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## Summit Agenda

**Strengthening Protections for Community Health  
& Advancing Health and Racial Equity**



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Join us in Baltimore to examine the use of public health measures to mitigate harm from COVID-19, recent legislative and other efforts to severely limit these measures, and strategies to strengthen public health's capacity to protect communities and advance health and racial equity.

## Summit Agenda

Monday, April 25, 2022

### Section One: Strengthening Protections for Community Health

Noon                      Networking Event

1:30 – 2:45 PM        General Opening Session

2:45 – 3:30 PM        Break

3:30 – 5:00 PM        Concurrent Session One

#### **Deregulatory Forces at Work: How ALEC's Model Bills Fuel Legislation that Protects Corporate Interests and Harms Public Health**

State lawmakers' prioritization of business interests and individual liberty over public health and the collective good in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic is not a departure from the preceding years' trends. Rather, it is just the latest in a decade-plus-long trend of state governments enacting laws that are increasingly protective of corporate interests and increasingly deregulatory in nature. This trend is fueled in no small part by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which drafts model bills across a variety of issues. From preempting local authority to enact a wide swath of progressive policies to loosening state-level regulation of everything from firearms to employment and environmental protections, many states' legislative agendas have been dominated by ALEC bills. All of these changes have dire consequences for Americans, and particularly for BIPOC communities. This session will provide an overview of ALEC and its activities and influence on policymaking across the United States, including the effects of such deregulation on public health and health equity.

- Lisa Graves, executive director and editor-in-chief, True North Research
- Sarah de Guia, J.D., chief executive officer, ChangeLab Solutions
- Logan Welde, J.D., directory of legislative affairs, Clean Air Council



## **Efforts to Rollback Public Health Authority: Tracking the Legislation and Assessing the Impact**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, legislators in every state have introduced bills that would limit public health authority to respond to the current pandemic or future public health emergencies. Many of these bills have been enacted into law. This legislation could have harmful impacts on public health by restricting the ability of a governor, or state or local health official, to respond to a health emergency in a swift and flexible way. In this session, presenters will discuss collaborative efforts to track state bills that address public health authority, including those that would limit the authority of a governor, state health official, or local health official; shift authority from state or local executives; address pandemic-related public health measures such as mask mandates, vaccine mandates, or testing requirements; or preempt localities from imposing public health measures. Speakers will discuss trends in this legislation, and share resources highlighting the legal landscape on these topics. In addition, the former Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health will share her perspective and on-the-ground experience.

- Donna Levin, J.D., executive director, Network for Public Health Law
- Katie Moran-McCabe, J.D., special projects manager, Center for Public Health Law Research
- Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., MPH, former director of Rhode Island Department of Health and former president of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Andy Baker-White, J.D., MPH, senior director, State Health Policy, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

## **Key Public Health Partnerships with the Business Sector, Faith Communities, and Law Enforcement**


Gene W. Matthews, principal investigator with the Network for Public Health Law Southeastern Region office, will moderate this exciting session with three dynamic speakers to present tools and strategies for building new partnerships in three overlapping categories: the business sector, faith communities, and law enforcement. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage these experts about tools and strategies to develop alliances with these important partners for community health.

- Reverend Angela D. Brown, community health coordinator, FaithHealth Division Wake Forest Baptist Health
- Ronald E. Hampton, Criminal Justice and Security Consultant
- Zoey Kernodle, director, Center for the Business of Health, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School
- Gene Matthews, J.D., principal investigator, Network for Public Health—Southeastern Region Office

## **Advocacy and Lobbying: What the Law Means for Public Health**

When does advocacy turn into lobbying? What are public health departments and nonprofit organizations legally permitted to do when hoping to influence the legislative process? This session will focus on advocacy, lobbying, and where the lines are drawn in U.S law relative to nonprofit and governmental organizations.

