my absolute pleasure to welcome the 10<sup>th</sup> Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi conference to the Metro Jackson area. As a city, we commend the Mississippi State Department of Health, conference facilitators and supporters. We honor each of you for your dedication to supporting the positive, productive growth of a healthier Mississippi.

This conference is an example of the excellence that is happening in the Metro Jackson area and across the State. I applaud your determination to be a catalyst for progress in this vitally important area. There is an invaluable impact that individuals and groups can have on society when they commit themselves to effectuating change, and not just sitting in mediocrity. You are helping to change the world from where you stand.

As you make meaningful connections, I thank you for your unwavering commitment to the health of our residents. My sincerest hope is that everyone enjoys the conference this year.

*One City, One Aim, One Destiny!*

Sincerely,



Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor  
City of Jackson

## CONFERENCE CHAIR



Welcome to the 10th Anniversary of the Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference! I am so pleased to have served as the chair of the conference planning committee this year. That committee has put a lot of hard work into making this conference the best one ever, and I am sure you can see that reflected in the program. There is truly something for everyone during these special historical days.

When I left the Mississippi State Department of Health in 2003, I thought I was going to forever leave the public health family that I had known and worked with for over 25 years. Then, one day Cassandra Dove Brown called me and asked if I would help with the first meeting of the Empowering Conference planning committee. I immediately said yes! That meeting was held in 2005 at the UMMC School of Nursing where I was Dean, and the first conference was held in 2006 in downtown Jackson. It has been held every other year since that time for a total of ten conferences!

The first one was small, but mighty, and it showcased just how well Mississippians can come together to collaborate and learn how to help our communities be as healthy as possible. Over the years, the conference has grown to the size it is now, with so many more partners and stakeholders engaged than ever before. What a wonderful testament to the leadership of the MSDH staff who champion this work and value the communities who join them.

Mississippi has been through a lot over these years, and sometimes we think we take two steps forward and one step back. But, working together, we can continue to make a difference for everyone to be as healthy as they possibly can be and to feel valued and appreciated for who they are, where they are.

I look forward to the conference and to networking with friends and colleagues from across Mississippi. Please join me in making the most of this wonderful week!

Sincerely,

*Kaye Bender*

Kaye Bender, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director  
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Immediate Past President, American Public Health Association



## CONFERENCE PARTNER



My Brother's Keeper, Inc. (MBK) is pleased to be a sponsor of the 10th Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference. We believe that this conference offers one of the best opportunities for Mississippi public health professionals to learn, network, and exchange creative ideas on how to keep our communities healthy and strong.

MBK is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization designed to enhance the health and well-being of minorities through leadership in public and community health practices, collaborations and partnerships.

We wish you all the best as you learn to address public health challenges in the 21st Century and hope that you will call on us to work alongside you.

Thank you,

*June Gipson*

June Gipson PhD, EdS  
President & CEO  
My Brother's Keeper, Inc.



# MISSISSIPPI HEALTH DISPARITIES

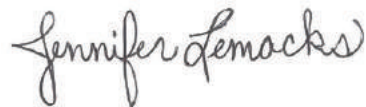
Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Family:

It is with great pleasure that I thank you for taking the time to attend the Mississippi State Department of Health's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi. Mississippi Health Disparities (MHD) is pleased to serve as a partner for what will surely be an imperative gathering for all health professionals and students, as we come together to learn more about the most pressing health issues facing Mississippi.

Opportunities, such as this annual conference, allow us to synergistically learn and move toward better serving Mississippians through education, research, and to form much needed change in policy, specifically pertaining to health. Mississippi Health Disparities is grateful for this partnership opportunity. A Mississippi IDeA Network funded program, MHD embraces and promotes the hard work of Mississippi's health professionals, encourages students to join the health professions through recruitment and summer scholars' programs, and tirelessly pursues health-related research opportunities, as we all work toward the common goal of better serving Mississippians. We must continue collaborations to provide better access to care and reach our most vulnerable populations.

We hope to see you all again, Thursday, July 27, 2023, for the MHD2023 Conference, hosted at the Thad Cochran Center in Hattiesburg!

Sincerely,



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**The de Beaumont Foundation** creates and invests in bold solutions that improve the health of communities across the country. Our vision is a nation where every person in every community has the opportunity to achieve their best possible health, regardless of where they live.

## OUR BOLD SOLUTIONS

**WE ADVANCE POLICY, BUILD PARTNERSHIPS, AND STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH TO CREATE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE THEIR BEST POSSIBLE HEALTH.**

When Americans say “health,” they often mean health care or health insurance — not community health. Our nation spends more on health care than any other developed country, but we rank below comparable countries in nearly every indicator, including life expectancy, heart disease, obesity, diabetes, lung disease, and alcohol- and drug-related deaths. Health care that focuses on individuals after they’ve become sick falls short because it doesn’t address the many social and economic factors that influence health. In comparison to healthcare, public health is underfunded and undervalued, and our goal is to help close that gap by investing in lasting solutions to improve health.

**OUR PHILANTHROPY:** The de Beaumont Foundation is not a traditional grant-making organization, and we do not accept unsolicited grant proposals. Instead, we have a focused portfolio of initiatives designed to build healthier communities.

Our programs are designed to support and strengthen public health, including addressing the social and economic factors that influence the health of communities.

**POLICY:** We advance policies that improve community health, so that current and future generations can benefit from changes enacted by today’s leaders.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** We build partnerships, often among unlikely allies, so that leaders can achieve the shared goal of creating healthier communities.

**PEOPLE:** We create practical solutions that strengthen the public health system and workforce so that professionals are equipped to make their communities healthier.

**NATIONAL CONVERSATION:** Through programs, writing, research, and external communications, we work to improve understanding of public health and the need to invest more in prevention and community health.



