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Session Planning Committee



TERESA WAGNER

UNT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Dr. Wagner is a registered and licensed dietitian with a doctorate in public health from the University of North Texas Health Science Center where she is an Assistant Professor in the School of Health Professions and Clinical Executive for Health Literacy at SaferCare Texas. Currently, she develops and delivers training and community programming for Community Health Workers to address pertinent health literacy disparities especially in rural and underserved communities. As a result of her work, she received the 2018 Texas Health Literacy Hero Award as well as the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award from Texas Christian University.

ANGEL BARRON

LBU COMMUNITY CLINIC

Angel is a certified Community Health Worker and holds a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Texas Tech University. He is a National Hispanic Scholar and has previously served as a Community Advisory Board member for the NIH Community Engagement Alliance, or CEAL, against COVID-19 in Disproportionately Affected Communities. Currently, Angel leads the Community Health Worker team for LBU Community Clinic and oversees the Health Centers' CHW programs for Diabetes Management, Hypertension, Pediatric Asthma, Healthy Living, and Prenatal Care.



CARLENE THOMAS-KING

CANCER CARE SERVICES

Carlene Thomas- King is a Community Health Worker and Outreach Coordinator at Cancer Care Services in Fort Worth, Texas. She is on the Board of Directors of the DFW-CHW Association, a member of the National Association of Community Health Workers and a certified patient navigator. She is also a Licensed Real Estate Broker, member of the Fort Worth Housing Solutions Family Self Sufficiency committee



JAMES EARL

CANCER CARE SERVICES

James earned his Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. Additionally, he graduated from Texas Christian University as a Speech-Language Pathologists. In his current role as Director of Outreach and Health Equity at Cancer Care Services, he spearheads efforts in developing and implementing critical programs in underserved communities. Outside of his work in healthcare, James is Co-Owner and an Instructor of Dream Performance, an organization focused on overall health and fitness of communities.

Session Panelists







MEMORIAL HERMANN

Dinora Alejandro is a Community Health Worker Manager at Memorial Hermann Community Benefit Corporation, a division of Memorial Hermann Health System that helps promote good health for individuals in their community. Dinora has 24 years of experience as a Community Health Worker, as she previously worked as a CHW Supervisor at Harris Health System for 17 years. She graduated from University of Houston-Downtown with a degree in Health and Behavioral Science with a concentration in Health Care Navigation.

TRISTAN SYLVESTER

MEMORIAL HERMANN

Tristan Sylvester is a resourceful Community Health Worker and a Coordinator for Memorial Hermann's OneBridge program. Tristan started his career serving the community at Harris Health in 2014. Tristan graduated with an Associates in Business Management from Houston Community College, a Bachelors in Corporate Communication with a minor in Health Communication from University of Houston Downtown, and a Master's in Business Administration from Lamar University. Tristan is well versed in pinpointing social determinants in the community and connecting patients to appropriate medical homes.



TRACEY WILLINGHAM

CANCER CARE SERVICES

Tracey oversees all strategic programs and data analysis at Cancer Care Services. She has worked at Cancer Care Services for 12 years and has been a social work navigator, client database manager, program manager and finally, Vice President. Tracey leads a team of 24 staff members to support all individuals impacted by cancer in Tarrant County. Prior to Cancer Care Services, Tracey has worked with programming for teenagers and older adults, medical and insurance claim navigation and oversight of various projects. Tracey received a Master of Science in Social Work in 2010 and has resided in Tarrant County for 16 years.



JPS HEALTH SYSTEM

Gayla Stafford has spent 9 years with JPS Health systems and currently works with True Worth as a Community Health Worker, focusing on helping the homeless community. Outside of her work she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. She has two adult children Dara and Ymir and a German Shepard named Duke.