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Reede Scholars tapped for high level positions

Nov. – Boston Mayor-elect Michelle Wu announced her first cabinet appointments Dr. Monica Bharel and Dr. Bisola Ojikutu. The appointment with the largest spotlight is that of her senior advisor, **Dr. Monica Bharel**.

Bharel is the former commissioner of the Massachusetts Departments of Public Health (DPH), and will lead efforts to help alleviate the ongoing homelessness, substance abuse, and safety struggles. Bharel, who served the Department of Public Health for six years, stepped down in June after overseeing the department's response to the Covid-19 pandemic including data analysis, guidance development, mitigation strategies and the vaccine equity initiative.

Earlier, she served as the Chief Medical Officer of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, the largest nonprofit health care

organization for homeless individuals in the US. In the public service sector, Dr. Bharel was a gubernatorial appointment to the Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration Task Force under the Massachusetts health care payment reform initiative

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission, was brought on board to lead on broader health concerns throughout the city. Bisola Ojikutu MD MPH is a nationally and internationally recognized physician leader, health equity researcher, community advocate and expert in the prevention, care, and treatment of infectious diseases. Dr. Ojikutu was appointed Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) in September 2021.

Dr. Ojikutu is a key advisor to

Boston's Mayor on health issues and builds innovative partnerships across city departments and within Boston's communities to positively impact the health of all city residents. Among other public health priorities, she is committed to addressing racism as a public health crisis and advancing health equity.

Dr. Kimberly Chang was among the leaders President Joe Biden announced as commissioners to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI). The Commission will advise the President on ways the public, private, and non-profit sectors can work together to advance equity and opportunity for every Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



APHA, Denver

L-R: Anthony Chen, Mary E Fleming, President, & Kimberly Chang

Greetings, fellow alum! As we all say farewell to 2021, I am excited and filled with optimism for what's to come in 2022! An end to this pandemic is at the top of my list. In-person meetings is second!

We had a busy 2021, including issuing our first The Joseph L. Henry Oral Health Fellowship in Minority Health Policy Scholarship. In so doing, we committed to the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Partnerships our continued support for the Oral Health Fellows. We were successful in securing two Platinum sponsors! And work began on many important events coming in 2022. Watch for an announcement flyer soon for our **5th Annual Leadership Retreat and Board of Directors Meeting**, which will be held in Atlanta, GA. We have added CMEs for providers and a family program for spouses and children.

Work has begun on our flagship program, the **13th Annual Health Equity Symposium**. This year's symposium will have a conversation about the collateral health and education consequences of violence on children and young people. If you have worked in this space, we need your participation as a panelist.

I'm encouraged by the increase in participation of Reede Scholars this past year in our organization, and look forward to even more in 2022. Please consider serving on a committee, donating, and attending our General Body meetings. We are strong because of you. As we continue to grow, we want to hear your voice. Together let's have an awesome 2022!
- Dr. Mary E. Fleming



Roy Wade, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., M.S.H.P.



Jaya Aysola, M.D., M.P.H.

AYSOLA & WADE, JR. FEATURED IN NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

Nov- The New England Journal of Medicine October issue published an article entitled, "[Racial and Ethnic Diversity at Medical Schools — Why Aren't We There Yet?](#)" The list of authors included Reede Scholars Jaya Aysola, MD, MPH, and Roy Wade, Jr. M.D., Ph.D., M.S.H.P. along with James P. Guevara, M.D., M.P.H.,

As the nation grapples with social injustices strong voices are needed to highlight the root causes of inequities across a plethora of institutions.

In this article Jaya and Roy examines data that inform inequities in medical school faculty. Several steps are outlined that will enhance the diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) efforts of organizations and institutions willing to make needed changes to assure a more equitable society for all.

The *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM) is recognized as the world's leading medical journal and website. Published continuously for over 200 years, NEJM delivers high-quality, peer-reviewed research and interactive clinical content to physicians, educators, researchers, and the global medical community.

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*Williams, D'Nyce

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Wang, Wilson

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Sprott, Siobhian
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Taylor, Kima
Trivedi, Amal
Willis, Phil (RS spouse)

Got your booster? Here are 5 reasons to keep following public health measures for a bit longer

Dr. Jay Bhatt recommends you still be cautious right after getting your booster.