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### TAMARA MASON MPH, CHES

DIRECTOR, MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH  
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Tamara Mason, MPH, CHES is a public health professional, consultant, and advocate who works to improve the health and well being of marginalized communities. Tamara graduated from Brown University in 1998 with a B.A. degree in Health and Society, with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health. She earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, with a concentration in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education in August 2003 from the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University. She has held several research and program management positions within Emory University, including serving as the Director of a breast cancer education and outreach program for over a decade. Currently, Tamara is the Director, Maternal and Child Health Collective Impact, at the March of Dimes. In this role, she leads the efforts in Atlanta to reduce the inequities in preterm births and maternal mortality. Tamara is also the Founder and Principal Equity Consultant of Mason Consulting, Inc. LLC. Mason Consulting assists communities and organizations with improving their health outcomes and indicators via a health equity and social justice lens. Lastly, Tamara is also a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) and certified labor doula.

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### DR. JEANINE ABRAM-MCLEAN

FAIR COUNT

Dr. Jeanine Abrams McLean is the President at Fair Count, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, founded by Stacey Abrams. The goal of Fair Count is to build long term power in communities that have been historically undercounted in the decennial census, underrepresented at the polls, and whose communities are often torn apart in redistricting. She is a highly skilled researcher with over 20 years of experience designing, managing, and implementing population based studies and projects, and she has authored 25 peer reviewed publications.

Born and raised in Mississippi, Dr. Abrams McLean attended the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. She received a bachelor's degree in Biology

with a minor in Theater Studies from Duke University and a doctorate in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior from the University of Texas at Austin. As a researcher at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr. Abrams McLean applied her expertise in computational biology and population research to advance public health initiatives.

At Fair Count, Dr. Abrams McLean's work has focused on implementing data driven strategies that use community --, faith --, and technology based organizing to facilitate long term power building in historically undercounted, marginalized, and disenfranchised communities.

Most recently, she developed the Science for Social Equity program, which pairs community organizers and scientific researchers to create community driven solutions to science related issues that impact underrepresented communities. She also leads the Pandemic to Prosperity: South initiative (in partnership with the Southern Economic Advancement Project and the National Conference on Citizenship), which examines numerous data indicators associated with underlying disparities to help ensure that Southern communities and communities of color are not disproportionately impacted by future health crises.

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## DR. THOMAS DOBBS

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL  
CENTER

Thomas Dobbs assumed the role of Dean of the John D. Bower School of Population Health on August 1, 2022. In addition to his role as Dean, Dr. Dobbs teaches Epidemiology for the School of Population Health and the School of Health Related Professions. He has a clinical position within the Division of Infectious Disease, working specifically in the fields of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections with a focus on the intersection of disease and the social determinants of health.

Dr. Dobbs has a long career working at the crossroads of clinical medicine and public health as a physician, researcher and public health leader. He has held numerous leadership roles within the Mississippi State Department of Health including State Epidemiologist and State Health Officer (a role through which he directed the state's response to the COVID pandemic). In his role as State Health Officer, Dr. Dobbs focused the agency on addressing the numerous health inequities that plague our state. Additionally, he has worked in leadership roles nationally and internationally in the fight against diseases such as HIV and tuberculosis.



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### GARRETT DAVIS

CEO/FOUNDER OF GDAVIS  
PRODUCTIONS & FILMS

Award Winning Playwright, Filmmaker & Producer Garrett Davis is a multi talented performer and health advocate who has dedicated his life to making a positive impact in his community. With a passion for both the performing arts and public health, Garrett has found a unique way to combine his two passions to bring about meaningful change.

Growing up, Garrett was involved in various theater and dance programs, where he discovered his love for performing. He went on to pursue a degree in theater arts at Fayetteville State University, but it was during this time in college that he became interested in the field of public health. He was particularly drawn to the impact that poor health can have on communities and individuals, and he was inspired to use his talents to make a difference.

After graduating, Garrett worked at a variety of radio stations and was also a regular in the entertainment field while public health, including community outreach, program development, and health education was still close to his heart. He quickly realized that traditional health education methods were not always effective in reaching underserved communities. He saw an opportunity to bring his experience in the performing arts to be art, and he began creating and performing pieces that aimed to educate and empower communities around important health topics.

It all started with the Forget Me Not Project one of America's longest touring urban stage plays of the same name that toured around the United States raising the awareness of Alzheimer's disease that led to him being named the Alzheimer's Association Advocate of the Year in 2012.

Garrett has since become a well known performer and health advocate, and his impact has been felt across the country. Through his work, he has helped to raise awareness about important public health issues, such as preventable diseases, mental health, and access to care. He has also worked to build bridges between communities and healthcare providers, helping to reduce disparities in care and improve health outcomes for underserved populations.

Garrett's commitment to health advocacy through the performing arts has earned him numerous accolades, including recognition from leading health organizations, community groups, and the media. He continues to tour and perform, spreading his message of hope, education, and empowerment to audiences across the country with the Unforgettable Tour presented by the Alzheimer's Association.



