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**DOING IT RIGHT:
CONTACT TRACING AND HEALTH EQUITY**

AGENDA
July 30, 2020
12:30pm – 1:45pm EST

Webinar

Workshop Objectives

1. Provide a brief overview of contact tracing.
2. Discuss contact tracing strategies that promote health equity in public health agencies in highly diverse counties .
3. Describe the contact tracing challenges in the Latinx community including trust, residents without documentation, language, and potential solutions to mitigate these challenges.
4. Learn about contact tracing challenges in highly-impacted Native American communities.

SPEAKER BIOSKETCH

Amy Dixit, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Amy Dixit is an epidemiologist and the student development director at the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center. She earned her Ph.D. in infectious disease epidemiology as well as her M.P.H. in epidemiology from the University of California Irvine. She has a decade of public health experience in a variety of settings, including extensive experience working on vector-borne and vector-mediated infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. Dr. Dixit has been with AASTEC since early 2017 where she has had the opportunity to broaden her skillset and public health knowledge to encompass other elements of epidemiology, such as substance misuse and injury epidemiology.

Anthony Iton, M.D., J.D., M.P.H.

Anthony B. Iton, M.D., J.D., MPH, as Senior Vice President of Healthy Communities, joined The Endowment in October 2009. Prior to his appointment at The Endowment, Iton served since 2003 as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department. In that role, he oversaw the creation of an innovative public health practice designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health that limit quality of life and lifespan in many of California's low-income communities. Iton also served for three years as director of Health and Human Services and School Medical Advisor for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Concurrent to that, he also served as a physician in internal medicine for Stamford Hospital's HIV Clinic. In addition, Iton served for five years as a primary care physician for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Iton's varied career also includes past service as a staff attorney and Health Policy analyst for the West Coast regional office of Consumer's Union, the publisher of *Consumer Reports* magazine. Iton, who has been published in numerous public health and medical publications, is a regular public health lecturer and keynote speaker

at conferences across the nation. He earned his B.S. in Neurophysiology, with honors, from McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, his J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Gira Ravelo, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Dr. Gira Ravelo is a Research Assistant Professor with the Center for Research on US Latinos, HIV/AIDS, & Drug Abuse (CRUSADA), at Florida International University (FIU). During the past 10 years her research agenda has focused on the sociocultural influences of health disparities (namely substance abuse violence, HIV/AIDS, and more recently COVID-19) among vulnerable Latinx subgroups such as agricultural/farm workers, low-income urban, and sexual gender minority communities of Miami-Dade County Florida. Much of her research work involves collaborative efforts with community agencies and leaders/stakeholders. Dr. Ravelo is a graduate of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM with a major in psychology and a second major in Spanish. She is a former United States Air Force member, who received a Master's in Social work at Florida International University (FIU) as a Post-9/11 veteran.

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