



Public Health Institute

Public Health Forum
April 28, 2022
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Gateway Dining & Events Center

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**



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- 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**