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### DR. BRIAN CASTRUCCI PhD

PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
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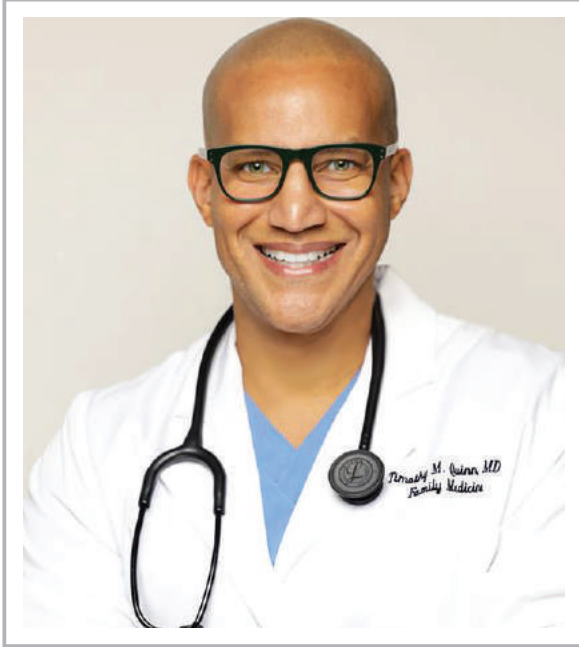
An award winning epidemiologist with 10 years of experience working in the health departments of Philadelphia, Texas, and Georgia, Brian brings a unique perspective to the philanthropic sector that allows him to shape and implement visionary and practical initiatives and partnerships and bring together research and practice to improve public health.

Under his leadership, the de Beaumont Foundation is advancing policy, building partnerships, and strengthening the public health system to create communities where people can achieve their best possible health. Among the projects he has spearheaded are CityHealth , the BUILD Health Challenge, and the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS). He is also an editor and contributing author to several books including The Practical Playbook. Public Health. Primary Care. Together, Public Health Under Siege: Improving Policy in Turbulent Times, and Leading Systems Change in Public Health: A Field Guide for Practitioners.

Brian has published more than 85 articles in the areas of public health systems and services research, maternal and child health, health promotion, and chronic disease prevention. His recent work has focused on the public health needs of large cities, the need for better data systems, and public health system improvements.

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### DR. TIMOTHY QUINN

QUINN HEALTHCARE

Dr. Quinn is Medical Director of Quinn Healthcare, PLLC. As a board certified physician in family and weight loss medicine, he thoroughly understands the human condition and utilizes effective communication, teaching, and interpersonal skills to empower patients to make significant lifestyle changes to improve their health. Over the past few years, Dr. Quinn has worked with the Mississippi State Department of Health on several grants including Pre Diabetes and Chronic Disease Quality Initiatives. He is a member of the City of Jackson Medical Taskforce, as well as the collaborating physician for the City of Jackson Employee's Clinic. Dr. Quinn is also a collaborating physician for Cigna Health Springs. He worked with his team to develop and co chair the MS Obesity Society to raise awareness and provide opportunities for Mississippians to achieve better health outcomes.



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## LAURIE JOHNSON-WADE CRS, CBC, RCP, FPS, RSS

Laurie Johnson-Wade is the Co-Founding Director of Lost Dreams Awakening (LDA) Recovery Community Organization (RCO), a 501c3 non-profit in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Laurie is an Advanced Implementation Specialist (AIS) with the Opioid Response Network (ORN); a Steering Committee Member for the Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Workforce Development; an adjunct faculty member of Faces and Voices Recovery Training Institute (RTI);

Laurie is a Certified Behavioral Consultant (CBC), a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS); a Recovery Support Supervisor (RSS); a Forensic Peer Specialist (FPS); a Recovery Coach Professional (RCP); and has a degree in Health Administration. Laurie brings over 31 years of lived recovery experience (Established May 30, 1991), to the revolutionary and rewarding work of Recovery Support Services and Recovery Coaching.

Laurie is a trainer of the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy and Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches; a facilitator of the PA Family Support Alliance (PFSA) Recovering Families Program, and the PROACT Family Education Series. Laurie was named the 2020 Recovery Advocate of the Year by the Pittsburgh Recovery Walk. Ms. Johnson-Wade serves on the Board of Directors of Faces and Voices of Recovery - Chairing the CAPRSS Committee, as well as serving on the F&V DEI Committee. Laurie is a proud member of Black Faces Black Voices (BFBV) and seeks to integrate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) within all systems of care - spanning Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, and Harm Reduction.

Laurie is the founder of LDA Ubuntu Recovery and LDA Ubuntu Recovery Circles - a recovery pathway, based on the ancient African Philosophy of Ubuntu.



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Response  
Network**

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### DR. STEVE STRAUBING

ADDICTIONOLOGIST

Dr Steve Straubing is an addictionologist at Meridian Behavioral Healthcare in Gainesville, Florida since 2014. Meridian is a nonprofit facility providing addiction, psychiatry and primary care services to several thousand individuals at multiple locations throughout North Central Florida. Most of Meridian's patients are underinsured and many are unhoused and have had little to no preventive care and present with multiple medical, psychiatric and substance use problems.

Dr Straubing treats patients in Meridian's inpatient detoxification unit and is the medical director of the Meridian methadone clinics in Gainesville and Chiefland Florida. In addition, he treats patients in



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the buprenorphine and Vivitrol clinics. He also consults in the Meridian inpatient rehabilitation unit.

He is a faculty member at both the University of Florida and the University of Central Florida and instructs both third year medical students and psychiatry residents that rotate through Meridian.

He is board certified both in Addiction Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology and completed a Fellowship in Addiction Medicine at the University of Florida and residency in Ob/Gyn at the University of Cincinnati. He also completed a fellowship in Medical Bioethics given by the Medical College of Wisconsin in conjunction with the AMA.

His primary clinical interests include optimizing the interface between detoxification and the transition to continuing care, harm reduction and training the next generation of physicians in Addiction Medicine. He has a keen interest in applying neurobiological principles to rational therapy for substance use disorders.

Dr. Steve Straubing is a consultant for the Opioid Response Network and has given training sessions on multiple topics pertaining to Opioid Use Disorder to a variety of professionals. He is also a mentor for the Providers Clinical Support System {PCSS}.





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### **Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health**

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## What Is the Opioid Response Network?

