

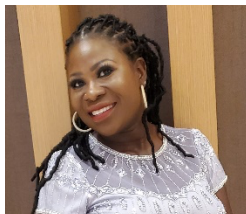
CHPHS Statewide Meeting Speaker Biographies



Aaron Davis, MPH

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 4 - Exploring CHPHS New Program Development Direction

Aaron Davis is the Deputy Chief of Program Development in the Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services. Aaron has had over 17 years of experience working in HIV prevention and health services programs including awards management over Ryan White and CDC prevention programs and training on HIV rapid testing technologies and evidence-based behavioral interventions. Aaron received his Bachelor of Science from Wittenberg University and his Master of Public Health from Benedictine University.



Abi Siyanbade, RN, MSN

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 3 - Prime Time with MADAP and Maryland Medicaid

Abi Siyanbade is a Registered nurse with a Master's degree in nursing informatics. She is currently a medical case manager team lead at Prince Georges County Health Department.



Alan McCord

Presentation: Main Room - HealthHIV Provider Certification Programs

Alan McCord is the eLearning Writer and Editor at HealthHIV.



Amanda Reich, MPH

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 4 - HIV Testing and Partner Services Updates and Refresher

Amanda Reich (she/her) joined the Maryland Department of Health in May 2021 as the Deputy Chief of the Center for STI Prevention. She oversees the Division of Program Management, the Division of STI Surveillance and Epidemiology, and the Division of Field Services. She also serves as the STI Co-chair for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) working closely with CDC on revising the syphilis case definition. She previously worked in STI Prevention at the Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin Public Health (TX), and the McHenry County Department of Health (IL).



Angeline Nguyen, RN

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 1 - Strategies for Targeted HIV Testing Community Outreach

Angeline Nguyen has been working with the Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC since February 2017. With her background in nursing and experience working in healthcare for 15 years, Mrs. Nguyen has been an effective and efficient Program manager specializing in linkage to care services and navigation for patients infected with HBV, HCV, and/or HIV. In her position, she oversees the success of multiple projects and grants ensuring performance measures are met while managing a team of CHWs across these various projects. As Data Team Lead, she ensures data quality and accuracy standards are maintained while also being responsible for timely submission of reports to Grant and Project Funders. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology and minor in Chemistry and an Associate in Applied Sciences in Nursing.



Ann Sabiniano, MHA, MBA, PMP

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 2 - The SAMISS as a Standard Operating Procedure

Ann Sabiniano received her Master of Healthcare Administration and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. As a Quality Management Senior Specialist at the Maryland Health Department, Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services, she serves in a myriad of capacities in supporting the Program Improvement Unit, Quality Management Division, from designing surveys and conducting analyses to assisting with developing and updating procedural documents.



Annie Calderone, LCSW-C

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 3 - Prime Time with MADAP and Maryland Medicaid

Annie Calderone is a Clinical Social Worker with HIV Support Services of Sinai Hospital. Ms. Calderone is a graduate of the University of Maryland, School of Social Work and has been in her position at Sinai for the last 14 years.



Arlette Lindsay, PA

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 3 - Prime Time with MADAP and Maryland Medicaid

Arlette Lindsay has been a Physician Assistant since 1981. Among their positions as a primary care provider, she has spent sixteen years at Johns Hopkins University, caring for patients with acute to advanced stages of HIV disease in the outpatient service and long-term care unit. She also coordinated and provided clinical services for research participants in HIV studies.



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Beth Beck

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Beth Beck is a Program Manager of STI/HIV Prevention Services and Public Health at the Montgomery County Department of Health And Human Services.



Bianco Palmisano, MSN, RN

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 1 - Prevention Interventions and Testing for Transgender and Non-Binary Persons

Bianca Palmisano (they/them) is a registered nurse, sex educator, and the owner of Intimate Health Consulting. They specialize in training healthcare providers around issues of sexual health, as well as LGBT, sex worker, and sexual assault survivor competency. They are a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and work in the Washington, DC area as a sexual assault nurse examiner. They also serve as a Genito-Urinary Teaching Associate (GUTA), teaching medical, physician assistant, and nurse practitioner students how to perform competent and trauma-informed breast and pelvic exams.