Dr. Jay Bhatt

Nov - Dr. Bhatt warns that even with booster vaccines widely available, now is not the time. According to Bhatt, "it's time to take a deep breath, tap the brakes, continue using your mask indoors, and not re-engage with large crowds just yet.

In the ABC News article Bhatt points out, '1. Your body needs time to build immunity to COVID-19. 2. COVID-19 is still a risk. 3. It's flu season. 4. Other viruses are out there. 5. Community transmission matters.' A straightforward message for providers, staff, patients, and the community.

APHA 2021 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH



Sept - Every year, the American Public Health Association honors excellence in public health leadership and innovation,

from state and local health officials to those speaking up for public health from the halls of Congress.

Donald Warne, MD, MPH, associate dean of diversity, equity and inclusion and director of both the Indians into Medicine, or INMED, and public health programs at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, will receive the **Helen Rodríguez-Trías Social Justice Award** for his work on social justice for underserved and disadvantaged populations. A member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, Warne is a physician, public health professional, tribal health advocate & academic leader dedicated to advancing health equity for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

Thank you to all who gave during our **GIVING TUESDAY CAMPAIGN**



Amount raised \$7,020

UPCOMING EVENTS

EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES: LEADERSHIP LESSONS LEARNED IN MEDICINE & MILITARY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM



Reede Scholars General Body Meeting

February 1 at 3:00 pm EST/12:00 PST
April 5 at 3:00 pm EST/12:00 PST

5th Annual Leadership Retreat & Board of Directors Meeting

March 25 -27, 2022
Atlanta, GA
Reedescholars.org

Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee receives Fierce Healthcare’s 2021 Women of Influence Award

Fierce Healthcare recognized 10 women leaders who have distinguished themselves and their organizations during the challenges posed by COVID-19 and played key roles in positioning their respective companies and organizations for success.

According to Fierce Healthcare the women are from all corners of the healthcare sector m-health systems, tech companies, insurers, diagnostic companies, pharmacy benefit managers and cancer centers. Among the honorees was Dr. Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee.

Dr. Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee is the Chief health officer at Accenture. With a career spanning more than two decades of senior leadership in healthcare and as a physician, she has an unwavering focus on improving health and wellness and advancing health equity for all. At Accenture, Duperval-Brownlee is charged with creating and implementing strategies to enhance the health, safety and well-being of its 624,000 employees around the globe.



Dr. Tamarah Duperval-Brownlee



Dr. Morgan Medlock

Governor Appoints Morgan Medlock, MD as First Behavioral Health Commissioner

Jan - Governor of Colorado, appointments Dr. Morgan Medlock as the new Behavioral Health Commissioner for the State of Colorado and as the newest member of the Governor’s Cabinet. Dr. Medlock will begin her role on Jan. 18, 2022. Governor Polis stated, “Dr. Medlock’s experience, expertise, and commitment to addressing challenges with innovative solutions make her the right choice for this cabinet level role and I look forward to working with her to deliver the care that Coloradans deserve.”

Dr. Medlock previously served as the chief medical officer and director of crisis and emergency services for the Washington, D.C. Department of Behavioral Health. She also serves on the faculty of the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior and Howard University College of Medicine and was previously a Clinical Fellow in Psychiatry at HMS. Among her many leadership positions, Dr. Medlock served on the American Psychiatric Association’s Council on Minority Mental Health and Health Disparities. She also participated in the District Of Columbia Hospital Association’s Opioid Taskforce, serving as co-chair from 2019-2020.

Part 2 Breast Cancer Awareness Series

On this episode we are joined by [Marsha McDougal](#), food & lifestyle blogger and breast cancer survivor who resides in Nashville, TN. Diagnosed with breast cancer after her second pregnancy, Mrs. McDougal shares her journey publicly on YouTube. As a wife, mother and advocate she hopes to let others know they are not alone and find comfort in her story.

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The Commission is also charged with advising the President on policies to address anti-Asian xenophobia and violence, ways to build capacity in AANHPI communities through federal grantmaking and policies to address the intersectional barriers that AANHPI women, LGBTQ+ people, and people with disabilities face. The Commission will include civic leaders from across the country and will reflect the rich diversity of AANHPI communities across the United States. Kimberly Seu Gin Chang, MD, MPH, born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i in a six generation kama'āina family, is a board-certified family physician in Oakland, California, at Asian Health Services, a FQHC.