- Oxiris Barbot, M.D., senior fellow for public health and social justice, the JPB Foundation, and adjunct assistant professor at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
- Allen H. Mattison, J.D., partner, Trister Ross Schadler & Gold

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- Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., professor of the practice in health policy and management, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
  - Jennifer Arice White, MSPH, senior policy and community engagement officer, Horizon Foundation

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM Concurrent Sessions Two**

**Preemption: How the Weapon of Choice for Preventing Local Policy Making is Impacting Health and Health Equity**

Preemption itself is a neutral concept that is embedded in the U.S. Constitution. It is not inherently bad or good, nor does it inevitably lead to certain outcomes. Yet in recent years it has been used as a tool to thwart local policymaking across a number of issues, from minimum wage to environmental protections to tobacco control. More recently during the COVID-19 pandemic, state legislatures not only have prohibited localities from enacting pandemic-responsive policies such as mask mandates and vaccination requirements, but they have also preempted local public health authority more broadly, which has the potential to have effects on community health and health equity for years to come. This session will provide an overview of the role preemption has played in local policymaking both before and during the pandemic, as well as what we know about the effects of preemption on good governance, health, and equity.

- Sabrina Adler, J.D. vice president of law, ChangeLab Solutions
- Akeem Anderson, director of government affairs, CityHealth
- Kristerfer Burnett, District 8 councilmember, Baltimore City Council
- Courtnee Melton-Fant, assistant professor, University of Memphis School of Public Health

**Public Health Orders Versus Individual Rights: Shifting Court Rulings in Response to COVID-19**

Over the course of the pandemic, numerous public health orders and laws have been challenged in court as violating individual rights. Litigants have challenged restrictions on gatherings, mask mandates, and vaccine mandates, among other orders, as violating their rights to free speech, procedural and substantive due process, 2nd Amendment, and most successfully, religious liberty. This panel will provide an overview of how courts have responded to these claims, and how judicial review of public health laws has shifted during the pandemic. The panel will also focus on vaccine mandate litigation and provide the insights and experiences of a public health officer who has had to balance individual rights, equity, and public health over the last two years.

- Niles Kalyanaraman, M.D., FACP, health officer, Anne Arundel County Health
- Wendy E. Parmet, JD, Matthews University Distinguished Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University, and faculty co-director, Center for Health Policy & Law
- Dorit Reiss, LLB, PHD, professor of law, University of California, Hastings College of the Law



## Countering COVID Denialism

This session explores the dynamics around COVID-19 denialism coupled with emerging legal approaches intended to defeat it. Manifold factors nationally contribute to a series of legislative and executive efforts grounded in “COVID-19 denialism,” including dismissing emergency declarations, banning masks, prohibiting vaccine mandates or passports, limiting social distancing, and cancelling school or business closures. Casting aside epidemiology, interventions proven earlier in the pandemic to tamp down infections and save lives have been rejected even as COVID-19 variants cause infections and related harms to spike across the population and threaten people with disabilities and others at risk due to health inequities. The fight for public health protections and the power to use them effectively is on. Multiple, legal counterstrategies among municipal and public health officials, clinicians, parents, and citizens seek to delay, offset, or overturn COVID-19 denialist policies through (1) constitutional structural- and rights-based challenges; (2) conditional spending; (3) federal preemption of contrary state-based maneuvers; (4) disability and other anti-discrimination laws; (5) circumventions through waivers or routine uses of public health powers; and (6) liability claims.

- James G. Hodge, Jr., J.D., LLM, director, Network for Public Health—Western Region Office
- Kathleen Hoke, J.D., director, Network for Public Health—Eastern Region Office
- Jennifer L. Piatt, J.D., deputy director, Network for Public Health—Western Region Office
- Umair A. Shah, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary of Health, Washington State Department of Health
- Erica N. White, J.D., staff attorney, Network for Public Health Law—Western Region Office

## Legal Epidemiology: Why Do It, How to Do It, How to Use It

This panel is designed for lawyers and practitioners who do not identify as researchers but who may collaborate with researchers or use research findings in their public health or advocacy work. It begins with the rationale and strategic uses of research. Using the lens of opioids overdose policy, the panel will provide a primer on research methods for smart consumers, including an introduction to tools and techniques for legal mapping and policy surveillance. Panelists will describe their collaborations with health and other relevant agencies to do and deploy research, and how they devise and use research strategically in advocacy.