The *Opioid Response Network* is a group of diverse individuals and organizations working collaboratively to address the opioid and stimulant crisis in this country.

In an effort to address the opioid and stimulant use disorder crisis, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awarded funding to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and a coalition of national organizations to provide evidence-based practices in the education and training of substance use disorders.



## What Do We Do?



The *Opioid Response Network* is working with states, health professionals, communities, organizations, healthcare centers, the justice system and individuals in all 50 states and nine territories to provide education and training at no cost tailored specifically to address local needs.

*ORN* has a vast network of prevention, treatment and recovery consultants in every state, ready to work with you to address the opioid and stimulant healthcare crisis in your area.

To date, *ORN* has responded to more than 3,000 requests and impacted more than 3 million people nationwide.

## How Can We Help You?

Visit [www.OpioidResponseNetwork.org](http://www.OpioidResponseNetwork.org) to submit a request for training and/or education. Within one business day, a technology transfer specialist will respond to learn more about your request and determine how *ORN* can help.

*ORN* has:

- worked with states to increase the number of clinicians trained to prescribe medications to treat opioid use disorder
- collaborated with the justice, probation/parole, corrections, and legal system to educate them on evidence-based practices in treating substance use disorders for those involved with the law
- trained staff in healthcare clinics on how to implement evidence-based practices
- helped develop plans for recovery housing and prevention programs for institutionally underserved population; and more.

**Now, how can we help you?**



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 24  
2023

Date	Session	Speaker
7:00 am 8:30 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> 📍 Pre-Function Area  Join us for breakfast, networking, and visit our exhibitors before sessions start.	
7:00 am 9:00 am	<b>Conference Registration</b> 📍 Corner Boardroom  Registration is open to pickup your conference bag, t-shirt, and conference brochure. Please remember to log into your WHOVA app for session evaluations, sign-ins, and attendee mingling.	
7:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>All of Us Research Program - Open Enrollment for Attendees</b> 📍 Lobby Suite	
8:15 am 8:45 am	<b>Welcome</b> 📍 Ballroom A & B  Welcome to the 10th Empowering Communities for a Healthy Mississippi Conference!	<b>Glenda Crump</b> Chief Administrative Officer Mississippi Public Health Institute  <b>Daniel Lang</b> Office of Mayor Rhoads Director of Economic Development for City of Flowood  <b>Dr. Kaye Bender</b> Conference Chair  <b>Dr. Victor Sutton</b> Chief Community Health and Clinical Services Mississippi State Department of Health  <b>Dr. Daniel Edney</b> State Health Officer Mississippi State Department of Health



8:45 am  
10:00 am

**Opening Plenary Session**  
**“The Black Maternal Health Crisis and How Doulas Can Be a Part of the Solution”**

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this session, participants will:

- Participants' understanding on the Black Maternal Mortality crisis will increase by the end of the presentation.
- Participants understanding of the root causes of this crisis will increase by the end of the presentation.
- Participants will be more knowledgeable of doulas as one targeted solution to resolve the crisis by the end of the presentation. Participants will be asked to complete an exit survey to assess their understanding.

**Tamara A. Mason, MPH, CHES**

Director, Maternal and Child Health Collective Impact  
 March of Dimes - Georgia Market

10:15 am  
10:40 am

**Morning Exhibitor Break**

📍 Pre-Function Area

Visit with our Exhibitors and All of Us Research!

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Customer Service – it is not just for Walgreens**

📍 Meeting Room B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Be able to list the six principles for service excellence
- Be able to state two ways they are able to impact customer service within their role Be able to state three reasons customer service fails
- Use the self-assessment tool to identify two areas of growth within their self to improve regarding being a leader modeling customer service.

**Danielle Seale**

Mississippi State Department of Health

**Katherine Richardson**

Mississippi State Department of Health



10:45 am  
12:00 pm

### Opening New Pathways to HPV Cancer Prevention through Changes in Practice, Policy, and Partnerships

📍 Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss national and state Human Papillomavirus (HPV) associated cancer disparities
- Describe practice, policy and partnership changes occurring through statewide alliances with the Mississippi HPV roundtable
- Discuss opportunities for cancer prevention through awareness and systemwide prevention strategies

**Dr. Carolaan Risley**  
University of Mississippi  
Medical Center

**Dr. Angela Filzen**  
State Dental Director  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

### Access to Health Care: Addressing the Social Determinants of Health in Mississippi

📍 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss community-based solutions to address SDOH and improve access to health care in Mississippi communities: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
- Identify or recognize resources in the community to access health care and address to SDOH (i.e., food in security)
- Increase knowledge of human rights, health care inequities, and policy initiatives to advance healthcare, racial and economic justice in Mississippi.

**Ann McCullen**  
Executive Director  
Edwards Street Fellowship  
Center

**Linda Dixon**  
Health Law Director  
Mississippi Center for Justice

**Max Myers**  
MS Center for Justice

**Tomika Bell**  
General Manager & MSF2SN  
- Co director  
Choctaw Fresh Produce &  
Mississippi Farm to School  
Network

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

### Medical Provider Screening: What to look out for?

📍 Junior Ballroom B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Learn the importance of asking screening patients of all patient presentations.
- Learn an example of a trauma informed approach to this line of questioning.
- Learn best practice when there is a disclosure of abuse, including access to supporting communities.

**Shalotta Sharp**  
Special Projects Coordinator  
MSCASA (MS Coalition  
Against Sexual Assault)



10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**SOARing to Health and Wellness in Mississippi [Public Health Approach to Human Trafficking]**

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Describe the types of human trafficking and potential risk factors
- Identify individual and environmental indicators of trafficking.
- Screen and identify individuals who may have experienced trafficking Utilize a trauma-informed, person-centered, multidisciplinary approach
- Assess the unique needs of individuals who have experienced trafficking
- Deliver appropriate services to individuals who have experienced trafficking.
- Share the importance of trafficking awareness and responsiveness with others in your work environment.