Brian Hujdich

Presentation: Main Room - HealthHIV Provider Certification Programs

Brian Hujdich serves as Executive Director of HealthHIV, one of the largest national HIV nonprofit organizations, which has expanded its scope and reach to also address hepatitis C virus (HCV) and LGBT health. Mr. Hujdich has over 31 years of experience in healthcare nonprofit management, medical advertising, healthcare public relations, public policy, capacity building, training, and medical education.

At HealthHIV, Mr. Hujdich oversees a diverse portfolio of programs and initiatives, which sync to advance community health and support the integration of HIV into primary care, including national training and capacity building programs reaching HIV and HCV care providers, LGBT providers, health centers, health departments, administrators, medical educators, community-based organizations, and consumers. HealthHIV also leads a HealthHCV initiative, the National Coalition for LGBT Health, and the Pozitively Healthy HIV consumer coalition.



Bruno Benavides

Presentation: Main Room - Meeting Introduction and Overview

Bruno Benavides is a Health Systems and Services Management specialist with a 40-year career including maternal and child health projects at the community level, nutrition research, Director of Health Services and Programs at the Ministry of Health of Peru, Chief of a National maternal and child health project in Peru, 12 years working as a Senior Advisor in Global Health programs including HIV, maternal & child health, malaria, and family planning programs. He has worked at the Maryland Department of Health for the last five years and has been the Chief of the Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services since 2020.



Carolyn Yorio

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 2 - "Housing-First" as an Intervention to Retaining Persons with HIV in Care

Carolyn Yorio is Director of Housing at Caracole. Caracole's mission is to positively change lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS through prevention, housing and care. She started at the organization in 2012 as a case management intern and moved to the housing department in 2019. She holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Alabama and a Master of Public Health from the University of Alabama Birmingham. Her work for the last several years has focused on the intersection of housing and chronic health condition management and on maternal addictions.



Christine Livesay

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 3 - Achieving Viral Suppression through Oral Health Maintenance

Christine Livesay is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences for University of Maryland, School of Dentistry.



Dana Wachter

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 4 - HIV Testing and Partner Services Updates and Refresher

Dana Wachter has been working for the Maryland Department of Health for the past 19 years of which 14 of those years were spent overseeing public health HIV testing programs supported by MDH. In 2017, the Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services merged with the HIV Ryan White Part B program where Dana began monitoring and providing technical assistance to both HIV testing programs and Ryan White Care Service providers in Maryland. Prior to her employment with MDH, Dana worked at Baltimore County Health Department where she provided HIV testing and education and was a SISTA facilitator.



David Griffith, MD

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 2 - Expanding HIV Medical Care in Rural Maryland

Dr. David Griffith is an assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He completed a combined fellowship in pediatric and adult Infectious Disease. He is currently the medical director of the Johns Hopkins County HIV program which provides HIV care in partnership with county health

departments surrounding Baltimore and in Western Maryland. In addition, he practices at Johns Hopkins hospital in both the pediatric and adult HIV clinics as well as general infectious disease.



Emily Halden Brown

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Emily Brown is the Ending the HIV Epidemic program manager at Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. For 20 years, she has worked in various capacities in HIV prevention, care, research and policy advocacy in Detroit, Atlanta, and Metro DC. Emily's passion is multidisciplinary, collaborative planning for structural HIV prevention interventions. She holds a master's degree in public policy and a bachelor's in political science from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and resides in Silver Spring, Maryland.



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"A heart that cares with hands to help."

Erica Ward

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 3 - Medical Case Management for Persons with Persistent HIV Viremia

Erica Ward is currently a Non-Medical Case Management program manager at Heart to Hand, Inc.