- Evan Anderson, J.D., Ph.D., senior lecturer, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
- Scott Burris, J.D., professor of law, Temple University Beasley School of Law, director, Center for Public Health Law Research, and professor Temple School of Public Health.
- Beth McGinty, Ph.D., professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Elizabeth Platt, director of the Policy Research Technology Program, Center for Public Health Law Research, Temple University Beasley School of Law

10:30 – 10:45 AM

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Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

### **Concurrent Sessions Three**

#### **Hounding, Harassment and Threats: How Attacks on Public Health Workers are Driving Efforts to Increase Protections and Hold Individuals Accountable**

Nationwide, state and local public health officials have worked tirelessly during the last two years to protect the public from COVID-19. Unfortunately, they continue to be on the receiving end of threatening and harassing conduct. Consequently, state legislatures are considering bills nationwide to offer unique protections for public health officials and public health. Other groups are advocating for federal authorities to address the unprecedented increase in intimidating conduct. This session will examine recent trends in the public health workforce, analyze state-level approaches to preserving and protecting the public health workforce, and address methods to best support public health officials nationwide.

- Lori Freeman, chief executive officer, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- Ruth Maiorana, executive director, Maryland Association of County Health Officers
- Beth Resnick, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., assistant dean for practice and training, senior scientist, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- Brooke Torton, J.D, senior staff attorney, Network for Public Health Law—Eastern Region Office


#### **Judicial Updates and Trends: Emergency Authority, Separation of Powers, and Federalism**

In the aftermath of hundreds of court decisions adjudicating challenges to federal, state, tribal, and local public health orders, what are the judge-made rules that will shape how officials and legislatures may respond to the next surge of Covid-19 or the next pandemic? This panel will cover recent decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court, lower federal courts, and state courts related to the scope of statutory authority for emergency response, separation of powers, federalism, preemption, and local government authority.

- Robert Gatter, J.D., M.A., professor of law and profession of health management and policy, St. Louis University.
- Renée M. Landers, J.D., professor of law and faculty director of the Health and Biomedical Law Concentration and the Master of Law: Life Sciences program, Suffolk University Law School, Boston
- Rena Stenzor, J.D., Edward M. Robertson Professor of Law at University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.
- Lindsay F. Wiley, J.D., MPH, professor of law at UCLA School of Law

#### **Protecting Public Health Authority: Why Building the Legal Capacity in Public Health Departments is so Critical**

This panel discussion focuses on building public health law capacity. Panel members will make the case for increasing public health law knowledge and representation in the field, why that is important, and how that can be done. Panel members will discuss how law is a foundation for public health authority, how law is used in day-to-day public health practice, the benefits public health law has for health departments and communities, and more. Drawing from research over the past year, panel members will also discuss examples of legal



counsel models in the public health field and where they see opportunities for innovation.

- Daniel Pagan, MA, MPH, senior research & evaluation specialist, National Association of County and City Health Officials
- Jennifer L. Martin, Deputy Commissioner, Population Health and Disease Prevention at the Baltimore City Health Department
- Lillian Colasurdo, Director, Public Health Law and Data Sharing, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Samantha Bent Weber, Team Lead for Research Innovation & Capacity-Building, Public Health Law Program, Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, CDC

### **Public Health Messaging: What Did We Get Right, What Did We Get Wrong, Where Do We Go Next?**

On the national stage, there's been plenty of commentary about public health communications and its discontents, but the view from above differs from the view on the ground. For public health communicators who are closely connected to communities, what went well, what challenges did we experience, and what lessons can we share with each other? Join an interactive discussion with an experienced local public health communicator, a communications researcher and strategist, and a communications-oriented funder.

- Brian Castrucci, president & chief executive officer, de Beaumont Foundation
- Ryan Coffman, tobacco policy and control program manager, Philadelphia Department of Public Health
- Julie Sweetland, senior advisor, FrameWorks Institute

**12:00 – 12:15 PM**

**Break**

**12:15 – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch Keynote Address**

**1:30 – 1:45 PM**


**Break**

**1:45 – 3:15 PM**

### **Politics and Public Health Authority: Preparing for the Post-Pandemic Political and Social Environment**

Public health practice is inherently both a political and a legal enterprise. In this session, we will examine how politics shaped the public health responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and the key post-pandemic political challenges the field faces. In particular, the panel will consider the following questions, exploring the ways in which public health practitioners and advocates can prepare for the post-pandemic political and social environment. A significant portion of the session will be devoted to engaging the audience in a wide-ranging discussion of the most challenging political and policy aspects of post-pandemic public health.

