



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 @ 12 PM EST.
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN INITIATIVES**

Individual, community and environmental factors influence health more than clinical interventions. Clinical care contributes only 16% to overall health outcomes, while non-clinical account for the remaining 84%. Effectively addressing non-clinical barriers to health requires perspectives beyond those of researchers and clinicians. It should include the perspectives of people who are disproportionately impacted by health inequities. It also requires a shift in thinking about the communities whose health we want to see improve: moving away from solving problems for high-needs populations, and instead to working with community partners to mobilize resources and create solutions. Community-Driven Initiatives is a program of the Department of Population Health at University of Texas Austin's Dell Medical School that seeks to support and implement health solutions proposed by and for residents of Austin and Central Texas communities. Through the Call for Ideas Program, the team advances ideas by fostering partnerships, advising on areas of opportunity, promoting leadership development and much more.

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When: Aug 12, 2020 **12:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Speakers

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Bios

Marianna Espinoza, MPH is the Learning & Evaluation Manager for Community-Driven Initiatives (CDI) at the University of Texas Dell Medical School. Although her experience spans 3 continents, she has spent the last 8 years working on public health issues here in Texas, including state-wide chronic disease prevention efforts and improving access to healthcare services for individuals with low-income in Central Texas. Her work currently focuses on health equity and addressing the social determinants of health through community-led programming. Mrs. Espinoza completed her undergraduate studies at Cornell University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Policy Analysis and Management, with an emphasis on Health Policy. She completed a Masters of Public Health in Global Health Program Design, Monitoring and Evaluation from the George Washington University.

Nitakuwa Barrett, MSN, RN, is a program manager at Community-Driven Initiatives, where she drives ideation and community outreach for the Call for Ideas program. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing at The University of Texas at Austin, focusing on public health. Her experience training and working as a nurse exposed her to many of the health disparities that exist in Central Texas, deepening her commitment to work to create positive changes within and outside of the health care system. Prior to working in population health, Barrett worked as a naturalist in Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico.

Tasha Banks, MSc is the Assistant Director of Community Engagement and Health Equity in the Department of Population Health. As a result of her experience of working with kids with HIV/AIDS while she was in high school, she knew public health and working with communities struggling with many health disparities would be a part of her life's work. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis, and her master's degree in global health and medical anthropology from the University of Edinburgh. Prior to working in population health, Banks worked as a yoga instructor and as a program manager for multiple nonprofit organizations with a focus on social emotional learning skills, trauma-informed care and healing, and wellness for youth mainly in the east Austin area.

About the Bridging Collaborative

The *Action Collaborative on Bridging Public Health, Health Care and Community* recognizes that the relationship between public health agencies, health care organizations and the community is central to population health improvement efforts.

The purpose of the collaborative is to help strengthen the relationship between public health, health care and the community by identifying, and disseminating cross-sectoral population health efforts.

The Collaborative is co-chaired by Terry Allan, Health Commissioner of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (Ohio), and David Lakey, Chief Medical Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Texas System.

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If you have any questions, or if your work aligns with the purpose of the collaborative and you would like to share your work via its webinar series, please contact:

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