**Patricia Southerland**  
Project Manager  
Center for Human Trafficking Research and Training [USM]

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Mississippi Health Inequities: how we got here, where we are, and where we can go**

📍 Junior Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the history, root causes, and evolution of health inequities.
- Analyze the effects/impact of the health workforce “brain drain” phenomenon in Mississippi.
- Empower diverse/minority communities to advocate for policies aiming to eliminate inequities.

**Lamees El-sadek**  
CEAL Project Director  
Mississippi State Department of Health

**Dr. Nelson Atehortua De La Pena**  
Director of Evaluation, Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity  
Mississippi State Department of Health

**LeJeune Johnson**  
Therapy Plus

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Building a Sustainable Healthcare Workforce in Mississippi**

📍 Junior Ballroom D

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the barriers to sustain healthcare workers in Mississippi
- Understand how to build a strong and sustainable healthcare workforce.

**John Dillon Harris, MPH**  
Policy Consultant  
Center for Mississippi Health Policy

12:00 pm  
1:30 pm

**Lunch Plenary Session:**

 Ballroom A & B

**Dr. Timothy Quinn**

Medical Director  
Quinn Healthcare

**The Role of Physicians Beyond Acute Care**

**Public Health Champion's Award Ceremony**

Recognizing the 2023 Mississippi Public Health Champion of the Year

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

**Promoting Access to Physical Activity/Obesity**

 Ballroom A & B

**Dr. Tanya Funchess**

Professor  
University of Southern Mississippi

**Dr. Charkarra Anderson-Lewis**

Professor  
University of Southern Mississippi

**Angie Griffin**

Kut-N-Fit Wellness

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the Different opportunities to increase physical activity and how to start a program (Environmental changes)
- Increasing physical activity for people with limited mobility.
- What is offered by health insurance to increase exercise and promote wellness

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

**Address the Opioid Crisis in Mississippi**

 Junior Ballroom B

**Charlotte Bryant**

Outreach Coordinator  
Stand Up, Mississippi,  
Department of Mental Health

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and learn of overdose prevention strategies and services available to help persons who have a substance use disorder.
- Discuss the opioid overdose crisis.
- Identify persons at risk of opioid overdose.
- Describe signs and symptoms of opioid overdose.
- Discuss overdose prevention strategies.

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

### **Building Connections: Effective Strategies for Developing Exceptional Teams**

 Junior Ballroom B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Develop openness towards different perspectives as a means to build a culture of mutual respect and dignity.
- Enhance communication within teams to minimize confusion and sustain, if not increase productivity.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration, shared decision making, and person-centered engagement.

#### **Lamarr Lewis**

Owner, Lead Consultant  
Organization  
Lewis Family Consulting

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

### **How can the closure of rural hospitals and the shortage of Obstetrics/Pediatrics effect maternal and infant mortality**

 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Identify the number of hospital closures in the rural areas of MS and its effects on maternity and infant care.
- Recognize the need for more OBs and Pediatricians in the state of MS in helping to reduce maternal and infant mortality.
- Be able to name at least 2 risks of maternal and infant mortality.

#### **Dr. Anita Henderson, MD**

Pediatrician  
The Pediatric Clinic

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

### **Wheel of Business Communication**

 Junior Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Describe different types of business communication skills
- Identify the benefits of a great business communication skills.
- Recognize barriers to the delivery of business communication skills.
- Adapt when using business communication skills understanding that it will be different for each interaction.
- Describe techniques for communicating effectively.
- Develop a personal action plan to improve business communication skills.

#### **Yolanda Pruitt**

Program Manager  
Mississippi State Extension  
Service

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

## Climate Health Literacy, Challenges and Strategies

📍 Junior Ballroom D

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Provide a definition of health literacy and its policy implications.
- List practical, technologically diverse strategies for low health literacy.
- Understand how health literacy is related to climate change.

### Dr. Gerri Cannon-Smith

Founding Chair  
Mississippi Health  
Professionals for Climate  
and Health Equity

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

## Updates in Reproductive and Sexual Health across Mississippi

📍 Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Describe the current state of Title X family planning services in Mississippi.
- Identify opportunities for training and continuing education credit courses in reproductive and sexual health.
- Demonstrate options for accessing reproductive and sexual health services via telehealth in Mississippi.

### Jitoria Hunter, MHA

Vice-President of External  
Affairs  
Converge: Partners in  
Access

### Ellie Smith

Director of Measurement,  
Learning and Evaluation  
Converge: Partners In  
Access

### Dani Lahn

Training Manager  
Converge Partners in Access

### Denise Diaz

3:00 pm  
3:30 pm

## Afternoon Exhibitor Break

📍 Pre-Function Area

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)/Corporal Punishment

📍 Ballroom C

### Dr. Stacey Patton

Assistant Professor  
Howard University

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

## Transforming Insight to Results: Harnessing the power of data for actionable change.

📍 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the importance of data for effective communication
- Develop a plan to apply data driven insights for evidence-based research
- Identify key strategies in turning the data to actionable insights for informal decision-making

### Sai Kurmana

Director of Health  
Surveillance and Research  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health





3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Navigating Challenging Conversations

📍 Meeting Room B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Increase positive engagements in work conversations
- Describe specific strategies for conversations that increase engagement and decrease unproductive behaviors
- Use the Conversational Sweet Spot tool to balance candor and curiosity

#### Rebecca Greenleaf

Director of Learning  
The National Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development Center, UNC-CH

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Panel Discussion – Racism, Social Justice, and Mental Health

📍 Junior Ballroom D

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Learn how to overcome tragedy
- Understand how to make our voice heard
- Learn how to seek help

#### Daniel Lee

**Lamees El-Sadek**  
CEAL Project Director  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

#### Luis Espinoza

Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Familial Trafficking: Navigating the Unique Complexities in Familial Trafficking

📍 Junior Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the Dynamics of Familial Labor & Sex Trafficking and its impact on our society.
- Increase knowledge of Cultural Considerations and Legal Implications for Sex Trafficking.
- Understand what is meant by “Grooming a Child’s Identity”.
- Be provided with an overview of Child Development Disrupted: The Breakdown of the Protective
- Community and it’s implicatons.