- » What have we learned from COVID-19 that can help inform the laws, policies, and practices needed to restore/rebuild public health?
- » What are the policy and political implications of the attacks on public health authority during COVID-19?
- » What are some potential political strategies to address the key challenges?

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- » Who are the potential partners we should be including?
    - Oxiris Barbot, M.D., senior fellow for public health and social justice at The JPB Foundation and adjunct assistant professor at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
    - Brian C. Castrucci, DrPH, M.A., president and chief executive officer, de Beaumont Foundation
    - Peter D. Jacobson, J.D., M.P.H., co-director, Network for Public Health Law—Mid-States Region Office
    - Anand Parekh, M.D., chief medical advisor, Bipartisan Policy Center

### **Enforcement of Health Orders During COVID-19: Developments and Implications**

State and local health departments provided key functions during the COVID-19 pandemic including data reporting, testing clinics and contact tracing. However, they also encountered many challenges, including but not limited to sharing medical information, implementing ever-changing state and local emergency orders, communicating with residents and businesses, and implementing isolation and quarantine orders. This session will explore the enforcement challenges presented during the pandemic and the different strategies utilized by public health practitioners, public health attorneys and municipal attorneys to address these challenges. We will discuss lessons learned in attempts to achieve compliance. We will also discuss challenges to the legal authority of state and local health departments during the pandemic.

- Damon Chaplin, MBA, public health director, City of New Bedford, Massachusetts
- Cheryl Sbarra, J.D., executive director and senior staff attorney, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards.
- Andy Segovia, J.D., city attorney, San Antonio, Texas, chief legal advisor to the city council, city manager and all city departments, offices, and agencies

### **Making it Through the Backlash and Moving toward Public Health Modernization**

This session will highlight measures in a variety of states to strengthen and modernize public health statutes and infrastructure for a new era in public health. The onslaught of legislation intended to limit public health authority is cause for genuine concern. Yet the need to respond to these legislative forays, and to navigate new, restrictive laws should not be allowed to obscure the need to articulate and implement a new vision for public health. Most practitioners no longer see the field as one concerned solely with controlling the spread of disease but have a broader vision of the role of public health in promoting and improving the health of our communities. While much of the controversy surrounding governmental responses to the COVID-19 pandemic centered around mask and vaccine mandates and restrictions on businesses, places of worship, and schools, many effective interventions addressed economic impacts and racial disparities, such as through eviction moratoria, unemployment insurance, and paid sick leave. This evolution in the field of public health should be matched by developments in the legal infrastructure for public health.

- Jefferson Ketchel, executive director, Washington State Public Health Association



- Jill Krueger, J.D., director, Network for Public Health Law—Northern Region Office
- Sara Beaudrault, policy analyst, Oregon Health Authority
- Dolly England, community engagement program manager, Oregon Health Authority
- Kusuma Madamala, public health systems and services researcher, Oregon Health Authority

### **FOIAs, Frivolous Litigation, and Frenzied Public Meetings, Oh My!**

Public information requests, frivolous litigation and frantic public hearings and meetings are not new territory for public health practitioners and attorneys. However, COVID-19 has elevated these experiences in a way that has further complicated the policy and programmatic landscape across jurisdictions and in some instances, threatened the health and safety of the very staff who are fighting to protect and promote the public's health. In this session, participants will learn about practical tools and strategies that have been used to respond to these and other types of challenges that have been confronted by public health departments.

- Denise Chrysler, J.D., director, Network for Public Health Law—Mid-States Region Office
- Ray Dlugolecki, M.P.H., assistant director, Jackson County Health Department, Missouri
- Kathleen Hoke, J.D., director, Network for Public Health Law—Eastern Region Office
- Sami Jarrah, MPH, CFO/deputy commissioner, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH, managing director—Health Program, The Kresge Foundation

**3:15 – 4:00 PM**


### **Networking Break**

**4:00 – 5:30 PM**

### **Act for Public Health Town Hall**

We know that public health interventions work. Yet, as communities continue to grapple with COVID-19, more than half of US states have passed legislation that will undermine public health now and in the future. Act for Public Health is a working group of the Public Health Law Partnership, which includes ChangeLab Solutions, the Center for Public Health Law Research, the Network for Public Health Law, the Public Health Law Center, and Public Health Law Watch. The working group was created to provide direct support to the public health community through consultation, training, legal technical assistance, research and resources to help preserve public health authority and infrastructure wherever legal challenges arise.