Erik Gomez

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 1 - Strategies for Targeted HIV Testing Community Outreach

Erik Gomez is the current supervised community health worker for Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC since September 2023. HBI provides health screenings for Hepatitis and HIV to underserved communities in DC, VA, and MD. Also, Mr. Gomez assists residents in accessing medical care through screenings that HBI does for free. Mr. Gomez provides education to the unsheltered Latino community. Before this, Mr. Gomez worked as a Senior health educator at Mary's Center, a non-profit organization for about ten years. He worked as a health educator to educate participants to prevent diseases such as

diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, Asthma, etc. Erik is dynamic and charismatic. Mr. Gomez is studying at Southern New Hampshire University for a degree in humanitarian services with a concentration in substance abuse.



Felix Turcios

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Felix is a Health Educator and Outreach Coordinator at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.



Gahyun Bahn, MPH, MBA

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 4 - Using MDH Data Tools for Program Planning

Gahyun Bahn is the Deputy Chief of Program Information Unit, Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services in Maryland Department of Health. Her team is responsible for managing HIV prevention and service data and improving work processes. Gahyun Bahn received her MPH/MBA at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and is trained in Health Informatics, US healthcare systems, and health policy.



Hope Cassidy-Stewart, MHS

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Hope Cassidy-Stewart serves as the Ending the HIV Epidemic Director within the Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau of the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. Ms. Cassidy-Stewart has worked in HIV prevention and health services for over 20 years as an epidemiologist, evaluator, and public health administrator. In her current role, she coordinates Maryland's response to the federal Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative and serves as a key driver in development, implementation, and monitoring of jurisdictional and statewide integrated planning. Ms. Cassidy-Stewart's also provides leadership in program evaluation and data utilization for public health planning and action. Ms. Cassidy-Stewart received a Master's degree in Health Science from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Science degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology from Loyola University, Maryland.



Jasmine Pope

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 3 - Strategies for Achieving Viral Suppression in Youth Populations

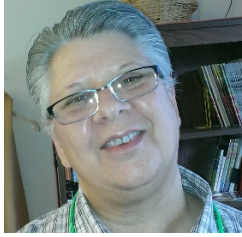
Jasmine Pope has 15+ years of experience in program management and design centered on expanding access to affirming and responsive care for individuals living with and affected by HIV. She is currently the Director of Programs at the STAR TRACK Adolescent Health Program within the University of Maryland, Baltimore.



Jean Keller

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 2 - Retention in HIV Care to Prevent Perinatal HIV Transmissions

Jean Keller has been providing HIV and reproductive health care to persons living with HIV since 1988 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins. She provides reproductive health services in the Johns Hopkins adult HIV clinic. She is the co-director of the Johns Hopkins HIV Women's Health Program and is responsible for the administrative and financial activities that support programmatic services including comprehensive reproductive health care, medical and non-medical case management, and linkage to care through the SOAR program.



Jean-Michel Brevelle

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 1 - Prevention Interventions and Testing for Transgender and Non-Binary Persons

Jean-Michel Brevelle has worked with non-profit groups and public agencies for over 30 years. He has provided training on a broad range of issue areas including HIV prevention, LGBTQ+ health, disability rights, domestic violence prevention and intervention, programming for at-risk youth, coalition building, and nonprofits and advocacy. His background includes program planning and development, evaluation, and public policy with a strong emphasis on grassroots organizing. He served as the Associate Director for Public Policy at the National Association of People with AIDS and worked with Equality Maryland as the lead organizer to achieve passage of the Baltimore transgender antidiscrimination ordinance. As a transgender, gay-identified man, he brings personal insight into the challenges and opportunities commonly experienced by sexual and gender minorities. Brevelle currently serves as the Sexual Minorities Program Manager in the Center for HIV/STI Integration and Capacity and provides capacity building and technical assistance to support improved health and human services to LGBTQ+ Marylanders.



