

Examining Critical Mental Health Issues Across the Reproductive Life Cycle. A Webinar

October 23, 2024 | 1:00-2:30pm ET

BACKGROUND

The [Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society](#) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will organize a webinar to explore mental health issues that individuals face across the reproductive life cycle. Speakers, including researchers and practitioners, will discuss barriers to mental health care services, gender based violence, and social and structural determinants of health, among other topics. Discussions will also include identifying potential contextual and systemic solutions as they relate to these issues.

1:00 Welcome

Katherine L. Wisner, MD, MS, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics and Associate Chief, Prenatal Mental Health, Developing Brain Institute, Children's National Hospital, Washington DC; Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences; Member of the NASEM Standing Committee on Reproductive Health, Equity, and Society (*moderator*)

1:05 Setting the Stage

Katherine L. Wisner

1:15 Panel Presentations

- **Gender Based Violence, Mental Health, and Intersections with Reproductive Health**
Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, FSAHM, Professor of Pediatrics, Public Health and Clinical and Translational Science, University of Pittsburgh
- **Addressing Barriers to Access and Engagement in Mental Health Treatment**
Inger Burnett-Zeigler, PhD, Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- **Implications of Dobbs v Women's Health on Pregnant People's Psychological Wellbeing**
M. Antonia Biggs, PhD, Professor and social psychologist at ANSIRH, Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, University of California San Francisco
- **Reproductive Justice, Structural, and Social Determinants of Mental Health Outcomes**
Ruth Shim, MD, MPH, Luke & Grace Kim Professor in Cultural Psychiatry and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, University of California Davis

2:00 Moderated Discussion

Lead by Katherine L. Wisner

The public is invited to submit questions through the webpage for consideration during this session.

2:30 Adjourn

MEETING NOTES

- The webinar recording and presentation materials will be archived on the meeting webpage: https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/43874_10-2024_examining-critical-mental-health-issues-across-the-reproductive-life-cycle-a-webinar
- A proceedings summarizing the event will be published by the National Academies Press in the months following the event.
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