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Celebrating Reede Scholars as Accomplished Leaders of Health Departments



Jacqueline H. Grant
 District Health Director
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LaQuandra S. Nesbitt
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The Reede Scholars, Inc. now has 6 directors of local and regional health departments in the United States. These scholars include **Anthony Chen, MD, MPH**, Director of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, **David Nunez, MD, MPH**, Medical Director of Orange County Health Care Agency, **Jacqueline Grant, MD, MPH, MPA**, District Health Director for Southwest Georgia, **Jay Bhatt, DO, MPH, MPA**, Managing Deputy Commissioner and Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Chicago Department of Public Health, **Kimberlee D. Wyche-Etheridge, MD, MPH**, Director of the Bureau of Maternal Child Health, Metro Nashville Davidson County Public Health Department, **Anita Moncrease, MD, MPH**, Medical Director for Adolescent Health at Detroit Department of Health, **LaQuandra Nesbitt, MD, MPH**, Director of Health, Louisville Metropolitan Region, and **Muntu Davis, MD, MPH**, Public Health Director and County Health Officer, Alameda County. Reede Scholars that have previously served in this capacity include: **Connie Gistand, MD, MPH**, Medical Director for Region 3, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, **Claudia Martorell, MD, MPH**, Medical Director, Communicable Disease, Boston Public Health Commission, **Kima Taylor, MD, MPH**, Deputy Commissioner Baltimore City Health, and **Wilson Wang, MD, MPH, MPA**, Director of Asthma Programs, NYC Department of Health. We congratulate each of these individuals for their public service and devotion to public health. Inside 164 reached out to these dynamic leaders and are so pleased to hear back from two outstanding women leading impressive initiatives to improve the health of their communities. Their exciting stories are featured on page 2.

5th Annual Reede Scholars' Health Equity Symposium to Focus on State Health Exchange Enrollment

As of April 1, 2014, 7.1 million Americans have elected to enroll in federal or state health insurance exchanges. An essential component to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act is both the enrollment and function of state health insurance exchanges. This is critical to the both access and quality components of the law. The Reede Scholars 5th Annual Health Equity Symposium will focus on the enrollment numbers of the state health

exchanges with an emphasis on vulnerable populations. Leaders of health insurance exchanges from two very different states will present their enrollment numbers and perspectives. We are pleased to have both Kevin Counihan the CEO of the Connecticut exchange and Bill Nold the Deputy Executive Director of the Kentucky exchange as confirmed speakers. Please join us.

For the alumni fellows, friends, and funders of the Mongan Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy, California Endowment Fellowship in Health Policy, and Joseph L. Henry Fellowship in Oral Health at Harvard University.

Leaders of Health Departments



LaQuandra Shapes Health Policy in Louisville Metro Region.

LaQuandra Nesbitt, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Health Director
Louisville Metropolitan Government

Creating healthy communities through sound public health policy.

LaQuandra started her career in health policy as the Senior Deputy Director of Community Health in the DC Health Department. She now is the Director of the Department of Public Health and Wellness of the Louisville Metropolitan Government, and one of the most influential leaders in public health in the nation. She also serves as Assistant Professor in both the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Public Health and Information Science. LaQuandra has adopted a health in all policies approach to addressing health disparities and other public health issues. She is deeply focused on addressing the social determinants of health and released the first Louisville Metro Health Equity Report. She has just completed the Healthy Louisville 2020 Plan, a multi-stakeholder community collaborative designed to produce healthier communities.

LaQuandra has lead by shaping sound public health policies through the city legislature. LaQuandra's leadership has impacted issues such as e-cigarettes which are not regulated. Legislation that will make Louisville the first municipality to band the sell of e-cigarettes to minors has been introduced. This local ordinance has now been adopted and signed into law for all of Kentucky. Private landlords in Louisville are making their properties smoke free after survey data demonstrated increased demand for smoke-free properties. Four public parks are now smoke free with an additional 14 more becoming smoke free. Laquandra works with the Kentucky-Indiana Health Collaborative which includes companies such as Poppa Johns, UPS, GE, Ford, and the UAW to improve health outcomes, support employee wellness, and enhance physician quality data reporting. She also chairs the health Literacy and Education Subcommittee of the ACA Implementation Steering Committee. She also serves on Governor Steve Beshear's Advisory Council for Early Childhood Development.