Jennifer Galdamez

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 1 - Strategies for Targeted HIV Testing Community Outreach

Jennifer Galdamez is a linkage to care coordinator at the Hepatitis B Initiative of Washington, DC.



Joardan Thornton, MSW

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 1 - Innovative Strategies in HIV Self-Testing Programs

Joardan Thornton is the Community HIV Testing Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Health. She has been in the field of HIV/STD prevention for 10 years, serving as a Health Educator, Community Health Navigator, and Disease Intervention Specialist. Joardan holds a degree in Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Social Work from Walden University.



Keyanna Deveraux

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 1 - Prevention Interventions and Testing for Transgender and Non-Binary Persons

Keyanna Deveraux, a passionate and dedicated individual, is a name synonymous with advocacy and activism in the realm of HIV prevention and testing. Born in Charlottesville, VA. Keyanna's unwavering commitment to making a difference has earned her recognition as an accomplished HIV Advocate at the young age of twenty-one. From a tender age, Keyanna's empathy and drive to create positive change became evident. Her journey as an activist began in Richmond, Virginia, where she fearlessly took on the role of Baltimore Safe Haven Cares as founder. In this pivotal position, she spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at raising awareness about HIV prevention and testing within her community. Keyanna's tireless efforts have made a lasting impact, empowering individuals to take charge of their health and promoting a culture of compassion and understanding. Keyanna's remarkable advocacy work has not gone unnoticed. Her invaluable contributions to the field have garnered her prestigious awards, recognizing her as an emerging leader in the fight against HIV. Through her advocacy, she has shattered stigmas, dispelled myths, and created safe spaces.

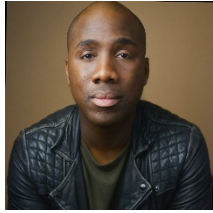


Lekwalo Mokgalo Edwards

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Lekwalo Mokgalo Edwards is the PrEP Services Integration Coordinator in CSTIP. Lekwalo brings more than 35 years of experience in health: starting out as a Nurse Midwife, Nurse Educator, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator, and HIV/AIDS Officer respectively. Before starting her career with MDH she worked as the Program Manager HIV HCV STI (Ending HIV Epidemic) at Baltimore Medical System coordinating all aspects of HIV, PrEP/nPEP, and linkages to care (Counseling, Testing, Referrals and Linkage to Care). She also worked as the Technical Program Manager working with the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She worked for the United Nation Mission in South Sudan where she coordinated SRH/HIV and AIDS programs that focused on adolescents in collaboration with UN Agencies (UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UNHCR, IOM, UNAIDS). She contributed towards strengthening the Government of Botswana's capacity to manage and sustain a comprehensive response to identifying persons living

with HIV not yet tested, ensuring that they receive treatment and that they stay well on treatment. Lekwalo graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from University of Botswana.



Leo Sheridan, MLS, PBT (ASCP), CCHW

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 1 - Innovative Strategies in HIV Self-Testing Programs

Leo Sheridan is the Capacity Building Manager at HealthHIV.



Linda Knapp, MA, PhD

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 2 - The SAMISS as a Standard Operating Procedure

Linda Knapp is the Division Chief for Quality Improvement in the Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services. Her team is responsible for coordinating Quality Improvement activities for the Infectious Disease Prevention and Health Services Bureau with a specific focus on HIV core medical and support service programs. Dr. Knapp earned a B.A., M.A., and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. After serving as a Neuropsychologist within the University of Maryland Medical System, she joined the Maryland Department of Health in 2008.



Marissa Tonelli

Presentation: Main Room - HealthHIV Provider Certification Programs

Marissa Tonelli is the Director of Health Systems Capacity Building at HealthHIV.



Marquita Foster, LMSW, LGSW

Presentation: Breakout Session 1, Track 3 - Medical Case Management for Persons with Persistent HIV Viremia

Marquita is a LMSW with 8 years of experience serving PLWH. She currently manages the Medical Case Management Program at Heart to Hand, Inc.