In this Town Hall, facilitated by Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., M.P.H., FAAFP, chief medical officer for prevention at the American Heart Association, representatives from Act for Public Health will outline the work of the group and will lead round table discussions where participants can share current and anticipated challenges to their ability to respond to natural disasters, disease outbreaks, and other threats to the health of their communities, and how Act for Public Health can assist now and with strategies going forward. The goal of the Town Hall is to identify top concerns related to public health authority, and to



move toward shared priorities for action in 2022 as well as over the next five years.

**5:30 PM**

**Happy Hour/Reception**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

**Section Two: Advancing Health and Racial Equity**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Continental Breakfast**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Concurrent Sessions One**

**Baking Anti-Racism and Health Equity into Public Policy, Against the Odds**

The use of equity impact notes for new legislation and policies is an emerging idea rooted in the fields of fiscal accountability and criminal justice reform. In a time of volatile resistance to public health's efforts to address disease outbreaks, natural disasters, structural racism, and other community health hazards, they are a potentially mighty tool. In this session, presenters will discuss the landscape of racial equity impact note policies, their importance for public health, and lessons that are emerging from their wider use.


- Julie Ralston Aoki, J.D., is the director of the healthy eating and active living programs, Public Health Law Center
- Andrea Ferstan, M.S.W., vice president of systems innovation, Center for Economic Inclusion
- Amanda Woodrum, senior researcher, Policy Matters Ohio, co-director, Project to ReImagine Appalachia
- Megan Griest, M.P.P., chief of staff, Network for Public Health Law—Eastern Region Office
- Sara Rogers, M.P.H., senior program coordinator, Network for Public Health Law—National Office
- Dr. Elaine Bonner-Tompkins, Ph.D., senior legislative analyst, Montgomery County Maryland Office of Legislative Oversight
- Dr. Brian McClure

**Implicit Bias and Public Health Law – Recognizing, Understanding, and Addressing Biases**

In this session, diversity expert Russell McClain helps you recognize, understand, and address implicit biases that impact the lens through which we view the world. Professor McClain will explain the different types of bias and the negative effects bias has on public health law. Additionally, he will discuss how bias is imbedded in our society through laws and policies that disproportionately affect communities of color. Finally, Professor McClain will outline strategies for overcoming personal and organizational bias within public health.

- Russell McClain, associate professor, associate dean for diversity and inclusion, and director of the academic achievement program, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

**Public Health Needs Critical Race Theory**



This workshop will examine some core tenets of critical race theory, examining both the symbiotic relationship between critical race theory and public health and the potential for declarations of racism as a public health crisis to address racism. It will also assess legislative trends to ban critical race theory, including the negative health equity impacts of this movement. This workshop will answer the question: What does critical race theory have to do with protecting public health?

- Betsy Lawton, J.D., senior staff attorney, Network for Public Health—Northern Region Office
- April Shaw, Ph.D., J.D., senior staff attorney, Network for Public Health—Northern Region Office

**11:30 AM – 12:45 PM    Networking and Box Lunch**

**12:45 – 1:00 PM        Break**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM        Concurrent Sessions Two  
Investing in Health Equity**

There is a consistently growing body of research exploring the ways in which law and policy, in all sectors, can advance health and racial equity. This session will provide strategies, insights and tools for engaging businesses, hospitals and health systems, and insurers to invest in health and racial equity in partnership with the communities they serve.

- Elinor Higgins, Policy Associate, National Academy for State Health Policy
- Dawn Hunter, J.D., M.P.H., director, Network for Public Health Law—Southeastern Region Office
- Sarah Somers, J.D., M.P.H., managing attorney, National Health Law Program
- Diane Tran, system executive director of community health equity and engagement, M Health Fairview
- Tracee Bruce, author and CEO Action for Racial Equity Fellow, MillerKnoll

### **Developing a Workforce That Can Advance Health Equity**

Public health workforce infrastructure and capacity are foundational to advancing health equity. This session will include a discussion of public health workforce trends, important considerations when taking on health and racial equity work, and strategies for strengthening workforce capacity and building cross-sector partnerships to advance health equity initiatives.