#### Kristina McCool

Tower Operations Manager  
The Center for Violence Prevention

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Treatment as Prevention for All (U=U and PrEP)

📍 Junior Ballroom B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Participants will learn the concept of treatment as prevention.
- Participants will be able to identify treatment as prevention.
- Participants will be able to identify the concept of U = U.
- Participants will learn the science of U = U.
- Participants will learn the concept of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).
- Participants will learn the science of PrEP.

### Gerald Gibson

Director of LGBTQI  
Inclusion and Community  
Engagement  
My Brother's Keeper

# THURSDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 25  
2023

Date	Session	Speaker
7:00 am 8:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b> 📍 Pre-Function Area  Join us for breakfast, networking, and visit our exhibitors before sessions start.	
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7:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>All of Us Research Program - Open Enrollment for Attendees</b> 📍 Lobby Suite	



8:15 am  
9:00 am

**The Resiliency of Mississippi -  
Emergency Response View**

📍 Ballroom A & B

**Cassandra Dove Brown**

Interim Director  
Office of Preventive Health  
and Health Equity  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

**Chokwe Lumumba**

Mayor  
City of Jackson, MS

**Jim Craig**

Senior Deputy  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

9:00 am  
10:15 am

**Blind Spots in Health Equity - What  
Does Health Equity Really Mean?**

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the importance of recognizing blind spots in health equity.
- Understand how community engagement efforts can help strengthen partnerships between community members and public health entities, build trust, and promote social connection.
- Recognize the importance of developing and implement strategies for strengthening organizational capacity to achieve and sustain systems changes that promote health equity in the workplace

**Dr. Brian Castrucci**

President and CEO  
de Beaumont Foundation

10:15 am  
10:40 am

**Morning Exhibitor Break**

📍 Pre-Function Area

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Infant Mortality, Access to Health Care, Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Second-Hand Smoke, Smoking during Pregnancy, Reproductive Health**

 Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss diverse MCH organizations resources and policies that increase access to quality maternal and child health care.
- Discuss recent legislation in Mississippi to extend postpartum care.
- Explore influence of race, gender, and implicit bias in accessing reproductive health care, services, and resources in Mississippi.

1 SUBSESSIONS: 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

**Pinpointing SOLUTIONS to Perinatal Health PROBLEMS Impacting Black Women in Mississippi**

 Ballroom C

**Dr. Mary Shaw**

**Dr. Vernesia Wilson**  
Director and Epidemiologist,  
Maternal and Infant Health  
Bureau  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

**Dr. Nakeitra Burse**

CEO/ Principal Strategist  
Six Dimensions

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Tobacco and Substance Use**

 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Describe the prevalence of tobacco use in MS
- Describe tobacco as a risk factor for chronic health conditions
- Discuss e-cigarettes, vaping and other forms of tobacco affecting youth in MS
- Identify and describe communit-based solutions.

**Jeffrey Harvey**

Counselor  
Hines Behavioral Health

**Dr. Sandra Melvin**

Chief Executive Officer  
Institute for the  
Advancement of Minority  
Health

**Dr. Daniel Edney**

State Health Officer  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Lessons learned for public health education: the Jackson Heart Study Undergraduate Training and Education Center**

 Meeting Room A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the need for community engagement research advisory
- Empower diverse/minority communities to equity
- Maintain the community equilibrium

**Dr. David R. Buys**

State Health Specialist and  
Associate Professor  
Mississippi State University

**Dr. Abigail Gamble**

University of Mississippi  
Medical Center

**Dr. Wendy White**

Principal Investigator  
Tougaloo College

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

### Alzheimer's and Dementia

📍 Junior Ballroom D

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Explore the benefit of early detection and diagnosis of ADRD
- Describe knowledge of physical health issues which are prevalent in older adults, caregivers, and those living with ADRD
- Examine the most common types of dementia, associated symptoms, and differences in disease progression
- Identify methods to connect individuals and families with a new ADRD with available resources and support services in their community

### Chloe Kilman, MD

Assistant Professor and  
Clinical Physician  
University of Mississippi  
Medical Center

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

### Building the Workforce by Learning how to Engage People with Lived Experiences

📍 Junior Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Explore steps for authentically engaging with family members, community partners, and people who have lived experience to improve policies, services, and supports and advance equity
- Apply one aspect of the Engagement Workbook

### Rebecca Greenleaf

Director of Learning  
The National Maternal and  
Child Health Workforce  
Development Center,  
UNC-CH

10:45 am  
12:00 pm

### Mental Health – Identifying Crisis for Inmates Once Returning Home

📍 Junior Ballroom B

Discussion Summary: Providing awareness on the mental health while exploring the crisis that inmates undergo once re-entering society.

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand Adjustment Disorder
- Understand Placement Disorder
- Understand Facing Parole/Probation
- Understand Mental Health/Substance Abuse

### Christiane Williams

Mental Health Awareness  
Trainer  
Leading By Example-MS



10:45 am  
12:00 pm

## Physical Activity through Community Design

📍 Meeting Room A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand how community planning can increase physical activity for the community
- Identify three elements to consider for community design
- How important transportation, land use patterns, and lighting can improve physical activity.