Meredith Lawler

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 3 - Prime Time with MADAP and Maryland Medicaid

Meredith Lawler is the Special Assistant to the Director of Innovation, Research, and Development (IRD) for the Maryland Medicaid Program. Along with managing Maryland's HealthChoice 1115 waiver and program monitoring, her department has a key role alongside the Office of Eligibility Services in coordinating Maryland's Public Health Emergency unwinding process.



Misty Carney, B.S, PharmD, AAHIVP

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 3 - Prime Time with MADAP and Maryland Medicaid

Misty Carney is the Program Manager for the Maryland AIDS Drug Assistance Program (MADAP) at the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) where her interests in pharmacy, HIV, and public health intersect. As the Chief of MADAP, Misty ensures that approximately 6,000 Marylanders living with HIV

have access to an open formulary of HIV treatment medications with the goal to use treatment as prevention to support the Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan for America (EHE). Prior to arriving at MDH, Misty served her community as a specialty retail pharmacist in Washington, D.C and Suburban Maryland with focus on HIV, HepC, and Transplant therapy.



Molly Gribbin, MPH

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 4 - Using MDH Data Tools for Program Planning

Molly Gribbin is the Epidemiology Division Chief in the Center for HIV Surveillance, Epidemiology and Evaluation (CHSEE) at the Maryland Department of Health. CHSEE is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of HIV surveillance data for the state of Maryland. Molly and her team are responsible for generating Maryland’s HIV epidemiological products and have developed several Tableau dashboards using HIV surveillance data to describe Maryland’s HIV epidemic, which have been viewed thousands of times. Molly’s first dashboard was accepted and presented during the 2022 CSTE conference and since then, she has provided technical assistance to other jurisdictions wanting to create dashboards as a mechanism for sharing data. In addition, Molly and her team strive for increased equity and inclusivity in data analysis and dissemination.



Peter DeMartino, PhD

Presentation: Main Room - Meeting Introduction and Overview; Breakout Session 4, Track 4 - Program Management Forum: Time with the Director

Peter leads a staff of 168 individuals managing a portfolio of services to Marylanders including administration of federal awards and cooperative agreements with CDC, HRSA, SAMHSA, and HUD staff. Together, the Bureau manages Maryland’s response to the overlapping epidemics, or syndemic, of sexually transmitted infections, HIV, viral hepatitis, and substance use disorder through a portfolio of disease surveillance, transmission interruption, harm reduction, data use for public health action, systems improvement, program development, capacity building, and community engagement.



Renee Lau

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 1 - Prevention Interventions and Testing for Transgender and Non-Binary Persons

Renee Lau is the Director of Senior and Disabled Housing for Baltimore Safe Haven, a HIV Counselor, and a Certified Public Health Worker.



Samukile Takavingofa

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Samukile is the Status-Neutral Care Coordinator at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services



Sandra Marrero-Ashford, MPH, MPA

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 1 - Strategies for Targeted HIV Testing Community Outreach

Sandra Marrero-Ashford is the current Executive Director for HBI as of April 2023. HBI provides health screenings for Hepatitis and HIV to underserved communities in DC, VA, and Md. Before this, Ms. Marrero Ashford was the Covid-19 Containment Branch Operations Manager for the Fairfax County Health Department and the Institute for Public Health Innovation. Before the Pandemic, Ms. Marrero-Ashford was the Latino Outreach Coordinator for HBI-DC. In this role, she worked with Nonprofit organizations to assist residents in accessing medical care through screenings that HBI did for free. Ms. Marrero-Ashford has a master's in public health and a master's in public administration.