LaQuandra influences public health as an academic and corporate thought leader. She is an executive editor of the new textbook entitled, "Population Health: Management, Policy, and Technology." Furthermore, LaQuandra has been named to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Health Care Industry Council. In this capacity she is charged with providing the Federal Reserve Bank with essential feedback from within the health care industry. This is a true acknowledgment of her expertise and proven ability to translate her knowledge of public health into both social and economic terms. LaQuandra we are so proud of you.



Jacqueline H. Grant, MD, MPH, MPA
District Health Director, Southwest Georgia

Producing Earlier Enrolment in Centering Pregnancy Programs and Healthier Babies for Georgia

Reede Scholars Honored

- Preeti Chidambaran, MD, MPH**, Medical Officer, Office of Quality and Data, Bureau of Primary Health, HRSA, has been selected to the 2014 HRSA leadership program. Congratulations Preeti.
- Alexy Arauz-Boudreau, MD, MPH**, Instructor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Associate Director MGH Multicultural Affairs Office, received the Michael Shannon, MD Excellence in Mentoring Award. Thank you for your hard work Alexy.
- J. Nwando Olayiwola, MD, MPH**, Associate Director of Center for Excellence in Primary Care, University of California, San Francisco, is awarded Marshall Memorial Fellowship. The fellowship is a collaborative learning experience for American and European leaders which facilitates networking and exchange of ideas. Congratulations Nwando.
- Mallory Williams, MD, MPH & Kim Rhoads, MD, MPH**, Assistant Professor of Surgery & Director of Community Partnership, Stanford Cancer Institute, were elected to the Society of University Surgeons. Excellent work Mal and Kim.



Since 2005, Jacqueline has directed all of the public health programs for 14 counties in Southwest Georgia. She is charged with creating healthier communities in a very rural region plagued with poverty, chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and cancer, and low health literacy rates. To add to these very formidable challenges, during a recent period of time Dr. Grant was faced with the loss of 3 OB/GYNs who were also high-volume Medicaid providers in a region with already few members of the specialty. Despite these challenges, Jacqueline has lead public health educational campaigns on the dangers of tobacco consumption, healthy diet, and stress reduction. She has collaborated with the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition (SGCC) to ensure the success of an extensive cancer screening effort and overseen an outstanding centering pregnancy program in her district.

Jacqueline places an emphasis on quality health for each resident of Southwest Georgia. The health disparities in her district go beyond racial/ethnic disparities and include geographic health disparities when the region is compared to more urban areas. She focuses on a strong prevention message that encompasses education about the known health disparities for populations in her district. Public health campaigns address the modifiable factors of the top three causes of death in her district: cardiovascular disease, cancer and stroke.

She collaborates with SGCC to ensure the success of an extensive cancer screening effort, so that uninsured patients receive pap smears and mammograms. One of the counties in her district, Terrell County, recently had the highest colon cancer mortality rate in the nation. The Health District collaborates with CCSG to ensure that uninsured patients are referred for screening colonoscopies for early diagnosis and treatment.

In 2009, Jacqueline initiated Georgia's first public health CenteringPregnancy® program to improve birth outcomes. The program serves as a model in the state. Originally funded by the March of Dimes, it has received approximately \$500,000 from private foundations. This program, which has two sites, is an overwhelming success. The mean gestational age is 11 weeks for prenatal patients at their first obstetrics appointment at the inaugural site, which targets low-income African Americans. Preterm birth rates in the centering population are now currently half of the county African-American preterm birth rates and the breast feeding rates are 50% higher than the county WIC rates. In 2011, the centering program expanded to its second location, which targets Hispanic migrant farm workers. The mean gestational age at the initial obstetric appointment for the Hispanic population is 14 weeks. Birth outcomes in this population have also improved. CenteringPregnancy® incorporates telemedicine for high-risk referrals to MFM and cardiology specialists, and for prenatal ultrasounds.

In 2012, Jacqueline received the Tee Rae Dismukes Award for impactful work in maternal/child health in Georgia. This year, the American Public Health Association selected Jacqueline to join a group of public health professionals on an educational visit to Cuba to learn more about Cuba's healthcare system. Jacqueline thank you for her awesome work in the State of Georgia. Superb Job!

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