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**Roundtable on Population Health Improvement and Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities**

**ACHIEVING RURAL HEALTH EQUITY AND WELL-BEING:  
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES—  
A WORKSHOP**

**June 13, 2017**

**Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center  
2500 Legends Circle  
Prattville, Alabama 36066**

**AGENDA**

**Workshop Objectives:**

1. Explore impacts of economic issues, immigration, and racial inequities in U.S. rural communities
2. Learn about asset-based approaches to addressing these challenges

**OPEN SESSION**

- 8:30–8:45 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Sanne Magnan, adjunct assistant professor, University of Minnesota; co-chair, Roundtable on Population Health Improvement*
- Antonia Villarruel, professor and Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing; chair, Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities*
- 8:45–9:45 am **Keynote Speaker Panel: National Overview of the Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Communities**
- Moderator: Antonia Villarruel*
- Keynote Speaker 1: Tom Morris, associate administrator for rural health policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*
- Keynote Speaker 2: Michael Meit, co-director, NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis; senior fellow, public health, NORC at the University of Chicago*
- 9:45–10:15 am Moderated Q&A with audience
- 10:15–10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:30–11:30 am **Panel 1: Leveraging Resources to Advance Equity in Rural Areas**
- Moderator: Ned Calonge, president & CEO, The Colorado Trust; member, Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities*
- Speaker 1: Felecia Lucky, executive director, Black Belt Community Foundation, Selma, Alabama*
- Speaker 2: Ashley M. Browning, member, board of directors, Appalachian Community Fund; educational planner, East Tennessee State University, James H. Quillen College of Medicine*

*Speaker 3: Dolores Roybal, executive director, Con Alma Health Foundation, New Mexico*

11:30–12:00 pm Moderated Q&A with audience

12:00–1:15 pm **LUNCH**

1:15–2:30 pm **Panel 2: Building Greater Prosperity in Rural Communities**

*Moderator: Bobby Milstein, director, ReThink Health; member, Roundtable on Population Health Improvement*

*Speaker 1: Brian Lewandowski, associate director, business research division, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado, Boulder*

*Speaker 2: Bill Bynum, chief executive officer, HOPE Enterprise Corporation/HOPE credit union, Mid-South region*

*Speaker 3: Margarita Romo, executive director, Farmworkers Self-Help Inc., Florida*

*Speaker 4: Denisa Livingston, community health advocate, Diné Community Advocacy Alliance, Navajo Nation*

2:30–3:00 pm Moderated Q&A with audience

3:00–3:15 pm **BREAK**

3:15–4:30 pm **Panel 3 Equitable Access to Health and Healthcare**

*Moderator: Octavio Martinez, executive director, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, associate vice president, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, clinical professor, School of Social Work, The University of Texas, Austin; member, workshop planning committee; member, Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities*

*Speaker 1: Dale E. Quinney, executive director, Alabama Rural Health Association*

*Speaker 2: Samantha Sabo, associate professor, Center for Health Equity Research, Northern Arizona University*

*Speaker 3: Sharita Thomas, research associate, North Carolina Rural Health Research Program, The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*

*Speaker 4: Dennis Johnson, executive vice president of government affairs, Children's Health Fund; policy director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Earth Institute, Columbia University; member, workshop planning committee*


4:30–5:00 pm Moderated Q&A with Audience

5:00 pm **Closing Remarks and Final Reflections**

*George Isham, senior advisor, HealthPartners; senior fellow, HealthPartners Institute for Education and Health; co-chair, Roundtable on Population Health Improvement*

5:30 pm **ADJOURN**

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