- Lizzie Corcoran, MPH, senior project manager, Health Career Connection
- Crystal Lewis, J.D., MPH, public health law & policy analyst, Institute for Healing Justice and Equity (IHJE), and adjunct professor of law, Saint Louis University School of Law
- Aysha Pamucku, J.D., founder, Movement Praxis
- Emely Sanchez, J.D., MPH, legal fellow, Network for Public Health Law—Mid-States Region Office



### **Birth and Maternal Health Equity: Legal and Policy Levers**

This panel will explore racial inequities in maternal and infant health and structural racism as a driver of these inequities. Speakers will address legal and policy approaches to ending preventable morbidity, mortality, and racial disparities in maternity care. This session will focus on: 1) major federal and state policies related to health coverage for maternity care services, with a focus on the Medicaid program; 2) equity in Black maternal health through medical protocols, policy, and laws, including a commitment to cultural reflectiveness, competence, consistent practice, and accountability, to yield equitable, safer birth experiences, and positive outcomes; and, 3) adoption of an equity-centered collective impact approach to transforming the lactation landscape through policy, system, and environmental change solutions that tackle breastfeeding disparities and advance justice and belonging in the lactation field.

- Leila Barraza, J.D., M.P.H, Senior Consultant, Network for Public Health Law—Western Region
- Usha Ranji, M.S., Associate Director, Women’s Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation
- Nikia Sankofa, M.P.H, M.P.A, executive director, U.S. Breastfeeding Committee
- Crystal Charley-Sibley, M.B.A, black health equity fellow, Salvation and Social Justice

**2:30 – 3:15 PM**

**Break**

**3:15 – 4:45 PM**

**Large Group with Breakouts**

#### **Health and Racial Equity Frameworks and Strategies Workshop**

A deep dive into existing frameworks, plans, and strategies and how they have been put into action. This workshop will involve interactive discussion time with panelists and other attendees.

- Dr. Tanya Funchess, M.P.H.A, assistant professor, University of Southern Mississippi College of Nursing and School of Health Professions
- Sarah de Guia, J.D., chief executive officer, ChangeLab Solutions
- Cassandra Codes Johnson, M.P.A, associate deputy director, Delaware Division of Public Health
- Anna Ricklin, M.H.S., A.I.C.P, first Health in all policies manager, Fairfax County, Virginia Health Department
- John Calve, National Director - Apprenticeship & Workforce Innovation, Robert Half, and former CEO Action

**4:45 – 5:45 PM**

**Self-Care Session: Mindful Journaling: Micro-Gratitude, Manifestation and More**

Two of the daily themes of National Public Health Week 2022 in early April were mental wellness and the public health workforce, and we can all agree that we must take care of our own health in order to take care of others'. Journaling can be a wonderful exercise to incorporate into your mindfulness practice! Learn how you might use micro-gratitude journaling and manifestation to relieve anxiety, reflect on the present moment, and visualize your "next best thing."

Instructor, Kayla Del Biondo, will explain what micro-gratitude and manifestation are, offer examples, and provide journal prompts to help you get started.

5:45 PM

**Happy Hour**

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

8:30 – 10:00 AM

**Breakfast & Presentation  
Racial Equity Interest and Needs Assessment – Presentation of Findings and Next Steps**

Learn about the results of the Network's Racial Equity Assessment conducted in 2021, including findings on organizational infrastructure, what legal and policy levers exist, and the kind of support needed to advance racial equity work. Participants will also learn how these findings can be applied in your workplace or community.

10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Concurrent Sessions Three  
Communities Taking Action**

This session will include a panelist discussion on community perspectives in addressing health and racial equity and issuing declarations of racism as a public health crisis. The sessions will include small group breakouts for peer sharing. Each group will share their insights with the larger group, with key takeaways highlighted to close the session.

- Rev. Angela Brown – community health & patient referral coordinator, FaithHealth-Community Engagement, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
- Antionette Davis, director of justice ministry, Bible-Based Fellowship Church (Carrollwood)
- Melissa Jones, M.P.A, executive director, Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative
- Christopher Ramirez, executive director and co-founder, Together for Brothers (T4B)

12:00 PM

**Summit Adjourns**

**For questions about the 2022 Public Health Law Summit:**

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