### Lee Frederick

State LPA Engineer  
Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT)

12:45 pm  
1:30 pm

## Lunch Plenary Session:

📍 Ballroom A & B

### The Future of Public Health in Mississippi

📍 Ballroom A & B

### Engagement is the Best Medicine: Harnessing Civic Power to Achieve Health Equity

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will understand how:

- Civic engagement encompasses a variety of issues that impact health equity, including democracy, digital equity, and climate issues.
- Civic engagement and a healthy democracy play a significant role with regard to health equity.
- Civic engagement and community organizing are tools that can be used to better understand and advance health equity issues.

### Dr. Thomas Dobbs

The University of Mississippi  
Medical Center

### Jeanine Abrams McLean, PhD

President  
Fair Count

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

## Oral Health Workforce

📍 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss interdisciplinary work across schools, community outreach and diversifying the dental workforce.
- Discuss how Mississippi stakeholders worked together to design, test, and implement strategies to improve pediatric oral health.
- Discuss the Cavity Free in Mississippi program and training for nondental providers.

### Dr. Elizabeth Carr

Director, Population Oral Health Collaborative  
University of Mississippi  
Medical Center School of Dentistry

### Dr. Kristin Nalls

University of Mississippi  
Medical Center

### Dr. Sreenivas Koka

Dean School of Dentistry  
University of Mississippi  
Medical Center



1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

**Advancing Prevention and Reducing Childhood Caries in Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries: An Update on Mississippi efforts**

📍 Junior Ballroom B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss the Advancing Prevention and Reducing Childhood Caries in Medicaid and Chip Affinity Group initiative through the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)
- Discuss how Mississippi core group members aligned to design activities to improve oral health outcomes through the delivery of preventive oral health services
- Learn how the Cavity Free in Mississippi program is working with non-dental providers to increase oral health assessments and fluoride varnish application in the medical home
- Describe how the use of data, integration of oral health assessments and services and stakeholder engagement will help to sustain program efforts

**Dr. Angela Filzen**  
State Dental Director  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health

**Veronica Gates**  
Special Program Lead  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health  
Oral Health

**Carla Bassett**  
Mississippi State  
Department of Health  
Oral Health  
Regional Oral Health  
Consultant

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

**Natural Response/Conceal Carry and Public Safety**

📍 Junior Ballroom A

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**Lee McDivitt**  
Sr. Investigator  
Mississippi Attorney  
General's Office

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

## Community-based Participatory Research - Demonstration Projects.

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand how community-based participatory research (CBPR) projects have been developed and implemented in MS
- Analyze how the community-based participatory research (CBPR) examples presented can help a better implementation of your projects or programs
- Apply the knowledge received to adapt and improve your existing projects or programs

### **Freddie White-Johnson**

Founder/CEO  
Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer  
Foundation

### **Robert Langford**

**Alexandra Melnick**  
Communications Director  
Operation Shoestring

### **Dr. James Robinson**

Chair, Department of  
Health, Physical Education  
and Recreation  
Jackson State University

### **TJ Mayfield**

Executive Director  
Mississippi Kidney  
Foundation

### **Jane Nguyen**

Community Health Worker/  
Program Coordinator  
BPSOS Gulf Coast

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

## Mental Health Across the Lifespan

📍 Junior Ballroom D

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss the current mental health findings and recent legislation among Mississippi public school children.
- Discuss the importance of mental health treatment within school and home settings.
- Discuss current challenges and needed resources or when addressing mental health issues within Mississippi.
- Discuss technology (e.g., telehealth) to enhance prevention, care, services, and support.

### **Tearsanee C. Davis, DNP,**

### **FNP-BC, FAANP**

Director, Clinical Programs  
and Strategy  
Center for Telehealth,  
University of Mississippi  
Medical Center



1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

### Marginalizing Rural Communities of Color: Amplifying Inequitable Access and Quality of Services

📍 Junior Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- To understand the importance of community level perceptions and attitudes toward their built environments and how social isolation impacts overall health outcomes.
- Understanding barriers to healthy food choices and physical activity and its implications on personal wellness as a priority.
- To identify opportunities for deeper, probing inquiry with rural residents of color that provide context for connected experiences beyond their presenting challenges.

**Dr. Rodney Washington**  
Lead Researcher, Owner  
Consulting Plus, LLC

1:45 pm  
3:00 pm

### Let's Talk About Sex (LGBTQPI) Cultural Competency

📍 Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand gender pronouns.
- Understand and defining the sub populations of the LGBTQPI community.
- Understand the difference between gender identity and sexual orientation.
- Define what transgender mean.
- Understand Cultural Competency with transgender persons.
- Define stigma as it relates to the LGBTQPI population.

