ABOUT THE VSUPHI:
The VSUPHI will become the vanguard at VSU for addressing health disparities within underserved groups through outreach, academic endeavors, public health workforce development and research agendas in preparation of public health professionals for the future. VSUPHI will be a resource to marginalized communities and will seek to improve public health outcomes through research, education, and outreach.

Our Inaugural Public Health Forum will create an exchange between community partners to address health disparities within underserved groups. The event provides participants with necessary tools to develop and sustain community-university partnerships to improve health outcomes. This platform offers an opportunity to collectively promote more equitable access to healthcare and resources through panel discussions, keynote speakers, and information sessions.

FORUM AGENDA

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM   Arrival & Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM   Opening & Welcome
Leslie Crocker (presiding), Chair VSU Dept. of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Dr. Makola M. Abdullah, President - Virginia State University
Dr. Donald E. Palm, Executive Vice President and Provost-Virginia State University
Honorable Samuel Parham, Mayor - City of Petersburg
Dr. James Worsley, Deputy County Administrator - Chesterfield County
Jill Coleman, Vice President of Programs - The Cameron Foundation
Treyvion Hall, President Candidate - VSU Student Government Association

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM   VSU PHI Overview
Tara Dickerson, Executive Director – Virginia State University Public Health Institute

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM   Opening Keynote - Racism Is a Public Health Crisis: The Role of HBCUs
Dr. Michael Royster – Senior Vice President, Institute for Public Health Innovation

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM  Break
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  
**Panel Discussion - Women in Public Health: Equity Impact**  
Khalida Willoughby (Moderator), State Health Assessment and Improvement Plan Mgr VDH  
Dr. Lauren R. Powell, President & CEO-The Equitist, LLC  
Dr. Kenesha Smith Barber, PRAMS Coordinator and Epidemiologist – VDH  
Joya Patel, Public Health Strategist - US Dept. of Health & Human Services  
Dr. Meagan Robinson, Director - Division of Population Health Data - VDH

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Lunch Keynote - Readiness in Public Health**  
Dr. Kathryn Crosby, Chief Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer - VDH

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM  
**Break**

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM  
**Panel Discussion – Addressing Health Disparities: Models of Care**  
Dr. Alton Hart Jr., Crater Health District Director - VDH  
Dr. Bob Duhart, Pediatrician - Central Virginia Health Services  
Dr. Neil Hines, Behavioral Health Medical Director - Aetna Better Health of Virginia  
Dr. Clifford Morris, Cardiologist - Morris Cardiovascular & Risk Reduction

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM  
**Public Health Challenges: VSU Student Perspectives**  
Jahliel Thurman (’14), Moderator, Host of HBCU Yard Talk

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
**Information Session – Global Health**  
Idris Robinson, Director of Global Health Programs, Drexel University

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM  
**Information Session – VSU College of Agriculture: Food Security**  
Dr. Janine Woods, Associate Administrator, VSU Cooperative Extension

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Closing Remarks**  
Tara Dickerson, Executive Director – Virginia State University Public Health Institute

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Networking**

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