

# Roundtable on Obesity Solutions

## Engaging Communities in Addressing Structural Drivers of Obesity

A Second Workshop in the Series



MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022

Giving special attention to the relevance and impact of power within communities, the workshop will focus on community engagement, explore the barriers and opportunities for solutions at the community level, and highlight examples that emphasize the intersection of obesity with structural racism, bias and stigma, and health communication. This will be the second workshop in the series, [\*Translating Knowledge of Foundational Drivers of Obesity into Practice\*](#).

### 10:00 AM Welcome

**Ihuoma Eneli**, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Vice Chair of the Roundtable on Obesity Solutions

### 10:05 AM Session 1 – Introduction

Presenters

- **Nikhil Dhurandhar**, Texas Tech University
- **Shiriki Kumanyika**, Drexel University

### 10:30 AM Session 2 – Power Dynamics and Community as Complex Systems in Relation to Obesity

Moderators: **Stephanie A. Navarro Silvera**, Montclair State University and **Rodney Lyn**, Georgia State University

Panelists

- **Angela Odoms-Young**, Cornell University
- **Curtis Archer**, Harlem Community Development Corporation
- **Anthony B. Iton**, The California Endowment

### 12:00 PM BREAK

### 12:15 PM Session 3 – Moving towards Solutions: Understanding Community Dynamics as Key to Power and Engagement

Moderator: **Sara J. Czaja**, Weill Cornell Medicine

Presenters

- **Michelle Cardel**, WW International, Inc. and University of Florida
- **Rafael Pérez-Escamilla**, Yale University



**1:15 PM**      **LUNCH BREAK**

**1:45 PM**      **Session 4 – Promising Initiatives to Build Community Power and Improve Health**

*Moderator: **Rebecca L. Pearl**, University of Florida*

Panelists

- **May Okihira**, University of Hawaii and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
- **Michelle Moskowitz Brown**, Local Matters
- **Brian Castrucci**, de Beaumont Foundation

**2:45 PM**      **Workshop Wrap Up**

***Leah D. Whigham**, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, El Paso Campus*

**2:55 PM**      **Closing Remarks**

***Bruce Y. Lee**, City University of New York*

**3:00 PM**      **ADJOURN**



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