**Gerald Gibson**  
Director of LGBTQI  
Inclusion and Community  
Engagement  
My Brother's Keeper

3:00 pm  
3:30 pm

### Afternoon Exhibitor Break

📍 Pre-Function Area

3:00 pm  
4:15 pm

### Relationship Between Housing Insecurity and Self-Care Behavior

📍 Meeting Room B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Analyze and examine housing insecurity health care and self-care behavior
- Mental Health associated with homeless
- Fear factor for home security due to loss of employment or lack of income
- Substance abuse
- Guidance to home security

**Adrenace Williams**  
HUD Field Office Director for  
Mississippi

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### **Integrating Oral Health Care and Primary Care in Federally Qualified Health Centers for Maternal Child Health**

📍 Junior Ballroom D

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Discuss the Integrating Oral Health Care and Primary Care Learning Collaborative project
- Highlight the role of the Smiles to Life National Oral Health Curriculum in educating non dental provider teams on oral health's importance to overall health and well being
- Review the interpersonal oral health core clinical domains and competencies used in this project
- Discuss project aim around delivery, documentation and reporting of services

**Dr. Candance April**  
Chief Dental Officer  
G.A.Carmichael Family Health Center

**Candance Holloway, Np-C**  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center

**Martina McGinty RDH**  
Registered Dental Hygienist  
GA Carmichael Family Health Center

**Dr. Angela Filzen**  
State Dental Director  
Mississippi State Department of Health

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### **Adaptability & Flexibility Training to Encompass Resiliency (AFTER)**

📍 Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Use the ProQOL® self-assessment and score their level of professional/compassion satisfaction.
- Identify tools that allow them to assess burnout as it starts to occur – both in self and with colleagues.
- Utilize at least 3 tools to promote resiliency in the workplace.

**Anna Lynn Whitt**  
Licensed Mster Social Worker  
Mississippi Public Health Institute

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### **Innovations in Pediatric Health Care and Mental Health**

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Be able to identify the needs of integrating physical and mental health care for more holistic and optimal care for children
- Learn at least 3 programs UMMC has created to integrate physical health and mental health services for children and youth.
- Identify ways they are able to refer patients to the new programs and educate families.

**Sara Whitrow**  
University of Mississippi Medical Center

**Gigi Holder**  
Program Director  
University of Mississippi Medical Center





3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Program Evaluation

📍 Junior Ballroom C

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the principles and purposes of program evaluation
- Analyze and relate to the planning, implementation, and/or current status of any ongoing projects or programs
- Apply the information received to assess the effectiveness of current projects or programs

### Dr. Nelson Atehortua De La Pena

Director of Evaluation, Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity  
Mississippi State Department of Health

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Immigration and Racism

📍 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Upon completing this workshop, participants will:
- Understand the challenges based on immigration status and structural racism
- Better understand structural racism and health inequities
- Recognize the mental health challenges and struggles

### Karla Vazques-Elmore

Immigration Attorney

### Selma Alford

Language Access Director  
Office of Health Equity  
Office of Preventive Health & Health Equity  
Mississippi State Department of Health

3:30 pm  
4:45 pm

### Health Information Technology (HIT) in community settings

📍 Junior Ballroom A

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Identify the proper HIT for effective interventions/ community engagement research.
- Understand the implementation of HIT in Public Health interventions/community engagement research.
- Utilize HIT for effective communication/community engagement among diverse communities.

### Dr. Brian Norwood

Chief Operations Officer  
Information Technology Service

### Karana Caroll

Deputy Executive Director  
Wireless Communications Commission

### Julio Cespedes

Office of Health Informatics  
Programs Director  
Mississippi State Department of Health

### Dorothy K. Young, PhD, MHSA

Chief Health Data, Operations, and Research Officer  
Mississippi State Department of Health

6:30 pm  
9:00 pm

### Networking Reception: “Sneaker Ball” SPONSORED BY My Brother’s Keeper

📍 Ballroom A & B

Join us for the Welcome Reception, sponsored by My Brothers Keeper, with the theme - Sneaker Ball, come dressed with your best sneakers and enjoy food, drinks, music and network.

Semi-Formal Event

# FRIDAY SCHEDULE

# MAY 26 2023

Date	Session	Speaker
7:00 am 8:15 am	<p><b>Continental Breakfast</b></p> <p>📍 Pre-Function Area</p> <p>Join us for breakfast, networking, and visit our exhibitors before sessions start.</p>	
8:15 am 9:00 am	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>📍 Ballroom A &amp; B</p>	<p><b>Kris Adcock</b> Assistant Senior Deputy Mississippi State Department of Health</p> <p><b>Dr. Meg Pearson</b> Director of Pharmacy Mississippi State Department of Health</p>
8:30 am 10:30 am	<p><b>ORN Sponsored Session - OPIOID USE DISORDER:</b></p> <p>📍 Ballroom A &amp; B</p> <p>Upon completing this workshop, participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe the differences in success rates between medication assisted treatment and abstinence only approaches to opioid use disorder (OUD)</li> <li>• Identify the 3 medications federally approved to treat OUD</li> <li>• List and describe a minimum of 2 Harm Reduction strategies</li> <li>• Identify two components of the recovery-ready ecosystems model.</li> <li>• Distinguish two types of peer-delivered recovery support services.</li> <li>• Identify three strategies to remove barriers to recovery.</li> </ul> <p><b>ORN FUNDING STATEMENT</b></p> <p><i>Funding for this initiative was made possible (in part) by grant no. 1H791083343 from SAMHSA. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services; nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Steve Straubing</b> Addictionologist Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Gainesville</p> <p><b>Laurie Johnson-Wade</b> Advanced Implementation Specialist, Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion Training Team Opioid Response Network</p> <p><b>Angela Mallette</b> Outreach Director End It For Good</p>
10:30 am 10:45 am	<p><b>Physical Activity Break</b></p> <p>📍 Ballroom A &amp; B</p>	



10:45 am  
12:00 pm

**Unforgettable - Alzheimer's Sensitivity**

📍 Ballroom A & B

Upon completing this workshop, participants will:

- Understand the importance of diversity in clinical trials
- Discussing the impact of Alzheimer's on the Black community and
- Understand how and why local and faith-based organizations can influence major awareness and engagement for Alzheimer Disease

**Garrett Davis**

CEO/Founder of Gdavis Productions & Films

11:00 am  
12:00 pm

**Closing - Exhibitors Breakdown**

📍 Pre-Function Area

12:00 pm  
12:30 pm

**Lunch**

📍 Pre-Function Area



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