Tony Brown, MPH, HIVPCP

Presentation: Main Room - Center for HIV Prevention and Health Services Program Data Review; Breakout Session 3, Track 4 - Using MDH Data Tools for Program Planning

Tony Brown is an innovative, experienced, and motivated program manager, researcher, and advocate. Currently, he serves as the Division Chief for Program Evaluation in the Maryland Department of Health's Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. He previously served as the Prevention Planning and Evaluation Coordinator in the STD/HIV & Viral Hepatitis Division at South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Much of the passion for his work was sparked during his time working for a non-profit community-based organization in Columbia, South Carolina tasked with providing HIV/STI prevention through community outreach and education. Tony is a doctoral candidate at the University of South Carolina in Health Services, Policy, and Management focusing on patient-provider relationships in people living with HIV using Medicaid. He has a specialization in program evaluation and data analysis. He has spent over 14 years working to increase visibility and involvement of People of Color and individuals of the LGBTQIA+ community in programs geared to support them. He has been featured in national HIV treatment and prevention advocacy programs such as Greater than AIDS and Start Talking. Stop HIV. He believes that everyone deserves equitable access to healthcare and health education as a path to healthier outcomes.



Valli Meeks, DDS, MS, RDH

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 3 - Achieving Viral Suppression through Oral Health Maintenance

Dr. Valli Meeks is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She was the director of the PLUS Clinic for 34 years, retiring from UMSOD in July 2023. The PLUS Clinic is a dedicated dental facility for adults living with HIV disease in the state of Maryland. In 2006 Dr. Meeks received a citation for outstanding service in the delivery of oral health care to people living with HIV disease in Maryland from Senator Barbara Mikulski, US Senate. In October 2018, Dr. Meeks was awarded the Public Servant of the Year Award from the University of Maryland Baltimore for her service to people living with HIV disease, and also has been recognized by her peers in the American Dental Education Association as the winner of the Williams J. Gies Award for Achievement as a Dental Educator in 2019.



Victoria Cargill, MD

Presentation: Main Room – Keynote: Improving HIV Outcomes in 2023 and Beyond

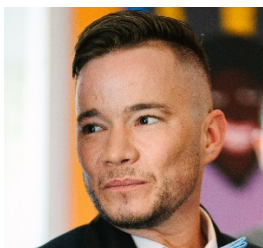
Dr. Victoria Cargill is the Senior Director of Health Equity and a former Assistant Commissioner of Health at the Baltimore City Health Department. A member of the ORWH/Gates Foundation Innovation Equity Forum, she has served as a senior policy official and program director for 20 years at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). A board-certified internist and HIV physician, she teaches Philadelphia community members research methods to empower their collaborations, and graduate scholars at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School.



Victoria Jackson Awe

Presentation: Breakout Session 2, Track 1 - Strategies for Targeted HIV Testing Community Outreach

Victoria J Awe is currently on of the CHW for HBI since 2018, doing outreach and education, schedule events and responsible for ordering HIV, HCV kits and controls from the state of Maryland, provided free health screenings on Hepatitis, HIV and Lipid Profile to underserved communities in DC, MD and VA. I worked as an ultrasound tech. Phlebotomist for southern Maryland hospital from 1999 to 2008 doing free screening for abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Lipid profile for various communities for different counties in Maryland. Before the program was discontinued in April 2008. In 2008 to 2018 work for American Screening doing the same thing, before HBI. Victoria Awe went to university of district of Columbia for some years before she went to 2 years college of ultrasound diagnostic school, where she got her diploma. she is a certified member of National Phlebotomy Association and she successful completed CHW certification program through Hagerstown Community College.



Will Cole, PhD

Presentation: Breakout Session 3, Track 1 - Prevention Interventions and Testing for Transgender and Non-Binary Persons

Dr. Will Cole is a queer, transgender man (he/they) who accesses HIV prevention services in Maryland. He also has a PhD from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and has conducted social and behavioral research on HIV/AIDS for over 15 years. Will is especially focused on the health of his LGBTQ community and has volunteered on the Maryland Transgender Response Team since 2019.



Yuris Villatoro

Presentation: Breakout Session 4, Track 1 - Approaches to PrEP Promotion and Linkage through HIV Testing Programs

Yuris is the Status-Neutral Care Navigator and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.